## SURVEYING WITH DRONES







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### About Eric D. Colburn, PLS

- ➤ Eric Colburn, PLS, is a land surveyor, UAV/Drone mapping expert and AutoCAD Civil 3D consultant with over thirty years of experience. Eric is a successful entrepreneur, industry writer, product development consultant, RI licensed professional land surveyor, president of Foster Survey Company founded in 1993, publisher of EricColburn.com since 2008 and president of Colburn Strategic Partners, Inc. since 2013.
- A technology and productivity evangelist, Eric often explores innovative tools and technologies to improve the productivity and profits of land surveyors and civil engineering professionals.

### **About Foster Survey Company**

- Foster Survey Company is a professional land surveying company serving all of Rhode Island. Established in 1993, we are celebrating over 25 years of providing our clients with superior professional land surveying services that encompass our core beliefs of value, experience, and quality.
- Our mission is to provide superior, prompt, and expert professional land surveying services utilizing the latest high-tech surveying equipment.



### PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING OFFERINGS INCLUDE:

- Drone Mapping
- Drone Inspection
- Close-Range Photogrammetry
- Stockpile Volumes
- Aerial Mapping/Control
- > ALTA Surveys
- Boundary Surveys
- Cadastral Surveying
- Cartographic Mapping
- > Condominiums
- Construction Layout
- Expert Witness Testimony
- > FAA-2C Certification

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Global Positioning Systems (GPS)
- Geospatial Consulting
- Land Planning
- ➤ Land Development
- Lot Surveys
- > Perc Tests
- Septic System Design
- Subdivision Design
- Topographic Mapping
- Wetlands Applications
- > FEMA Flood Certificates

### **OUR TYPICAL DRONE BASED PROJECTS**



COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND SITES



RESIDENTIAL AND BUILDING FACADES

### **OUR TYPICAL DRONE BASED PROJECTS**



CELL TOWER SURVEYS AND INSPECTIONS



HIGHWAYS AND RAILWAYS

## HOW I GOT HERE:

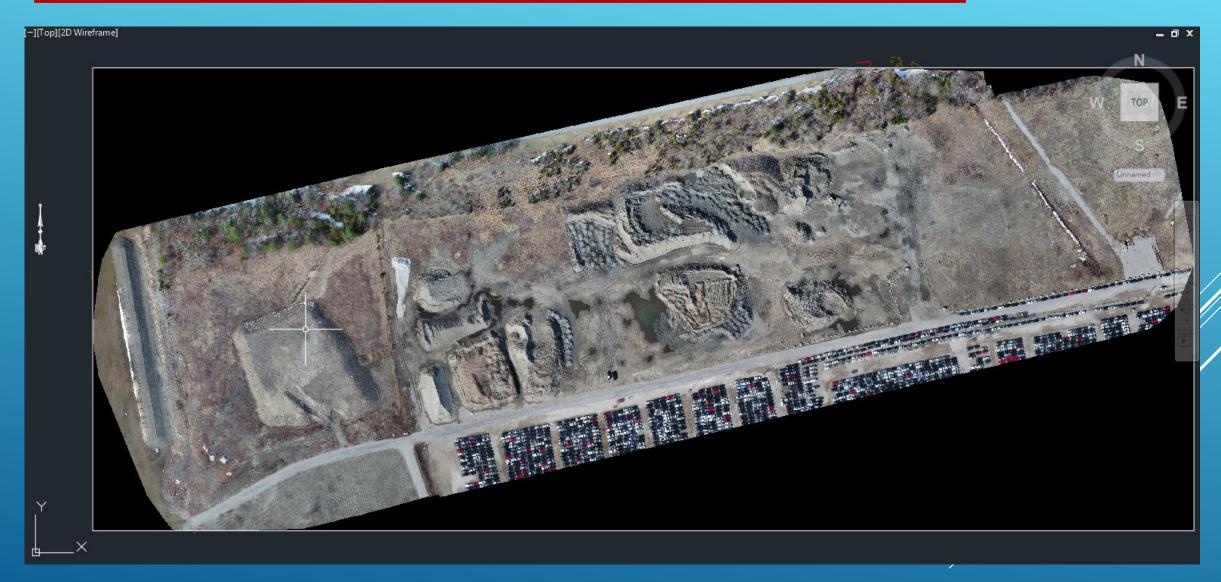
- > 1984 Started working as a land surveyor
- > 1993 Founded Foster Survey Company
  - > Late 90's one of first to use GPS
  - > 2008 implemented Robotics
  - 2014 implemented Close-Range Photogrammetry/Drones
- > 2013 Founded Colburn Strategic Partners, Inc.
  - Provided geospatial software startups with product development, consulting, assisted in capital funding process, marketing and sales.
  - 2013 Entered the Close-Range Photogrammetry/Drone industry

