



Vilas County Zoning & Planning



Van Vliet Hemlocks, Presque Isle. Photo courtesy of
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2014 Annual Report



2014 Year in Review

The statistics in the following Annual Report tell the story of 2014 in the Vilas County Zoning & Planning Department. Permit numbers were up 4% over 2013, fuelled by increases in non-principal structures and sanitary permits, making for a very busy office. In addition to the rise in permit numbers, the Department was full of activity with enforcement actions. We issued over 165 citations for various violations ranging from non-compliance with the Sanitary Maintenance program, building without permits to renting on a weekly basis in a Single Family Residential (R-1)

Zoning District. On this front, the Department won a major court battle in which the Court affirmed the prohibition of renting in an R-1 district and imposed a fine on a homeowner. The Department also completed its first major cleanup of a junkyard that was in violation of the zoning ordinance, and is well on its way to completing its second cleanup.

All of the work put in during 2013 came into fruition as the new Wireless Communications Ordinance became effective in 2014. This allowed us to meet the new state requirements and simplified the permitting process for wireless towers. Six towers have been permitted so far this year under the new ordinance, a 100% increase over 2013. Another carry over from 2013 was the Sanitary Ordinance which was adopted in the Spring of 2014. Work has begun on the changes to the Vilas County Shoreland Ordinances, to include the Amended NR115 State Shoreland Regulations which became effective October 1, 2014. The majority of the work will take up the year of 2015. Part of NR115 regulations are in effect now due to Act 170 which made the non-conforming structure language effective immediately. Those changes will have to be incorporated into the Vilas County General and Shoreland Zoning Ordinances.

The Department worked with the Land & Water Conservation Department to enact a Farmland Preservation Plan, which will become part of the 2010 Vilas County Comprehensive Plan. Final approval of that amendment is expected in early 2015.

The Vilas County Zoning Department in conjunction with the Vilas County Mapping Department, began testing in 2014 a new system of making permits available online. All existing permits from the Town of Plum Lake were scanned into electronic form and a platform created to search them on the website. This is currently in the testing phase.

Relief from all this activity was provided by a Limited Term Employee who joined the office for the summer and fall. This proved to be so successful that the County Board approved the filling of a full-time Administrative Secretary A position for spring of 2015.

2014 also saw changes in the elected and appointed officials with whom we work. The spring elections ushered four new members onto the Vilas County Zoning & Planning Committee. There were also four new members appointed to the Board of Adjustment over the course of the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

