

Parcel Editing with COGO Tools in QGIS

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0.0.1 Using COGO Tools in QGIS

Set up the Azimuth and Distance Plugin (Azd Plugin).

In the Plugins drop down(1), under the topography group select the **Azd Plugin**(2)(see fig.).

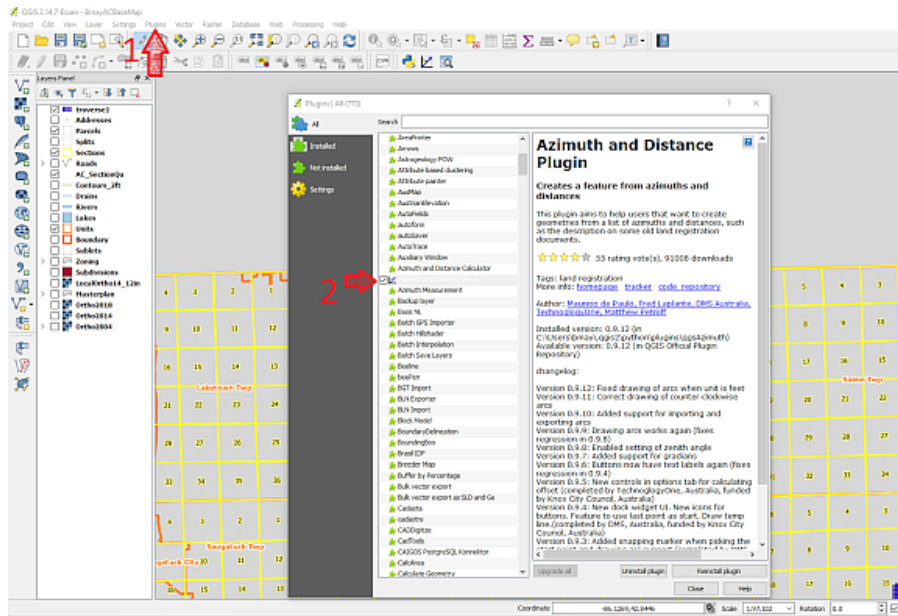


Figure 1: launch plugin

Note here which layer is active (see fig.).

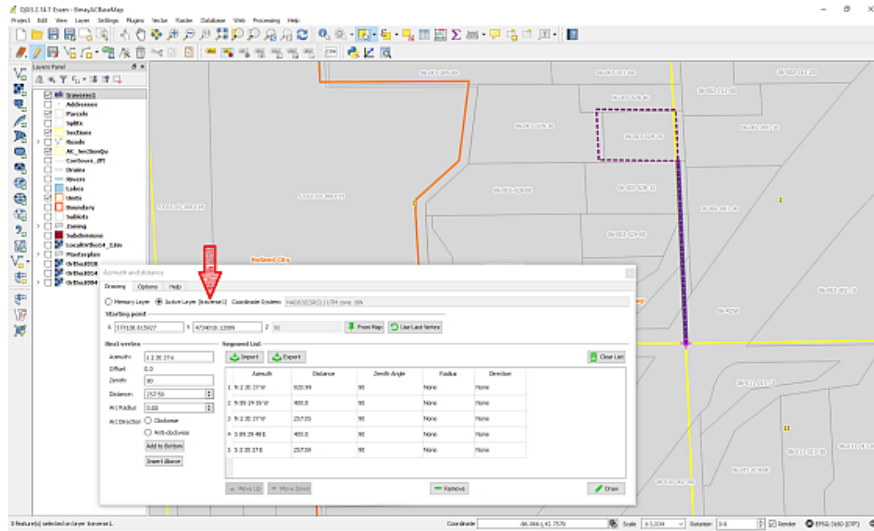


Figure 2: check active layer

If necessary, left click the layer *traverse 1* in Layer Panel to activate it(see fig.).

