



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Do you sell survey, plat, or ownership maps?

No. Those are often available from a county tax assessor/collector's office, a local historical society, or the General Land Office of Texas.

Do you sell geologic maps, or other kinds of maps, of states other than Texas?

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