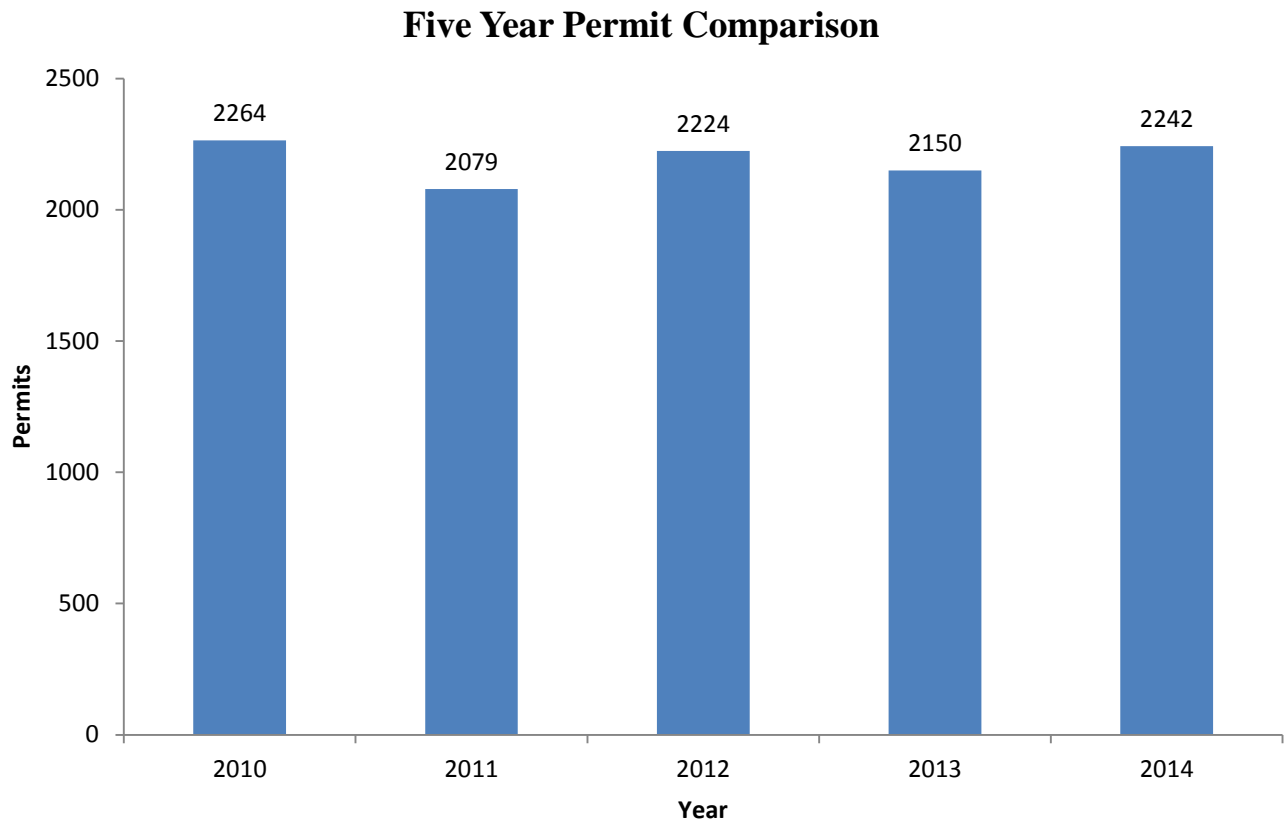
Vilas County Zoning & Planning Department
and the
Vilas County Zoning & Planning Committee

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FIVE YEAR PERMIT COMPARISON

YEAR	PERMITS
2010	2264
2011	2079
2012	2224
2013	2150
2014	2242



CONDENSED STATISTICS

PERMIT SUMMARY BY TYPE	2013	2014
Single Family Dwellings	119	123
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	13	11
Garages	296	327
Additions	149	119
Accessory Structures	60	76
Mobile Homes	1	6
All Other	488	559
Sanitary	470	496
Shoreland Alteration	192	181
Mitigation	155	141
Erosion Control	25	21
Stormwater	13	10
Conditional Use	3	3
Board of Adjustment	2	2
Violations	163	168
Total	2149	2243

ADDITIONAL INFO	2013	2014
Subdivisions	0	2
Condominiums	0	10
Rezoning	0	4
Regular Zoning Meetings	12	12
Additional Zoning Meetings	0	3
Land Use Meetings	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	1

CONDENSED STATISTICS

FEES COLLECTED ²	2013	2014
Zoning Permits	\$142,150.56	\$166,802.70
Shoreland Permits	\$24,150.00	\$21,475.00
Subdivisions	\$800.00	\$1,650.00
Condominiums	\$3,850.00	\$2,250.00
Rezones	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Conditional Use	\$1,200.00	\$1,350.00
Board of Adjustment	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Fax / Misc.	\$445.90	\$1,152.05
Sanitary Permits ³	\$146,515.70	\$150,717.30
Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation ³	\$11,240.00	\$10,905.00
Wisconsin Shoreland Protection Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$331,852.16	\$362,802.05

² Source: Monthly Deposit Summary

³ includes State fees

PERMIT SUMMARY BY TOWN	2013	2014
Arbor Vitae	193	211
Boulder Junction	152	159
Cloverland	113	80
Conover	128	115
Lac du Flambeau	307	341
Land O' Lakes	136	110
Lincoln	200	192
Manitowish Waters	148	141
Phelps	139	180
Plum Lake	74	56
Presque Isle	118	157
St. Germain	179	201
Washington	155	164
Winchester	107	136
City of Eagle River	0	0
Total	2149	2243

