



Vilas County Zoning & Planning



Military Creek, Phelps. Photo courtesy of
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2013 Annual Report

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2013 Year in Review



2013 was a year of change in the Vilas County Zoning Department. The most visible change was to the office staff. We saw two of our Deputy Zoning Administrators move on to new chapters of their lives – one into retirement and one into a new position within the County – and the promotion of one of the office secretaries to fill their place. Through the diligent efforts of all of the office staff, we were able to keep up the high levels of service we are known for in spite of all of the changes.

Two major ordinance changes were enacted by the Department during 2013. The new Vilas County Floodplain Zoning Ordinance was enacted, which will provide safe and orderly development of floodplain areas in Vilas County and pave the way for the County to participate in FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program. The Vilas County Private Sewage System Ordinance was revised in 2013, updating it to meet changes in state plumbing code, strengthen our sanitary maintenance program, and allow increased flexibility for commercial septic systems. Amendments were also begun to the Vilas County Wireless Communications ordinance, in accordance with state requirements that went into effect in July of 2013. Those amendments will come to fruition sometime in 2014.

2013 also marked the first year the Vilas County Zoning Department issued citations for non-compliance with our Sanitary Maintenance Program. For the 2013 sanitary maintenance cycle, we have achieved over 99%, once again proving that Vilas County landowners take septic system maintenance seriously. That includes 2018 additional systems that were added to the program in the last round of additions from the state-mandated inventory.

Permit numbers were down slightly in 2013, driven by a historically late spring. Accordingly, revenues also saw a slight drop, but were bolstered by a small fee increase that allowed them to exceed expectations for the year. September proved to be the busiest month of the year, providing for a heavy fall push that we hope will provide a springboard to a prosperous 2014. A five-year comparison of permit numbers can be found on the following page.

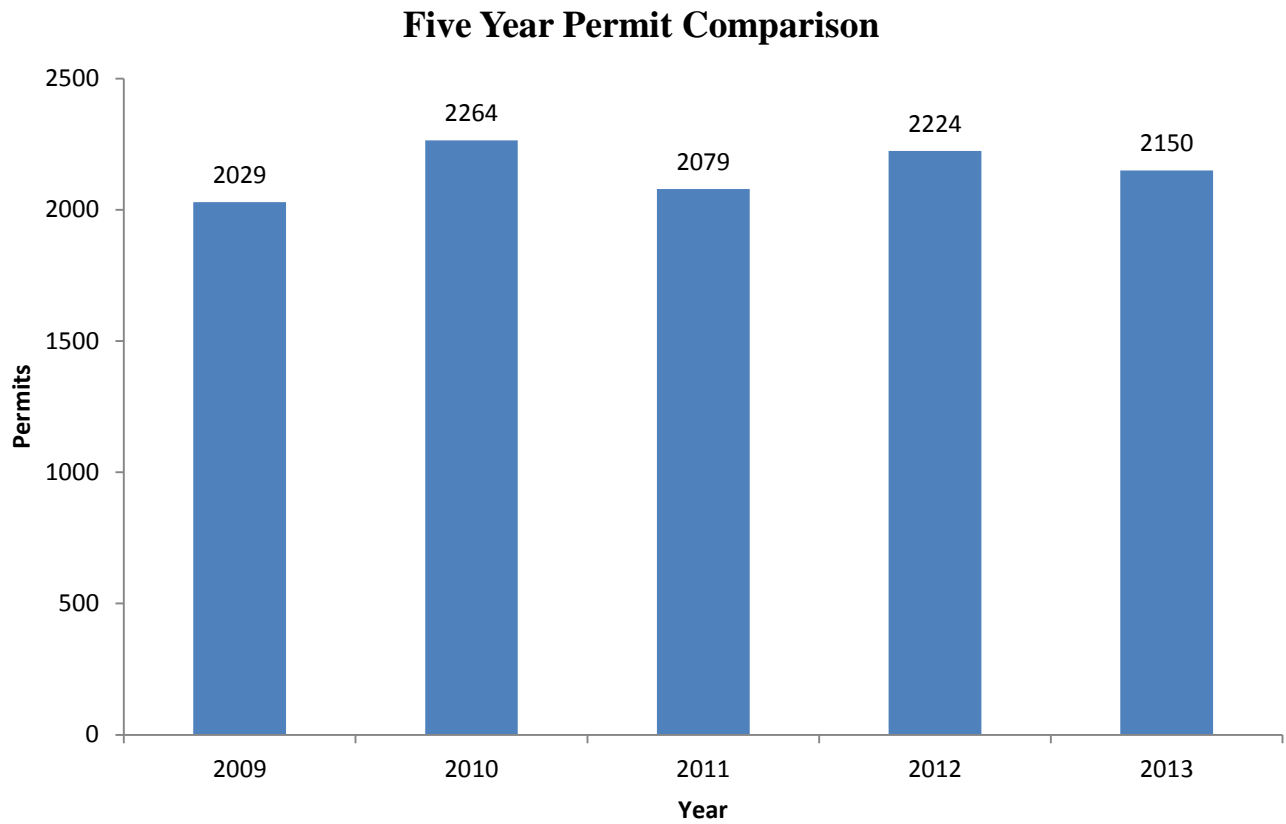
In other news, the Department once again sponsored training for local POWTS and soil testing professionals at the Arbor Vitae Town Hall with a large number in attendance. On the recycling side of things, there were no hazardous waste pickups in 2013, but Department staff took the time to participate in regional discussions and roundtable targeting ways to more effectively use recycling funds and increase the amount of recycling taking place in the area, and a new system was put in place for the electronic submittal of town information for recycling grant funding.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vilas County Zoning & Planning Department
and the
Vilas County Zoning & Planning Committee

