



# Vilas County Zoning & Planning



Cisco Chain, Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin

## 2015 Annual Report

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## 2015 Year in Review

2015 brought changes in the Vilas County Zoning Department. We had to adapt to the passage of the 2015/2017 Wisconsin Budget Bill, Act 55. Our department saw the addition of an Administrative Secretary and the help of a Limited Term Employee. The unseasonable fall weather contributed to a busier than normal November and December, resulting in an overall increase in permits of 15% over 2014.

**Vilas County Comprehensive Plan.** The Farmland Preservation Plan was adopted as part of the Vilas County Comprehensive Plan.

**The Sanitary Maintenance Program.** In the spring of 2015, 7,052 Sanitary Maintenance cards were mailed out to property owners. Of those systems, 6,754 were inspected and/or pumped, a 96% response rate. Those who have not complied will receive citations and be assigned court dates.

**Online Permit Access.** The Vilas County Zoning Department in cooperation with the Vilas County Mapping Department began making Zoning and Sanitary permits, issued after June 1, 1985, available online through the Mapping Department's VMapp application and Zoning Department's website. All permits issued since July 1, 2015, are available through these sources. In October we hired a Limited Term Employee, to scan older permits into electronic form. Currently all permits are available online for the towns of Phelps, Plum Lake and Presque Isle. This will be an ongoing project, as time allows, as we head into the future.

**Shoreland Zoning Changes.** Wisconsin Act 41 altered the towns' ability to control zoning in the shoreland area. In response, the zoning office stopped requiring town permits to be issued prior to the County issuing permits in the shoreland area. The Zoning office still informs customers to check with their town for permits they may require. July 14, 2015 brought the passage of 2015 Wisconsin Act 55. Immediate changes were brought about to the Shoreland code NR 115 and Vilas County Ordinances. The Vilas County Zoning Administrator met with Vilas County Zoning Committee and Corporation Counsel to determine the enforceability of the Shoreland Ordinance. As a result, many changes to the Shoreland Ordinance will take place in 2016. With its passage, the county cannot be more restrictive than NR 115 when it comes to Shoreland Zoning. Going forward into 2016 the Shoreland Zoning Ordinances will need to be amended and adopted by October 1, 2016.

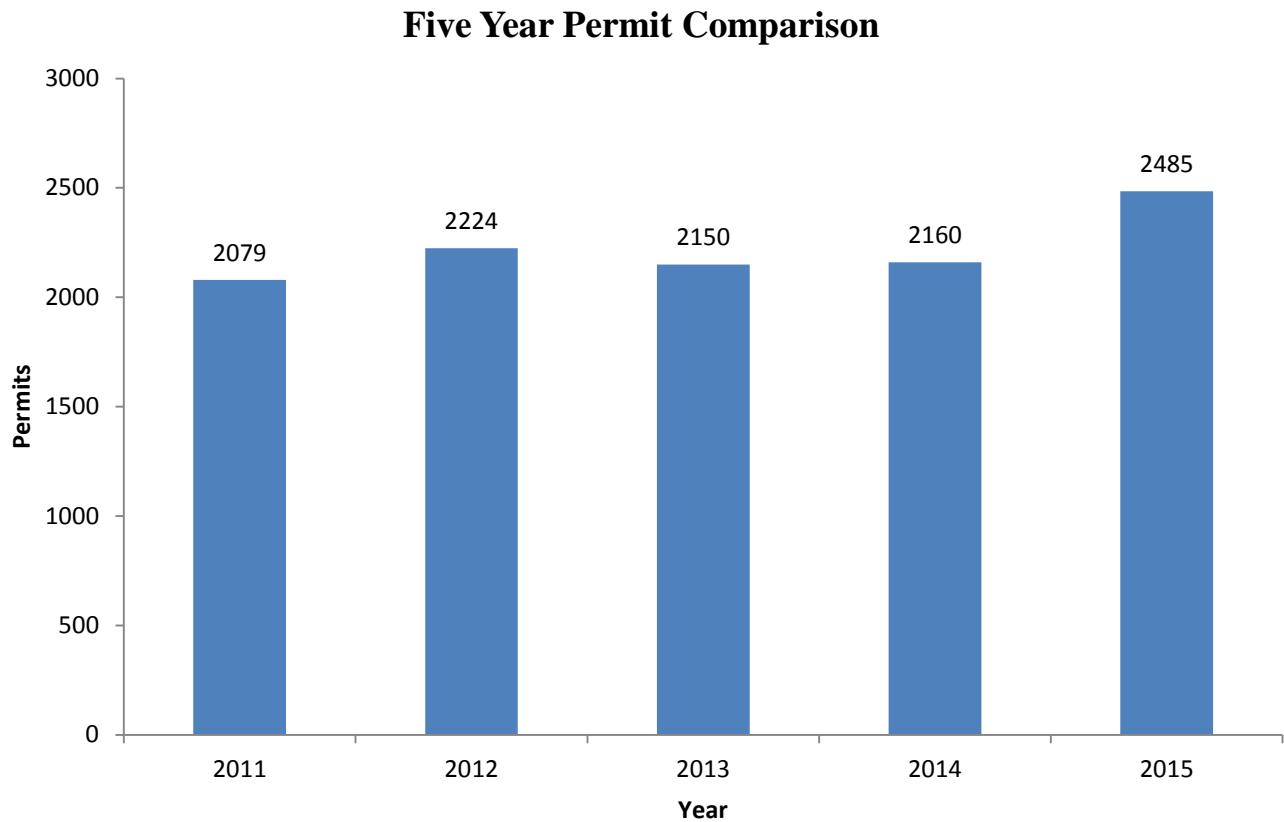
**Vilas County vs. Accola.** Ongoing case regarding renting in a single family residential (R-1) district. The appellate court upheld a lower court decision that stated our ordinance unambiguously prohibits short-term rentals of single family detached dwelling units in the R-1 district. The Supreme Court denied the request to repeal.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