ARBOR VITAE		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2013	2014
Single Family Dwellings	10	13
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	1	4
Garages	20	30
Additions	17	7
Accessory Structures	9	5
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	53	54
Sanitary	39	54
Shoreland Alteration	14	11
Mitigation	8	7
Erosion Control	1	1
Stormwater	0	2
Conditional Use	1	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	20	23
Total	193	211

BOULDER JUNCTION		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2013	2014
Single Family Dwellings	7	6
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	1	2
Garages	13	17
Additions	21	12
Accessory Structures	5	4
Mobile Homes	0	2
All Other	23	44
Sanitary	42	37
Shoreland Alteration	16	14
Mitigation	18	9
Erosion Control	1	2
Stormwater	0	1
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	5	9
Total	152	159

<i>Additional Information</i>	2013	2014
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	1	0
Rezones	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2013	2014
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	1	1
Rezones	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

CLOVERLAND		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2013	2014
Single Family Dwellings	7	5
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	1	0
Garages	24	14
Additions	4	2
Accessory Structures	1	2
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	21	17
Sanitary	23	21
Shoreland Alteration	9	8
Mitigation	12	6
Erosion Control	0	0
Stormwater	2	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	9	5
Total	113	80

CONOVER		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2013	2014
Single Family Dwellings	5	5
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	1
Garages	25	22
Additions	9	4
Accessory Structures	3	4
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	26	21
Sanitary	31	33
Shoreland Alteration	11	3
Mitigation	7	3
Erosion Control	1	1
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	1	1
Violations	9	17
Total	128	115

<i>Additional Information</i>	2013	2014
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	0	0
Rezones	0	2
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2013	2014
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	1	1
Rezones	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

LAC DU FLAMBEAU		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2013	2014
Single Family Dwellings	15	16
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	1	0
Garages	40	51
Additions	18	19
Accessory Structures	8	12
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	69	89
Sanitary	63	62
Shoreland Alteration	36	36
Mitigation	23	28
Erosion Control	6	4
Stormwater	2	3
Conditional Use	1	0
Board of Adjustment	1	0
Violations	24	21
Total	307	341

LAND O' LAKES		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2013	2014
Single Family Dwellings	8	8
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	4	1
Garages	17	11
Additions	6	4
Accessory Structures	5	3
Mobile Homes	0	1
All Other	30	31
Sanitary	30	25
Shoreland Alteration	17	8
Mitigation	8	5
Erosion Control	4	0
Stormwater	1	0
Conditional Use	0	2
Board of Adjustment	0	1
Violations	6	10
Total	136	110

<i>Additional Information</i>	2013	2014
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	3	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	1
Amendments	0	1

<i>Additional Information</i>	2013	2014
Subdivisions	1	0
Condominiums	0	1
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0
Amendments	0	0

LINCOLN		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2013	2014
Single Family Dwellings	14	8
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	1	0
Garages	31	36
Additions	16	10
Accessory Structures	3	10
Mobile Homes	0	2
All Other	38	38
Sanitary	46	44
Shoreland Alteration	18	9
Mitigation	15	18
Erosion Control	1	0
Stormwater	1	1
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	16	16
Total	200	192

MANITOWISH WATERS		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2013	2014
Single Family Dwellings	6	4
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	1	1
Garages	15	10
Additions	8	8
Accessory Structures	1	3
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	30	27
Sanitary	40	38
Shoreland Alteration	17	15
Mitigation	8	10
Erosion Control	4	1
Stormwater	3	1
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	15	23
Total	148	141

<i>Additional Information</i>	2013	2014
Subdivisions	1	0
Condominiums	0	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2013	2014
Subdivisions	1	0
Condominiums	4	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

PHELPS		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2013	2014
Single Family Dwellings	7	10
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	0
Garages	18	26
Additions	13	22
Accessory Structures	8	9
Mobile Homes	1	1
All Other	34	44
Sanitary	28	32
Shoreland Alteration	10	13
Mitigation	7	11
Erosion Control	2	1
Stormwater	2	1
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	9	10
Total	139	180