FIVE YEAR PERMIT COMPARISON

YEAR	PERMITS
2009	2029
2010	2264
2011	2079
2012	2224
2013	2150



CONDENSED STATISTICS

PERMIT SUMMARY BY TYPE	2012	2013
Single Family Dwellings	117	119
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	16	13
Garages	295	296
Additions	139	149
Accessory Structures	88	60
Mobile Homes	3	1
All Other	625	488
Sanitary	504	471
Shoreland Alteration	196	192
Mitigation	187	155
Erosion Control	22	25
Stormwater	13	13
Conditional Use	6	3
Board of Adjustment	0	2
Violations	13	163
Total	2224	2150

ADDITIONAL INFO	2012	2013
Subdivisions	2	4
Condominiums	9	14
Rezoning	2	0
Regular Zoning Meetings	12	12
Additional Zoning Meetings	2	0
Land Use Meetings	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

CONDENSED STATISTICS

FEES COLLECTED ²	2012	2013
Zoning Permits	\$153,873.20	\$142,150.56
Shoreland Permits	\$24,884.00	\$24,150.00
Subdivisions	\$250.00	\$800.00
Condominiums	\$2,050.00	\$3,850.00
Rezones	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Conditional Use	\$2,400.00	\$1,200.00
Board of Adjustment	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Fax / Misc.	\$538.39	\$445.90
Sanitary Permits ³	\$146,515.70	\$146,515.70
Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation ³	\$11,685.00	\$11,240.00
Wisconsin Shoreland Protection Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$343,396.29	\$331,852.16

² Source: Monthly Deposit Summary

³ includes State fees

PERMIT SUMMARY BY TOWN	2012	2013
Arbor Vitae	189	193
Boulder Junction	115	152
Cloverland	109	113
Conover	133	128
Lac du Flambeau	322	307
Land O' Lakes	122	136
Lincoln	174	200
Manitowish Waters	195	148
Phelps	142	139
Plum Lake	104	74
Presque Isle	161	118
St. Germain	147	179
Washington	195	155
Winchester	116	107
City of Eagle River	0	1
Total	2224	2150

ARBOR VITAE		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2012	2013
Single Family Dwellings	11	10
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	4	1
Garages	34	20
Additions	10	17
Accessory Structures	11	9
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	47	53
Sanitary	46	39
Shoreland Alteration	9	14
Mitigation	12	8
Erosion Control	0	1
Stormwater	1	0
Conditional Use	1	1
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	3	20
Total	189	193