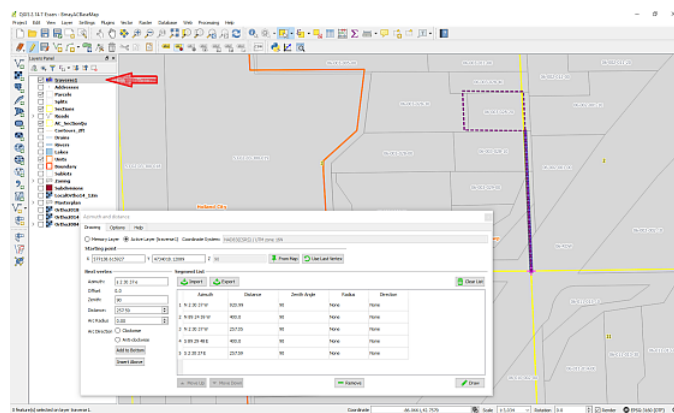


Figure 3: activate layer

Configure Options On Options Tab: Select Boundary, Bearing, Feet, and Degree radio buttons.

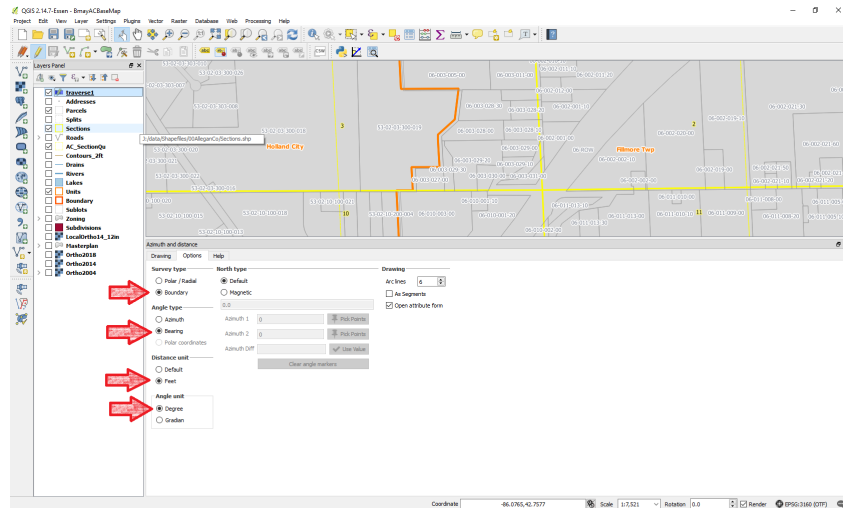


Figure 4: Plugin Options

Using the tool Boundary descriptions are entered into the Drawing Tab. Azimuth (bearing) and Distance are the important boxes (Set Offset = 0 and Zenith = 90 and ignore)(see below).

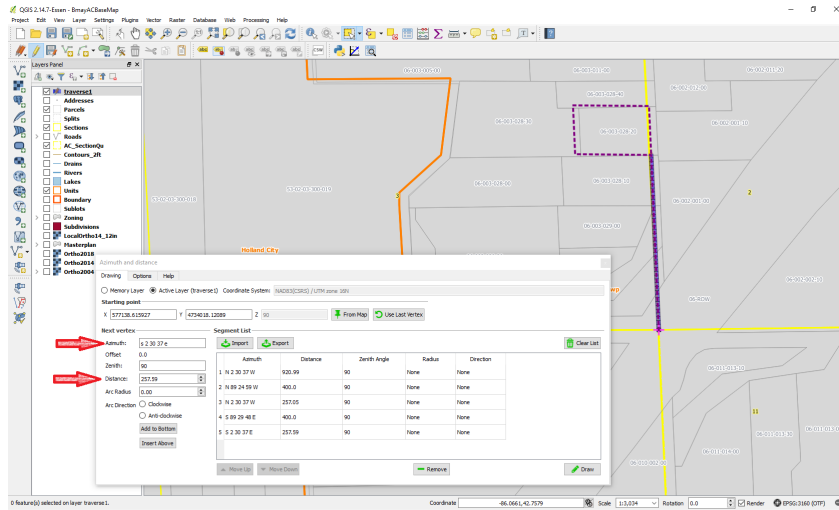


Figure 5: Entering Bounds

Configure editing environment

Use Settings Dropdown and Snapping Options to enable snapping to Sections, Quarter Sections, and or Parcels if desired (see fig.).