PLUM LAKE		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2013	2014
Single Family Dwellings	3	5
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	0
Garages	8	9
Additions	14	2
Accessory Structures	0	1
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	21	20
Sanitary	12	10
Shoreland Alteration	5	4
Mitigation	4	1
Erosion Control	2	2
Stormwater	1	1
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	4	1
Total	74	56

<i>Additional Information</i>	2013	2014
Subdivisions	1	0
Condominiums	1	2
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2013	2014
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	2	1
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

PRESQUE ISLE		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2013	2014
Single Family Dwellings	7	10
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	0
Garages	23	22
Additions	5	8
Accessory Structures	3	8
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	28	36
Sanitary	28	30
Shoreland Alteration	10	18
Mitigation	13	13
Erosion Control	0	3
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	0	1
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	1	8
Total	118	157

ST GERMAIN		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2013	2014
Single Family Dwellings	11	17
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	2	1
Garages	29	40
Additions	5	5
Accessory Structures	3	7
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	44	58
Sanitary	36	47
Shoreland Alteration	10	5
Mitigation	10	8
Erosion Control	0	0
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	1	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	28	13
Total	179	201

<i>Additional Information</i>	2013	2014
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	0	2
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2013	2014
Subdivisions	0	1
Condominiums	1	2
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

WASHINGTON		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2013	2014
Single Family Dwellings	12	7
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	1
Garages	24	25
Additions	8	14
Accessory Structures	8	5
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	37	40
Sanitary	35	34
Shoreland Alteration	7	18
Mitigation	8	11
Erosion Control	1	1
Stormwater	1	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	14	8
Total	155	164

WINCHESTER		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2013	2014
Single Family Dwellings	7	9
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	1	0
Garages	9	14
Additions	5	2
Accessory Structures	3	3
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	34	40
Sanitary	17	29
Shoreland Alteration	12	19
Mitigation	14	11
Erosion Control	2	5
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	3	4
Total	107	136

<i>Additional Information</i>	2013	2014
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	0	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	1
	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2013	2014
Subdivisions	0	1
Condominiums	0	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0
	0	0

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

ITEMS RETURNED BY MUNICIPALITY		
<i>Summary</i>	2013	2014
Arbor Vitae	82	7
Boulder Junction	48	1
Cloverland	12	21
Conover	12	26
County*	9	12
Eagle River	36	73
Lac du Flambeau	123	8
Land o' Lakes	15	9
Lincoln	27	57
Manitowish Waters	5	0
Phelps	15	21
Plum Lake	18	13
Presque Isle	51	10
St. Germain	23	23
Washington	24	35
Winchester	0	0
Total	500	316

ITEMS RETURNED BY TYPE		
<i>Summary</i>	2013	2014
Audio Speakers	12	4
Cell Phone	0	1
Computer (Tower)	35	9
Computer Keyboard	36	25
Computer Monitor	5	2
Computer Mouse	1	5
Desktop Printer	26	28
Digital Scanner	1	7
DVR	21	3
Fax Machine	39	27
Laptop Computer	10	6
Miscellaneous	6	8
Television	278	182
VCR/DVD	27	7
Wire/Cable	3	2
Total	500	316

**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>	2013	2014
Arbor Vitae	19	36
Boulder Junction	35	45
Cloverland	35	65
Conover	50	60
County*	6	15
Eagle River	30	17
Lac du Flambeau	4	7
Land o' Lakes	15	16
Lincoln	86	89
Manitowish Waters	10	15
Phelps	33	38
Plum Lake	40	24
Presque Isle	68	40
St. Germain	23	60
Washington	33	43
Winchester	1	110
Total	488	680

ITEMS RETURNED BY TYPE		
<i>Summary</i>	2013	2014
Air Conditioner	7	8
Clothes Dryer	0	6
Dehumidifier	15	19
Dishwasher	6	8
Freezer	9	9
Humidifier	7	20
Microwave	37	38
Other	0	0
Refrigerator	18	20
Stove	6	7
Tires	378	534
Washing Machine	5	8
Water Heater	0	3
Total	488	680

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