

How to Read a Plat Map

Plat Maps made Easy



This is an example of a Los Angeles County Assessor's Parcel/Plat Map along with brief descriptions as to what each item refers to on the map. County Assessor's Plat Maps at one time were actually filed in large books. While maps are now recorded and stored digitally, "book & page" references are still used for identification purposes.

- A Assessor's Parcel Number (APN)** - The APN identifies the property.
- B Book Number** - The APN begins with the Book Number.
- C Page Number** - The Book Number in the APN is followed by the Page Number.
- D Parcel Number** - The last 3 digits in the APN represent the "Parcel".
- E Lot** - Typically a Parcel of subdivided land will be comprised of a "Lot" of a given "Tract".
- F Lot Lines** - Lot Lines indicate the boundaries of the "Lot".
- G Lot Dimensions** - Lot Dimensions can be used to provide an approximate area or square footage of the lot.
- H Tract Number** - The Tract Number combined with the Lot Number creates the legal description and further identifies the property.
- I Recorders Map Book and Page of Tract** - Recorders Map Book and Page of Tract represents the actual book and page the Tract Map or subdivision Map is recorded.