BOULDER JUNCTION		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2012	2013
Single Family Dwellings	6	7
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	3	1
Garages	11	13
Additions	6	21
Accessory Structures	3	5
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	38	23
Sanitary	32	42
Shoreland Alteration	5	16
Mitigation	9	18
Erosion Control	1	1
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	1	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	0	5
Total	115	152

<i>Additional Information</i>	2012	2013
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	1	1
Rezones	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2012	2013
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	1	1
Rezones	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

CLOVERLAND		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2012	2013
Single Family Dwellings	10	7
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	1
Garages	20	24
Additions	11	4
Accessory Structures	1	1
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	29	21
Sanitary	23	23
Shoreland Alteration	7	9
Mitigation	8	12
Erosion Control	0	0
Stormwater	0	2
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	0	9
Total	109	113

CONOVER		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2012	2013
Single Family Dwellings	8	5
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	0
Garages	14	25
Additions	8	9
Accessory Structures	15	3
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	38	26
Sanitary	35	31
Shoreland Alteration	8	11
Mitigation	6	7
Erosion Control	0	1
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	1	0
Board of Adjustment	0	1
Violations	0	9
Total	133	128

<i>Additional Information</i>	2012	2013
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	0	0
Rezones	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2012	2013
Subdivisions	1	0
Condominiums	1	1
Rezones	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

LAC DU FLAMBEAU		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2012	2013
Single Family Dwellings	7	15
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	1
Garages	25	40
Additions	24	18
Accessory Structures	8	8
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	104	69
Sanitary	60	63
Shoreland Alteration	46	36
Mitigation	37	23
Erosion Control	6	6
Stormwater	3	2
Conditional Use	0	1
Board of Adjustment	0	1
Violations	2	24
Total	322	307

LAND O' LAKES		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2012	2013
Single Family Dwellings	5	8
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	4
Garages	19	17
Additions	5	6
Accessory Structures	2	5
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	33	30
Sanitary	39	30
Shoreland Alteration	7	17
Mitigation	10	8
Erosion Control	2	4
Stormwater	0	1
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	0	6
Total	122	136

<i>Additional Information</i>	2012	2013
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	2	3
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2012	2013
Subdivisions	1	1
Condominiums	2	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

LINCOLN		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2012	2013
Single Family Dwellings	7	14
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	2	1
Garages	25	31
Additions	11	16
Accessory Structures	6	3
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	54	38
Sanitary	39	46
Shoreland Alteration	15	18
Mitigation	14	15
Erosion Control	0	1
Stormwater	0	1
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	1	16
Total	174	200

MANITOWISH WATERS		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2012	2013
Single Family Dwellings	14	6
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	2	1
Garages	20	15
Additions	14	8
Accessory Structures	2	1
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	53	30
Sanitary	44	40
Shoreland Alteration	18	17
Mitigation	20	8
Erosion Control	6	4
Stormwater	1	3
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	1	15
Total	195	148

<i>Additional Information</i>	2012	2013
Subdivisions	0	1
Condominiums	1	0
Rezoning	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2012	2013
Subdivisions	0	1
Condominiums	0	4
Rezoning	1	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

PHELPS		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2012	2013
Single Family Dwellings	6	7
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	1	0
Garages	23	18
Additions	10	13
Accessory Structures	3	8
Mobile Homes	2	1
All Other	38	34
Sanitary	31	28
Shoreland Alteration	12	10
Mitigation	9	7
Erosion Control	3	2
Stormwater	2	2
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	2	9
Total	142	139

PLUM LAKE		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2012	2013
Single Family Dwellings	8	3
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	0
Garages	15	8
Additions	3	14
Accessory Structures	3	0
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	30	21
Sanitary	30	12
Shoreland Alteration	9	5
Mitigation	5	4
Erosion Control	1	2
Stormwater	0	1
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	0	4
Total	104	74