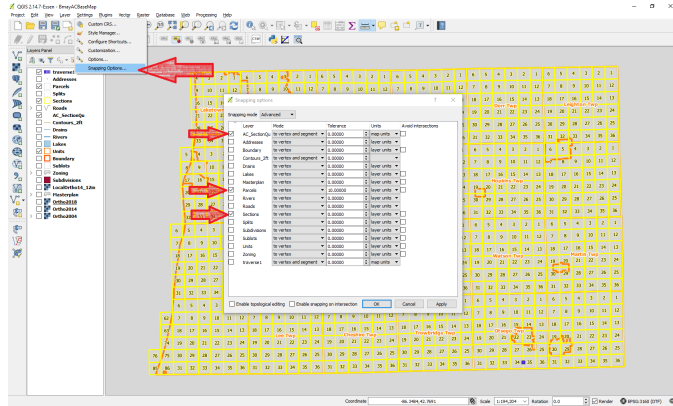


Figure 6: Configure editing environment

Locate Point of Commencement

To get to the Point of Commencement,

Use **any combination** of the following methods:

- Using Reference Layer
- Using Measuring Tool
- Search by Parcel Number (Search Layers Plugin)
- Draw COGO lines (Azd Plugin)(as described earlier)

Using Reference Layer Use reference layers; Units, AC_SectionsQu, Sections, and Parcels. Toggle layers on and off in Layers Panel and zoom in and out with mouse wheel.

Using Measuring Tool Use the measuring tool, make sure to set units to feet. To exit current measurement right click (see fig.).

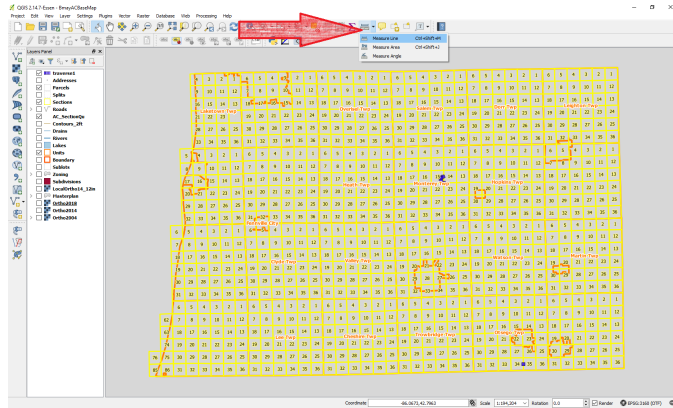


Figure 7: Measuring Tool

Search by Parcel Number (Search Layers Plugin.)

To Launch Search Layers Plugin:
In Plugins dropdown:
Enable the **Search Layers** Plugin. (see fig.)

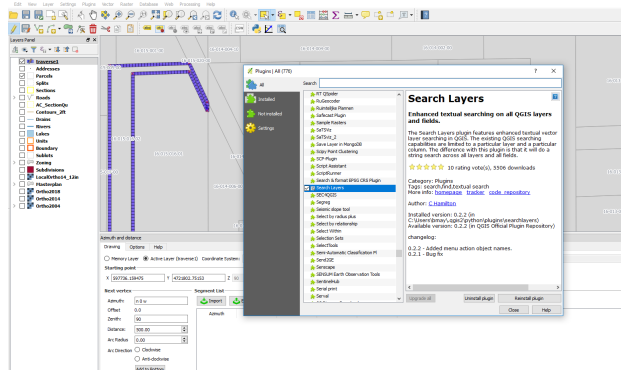


Figure 8: Search Layers Plugin

Enter parcel number (with dashes), Set layers, and set search field.(see fig.)

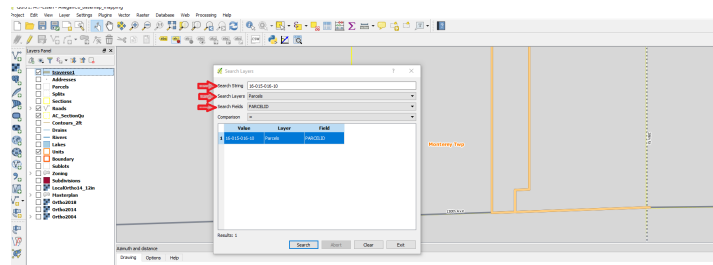


Figure 9: Search Layers Setup