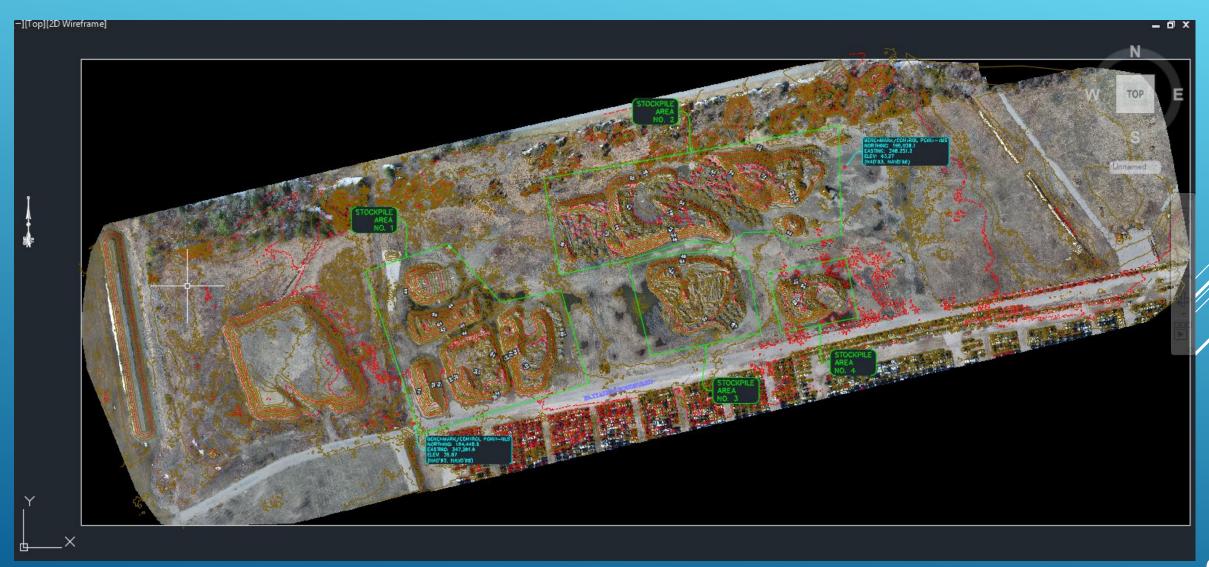


- Quonset Business Park
- > 2 Sites:
  - ➤ 13 Ac.± multiple stockpile area with multiple stockpiles in each.
  - On runway flightpath
  - Single stockpile area (and aerial images of building for marketing)