<i>Additional Information</i>	2012	2013
Subdivisions	0	1
Condominiums	0	1
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2012	2013
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	0	2
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

PRESQUE ISLE		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2012	2013
Single Family Dwellings	12	7
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	0
Garages	20	23
Additions	5	5
Accessory Structures	7	3
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	45	28
Sanitary	28	28
Shoreland Alteration	22	10
Mitigation	18	13
Erosion Control	1	0
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	3	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	0	1
Total	161	118

ST GERMAIN		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2012	2013
Single Family Dwellings	7	11
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	1	2
Garages	28	29
Additions	8	5
Accessory Structures	7	3
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	38	44
Sanitary	39	36
Shoreland Alteration	8	10
Mitigation	8	10
Erosion Control	0	0
Stormwater	1	0
Conditional Use	0	1
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	2	28
Total	147	179

<i>Additional Information</i>	2012	2013
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	0	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	1	0
	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2012	2013
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	0	1
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0
	0	0

WASHINGTON		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2012	2013
Single Family Dwellings	10	12
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	2	0
Garages	25	24
Additions	14	8
Accessory Structures	14	8
Mobile Homes	1	0
All Other	54	37
Sanitary	33	35
Shoreland Alteration	18	7
Mitigation	16	8
Erosion Control	1	1
Stormwater	5	1
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	2	14
Total	195	155

WINCHESTER		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2012	2013
Single Family Dwellings	6	7
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	1	1
Garages	16	9
Additions	10	5
Accessory Structures	6	3
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	24	34
Sanitary	25	17
Shoreland Alteration	12	12
Mitigation	15	14
Erosion Control	1	2
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	0	3
Total	116	107

<i>Additional Information</i>	2012	2013
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	0	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2012	2013
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	1	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

ITEMS RETURNED BY MUNICIPALITY		
<i>Summary</i>	2012	2013
Arbor Vitae	95	82
Boulder Junction	53	48
Cloverland	17	12
Conover	15	12
County*	8	9
Eagle River	39	36
Lac du Flambeau	175	123
Land o' Lakes	22	15
Lincoln	48	27
Manitowish Waters	14	5
Phelps	28	15
Plum Lake	40	18
Presque Isle	41	51
St. Germain	53	23
Washington	22	24
Winchester	0	0
Total	670	500

ITEMS RETURNED BY TYPE		
<i>Summary</i>	2012	2013
Audio Speakers	11	12
Cell Phone	6	0
Computer (Tower)	51	35
Computer Keyboard	31	36
Computer Monitor	66	5
Computer Mouse	9	1
Desktop Printer	67	26
Digital Scanner	9	1
DVR	15	21
Fax Machine	11	39
Laptop Computer	4	10
Miscellaneous	0	6
Television	374	278
VCR/DVD	16	27
Wire/Cable	0	3
Total	670	500

**Note: Constitutes items returned using a voucher distributed directly from the Vilas County Zoning & Planning Department.*

TIRE & APPLIANCE RECYCLING PROGRAM

ITEMS RETURNED BY MUNICIPALITY		
<i>Summary</i>	2012	2013
Arbor Vitae	20	19
Boulder Junction	75	35
Cloverland	31	35
Conover	35	50
County	12	6
Eagle River	15	30
Lac du Flambeau	31	4
Land o' Lakes	13	15
Lincoln	78	86
Manitowish Waters	30	10
Phelps	115	33
Plum Lake	29	40
Presque Isle	102	68
St. Germain	28	23
Washington	43	33
Winchester	15	1
Total	672	488

ITEMS RETURNED BY TYPE		
<i>Summary</i>	2012	2013
Air Conditioner	8	7
Clothes Dryer	8	0
Dehumidifier	12	15
Dishwasher	5	6
Freezer	11	9
Humidifier	8	7
Microwave	57	37
Other	0	18
Refrigerator	26	6
Stove	13	378
Tires	505	0
Washing Machine	8	5
Water Heater	11	0
Total	672	488

**Note: Constitutes items returned using a voucher distributed directly from the Vilas County Zoning & Planning Department.*