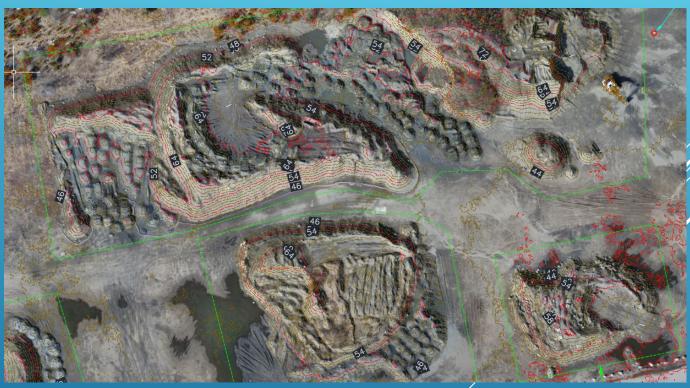


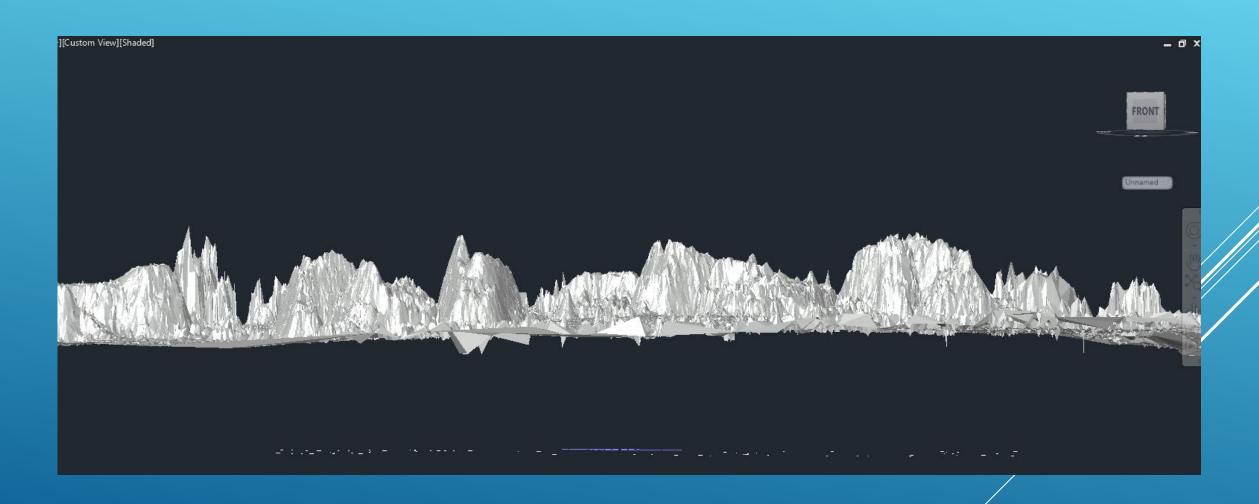


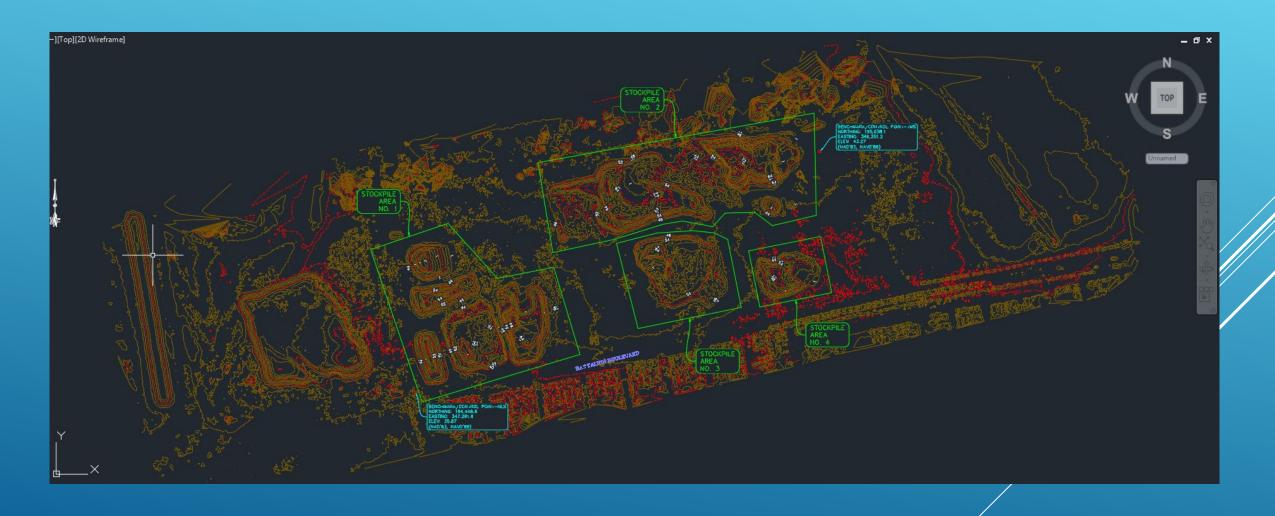




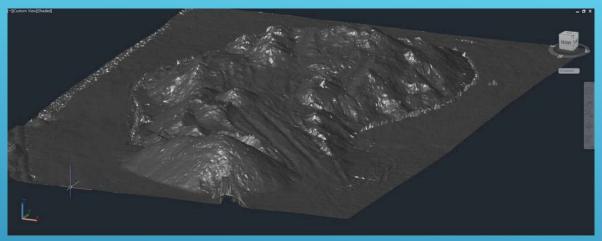


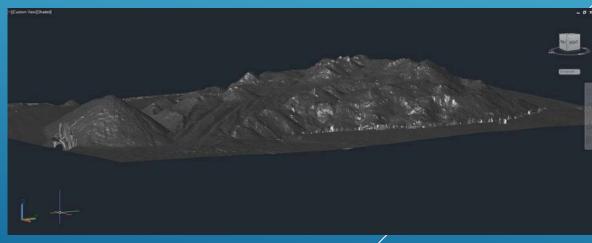












## **CASE STUDY: ANALYSIS**

#### Site 1:

#### **Surveying with Drones:**

- ➤ Drone flight under 30 minutes (actual time was closer to 4 hours do to wind and air traffic). Travel and pre-flight tower coordination not included (2 hrs.±)
- Surveyed ground control points 30 minutes
- ➤ Office calculations and computations 8-12 hours±

#### **Conventional Surveying Estimates:**

- > Field surveying 5 days±
- ➤ Office calculations and computations 16-24 hours±

NOTE: Actual and estimated above does not include topographic survey plan deliverable.

## **CASE STUDY: ANALYSIS**

#### Site 2:

#### **Surveying with Drones:**

- Drone flight under 30 minutes (including extra flight time for marketing images of building under construction). If stockpile alone, 12-15 minutes±
- Surveyed ground control points 20 minutes
- > Field surveyed bottom edge of stockpiles 30 minutes
- Office calculations and computations 3-4 hours±

#### **Conventional Surveying Estimates:**

- > Field surveying 2 days±
- Office calculations and computations 4 hours±

NOTE: Actual and estimated above does not include topographic survey plan deliverable.

### THANK YOU!

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