## FIVE YEAR PERMIT COMPARISON

YEAR	PERMITS
2011	2079
2012	2224
2013	2150
2014	2160
2015	2485





## CONDENSED STATISTICS

PERMIT SUMMARY BY TYPE	2014	2015
Single Family Dwellings	123	143
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	1
Commercial	11	16
Garages	324	340
Additions	101	143
Accessory Structures	70	47
Mobile Homes	6	9
All Other	502	632
Sanitary	495	559
Shoreland Alteration	182	219
Mitigation	141	164
Erosion Control	21	25
Stormwater	10	4
Conditional Use	3	4
Board of Adjustment	2	3
Violations	169	176
Total	2160	2485

ADDITIONAL INFO	2014	2015
Subdivisions	2	9
Condominiums	10	8
Rezoning	4	2
Regular Zoning Meetings	12	11
Additional Zoning Meetings	3	5
Land Use Meetings	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	1	0

## CONDENSED STATISTICS

FEES COLLECTED <sup>2</sup>	2014	2015
Zoning Permits	\$166,802.70	\$177,352.00
Shoreland Permits	\$21,475.00	\$29,075.00
Subdivisions	\$1,650.00	\$3,150.00
Condominiums	\$2,250.00	\$1,400.00
Rezones	\$5,000.00	\$600.00
Conditional Use	\$1,350.00	\$2,400.00
Board of Adjustment	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
Fax / Misc.	\$1,152.05	\$25.00
Sanitary Permits <sup>3</sup>	\$150,717.30	\$159,213.00
Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation <sup>3</sup>	\$10,905.00	\$11,235.00
Wisconsin Shoreland Protection Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$362,802.05	\$385,200.00

<sup>2</sup> Source: Monthly Deposit Summary

<sup>3</sup> includes State fees

PERMIT SUMMARY BY TOWN	2014	2015
Arbor Vitae	204	190
Boulder Junction	153	166
Cloverland	78	88
Conover	115	167
Lac du Flambeau	324	367
Land O' Lakes	107	128
Lincoln	186	220
Manitowish Waters	142	152
Phelps	168	231
Plum Lake	53	89
Presque Isle	148	176
St. Germain	193	179
Washington	160	225
Winchester	129	107
City of Eagle River	0	0
Total	2160	2485

<b>ARBOR VITAE</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2014	2015
Single Family Dwellings	13	10
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	1
Commercial	4	3
Garages	29	35
Additions	7	9
Accessory Structures	5	4
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	48	43
Sanitary	54	47
Shoreland Alteration	11	10
Mitigation	7	4
Erosion Control	1	2
Stormwater	2	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	23	22
Total	204	190

<b>BOULDER JUNCTION</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2014	2015
Single Family Dwellings	6	8
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	2	3
Garages	17	13
Additions	8	11
Accessory Structures	5	3
Mobile Homes	2	1
All Other	41	38
Sanitary	37	50
Shoreland Alteration	14	17
Mitigation	9	9
Erosion Control	2	1
Stormwater	1	1
Conditional Use	0	2
Board of Adjustment	0	1
Violations	9	8
Total	153	166

<i>Additional Information</i>	2014	2015
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	0	2
Rezones	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2014	2015
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	1	0
Rezones	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0



<b>LAC DU FLAMBEAU</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2014	2015
Single Family Dwellings	16	20
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	0
Garages	51	36
Additions	18	20
Accessory Structures	12	6
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	73	102
Sanitary	62	66
Shoreland Alteration	36	54
Mitigation	28	32
Erosion Control	4	9
Stormwater	3	2
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	21	20
Total	324	367

<b>LAND O' LAKES</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2014	2015
Single Family Dwellings	8	8
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	1	2
Garages	11	17
Additions	4	6
Accessory Structures	3	3
Mobile Homes	1	0
All Other	28	29
Sanitary	25	34
Shoreland Alteration	8	9
Mitigation	5	10
Erosion Control	0	1
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	2	0
Board of Adjustment	1	1
Violations	10	8
Total	107	128

<i>Additional Information</i>	2014	2015
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	0	1
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	1	0
Amendments	1	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2014	2015
Subdivisions	0	3
Condominiums	1	1
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0
Amendments	0	0

<b>CLOVERLAND</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2014	2015
Single Family Dwellings	5	4
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	2
Garages	14	16
Additions	2	7
Accessory Structures	2	1
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	15	20
Sanitary	21	17
Shoreland Alteration	8	4
Mitigation	6	7
Erosion Control	0	0
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	5	10
Total	78	88

<b>CONOVER</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2014	2015
Single Family Dwellings	5	9
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	1	0
Garages	22	29
Additions	4	10
Accessory Structures	4	7
Mobile Homes	0	3
All Other	21	31
Sanitary	33	44
Shoreland Alteration	3	11
Mitigation	3	10
Erosion Control	1	1
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	1	0
Violations	17	12
Total	115	167

<i>Additional Information</i>	2014	2015
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	0	0
Rezones	2	1
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2014	2015
Subdivisions	0	2
Condominiums	1	0
Rezones	0	1
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<b>LINCOLN</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2014	2015
Single Family Dwellings	8	14
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	3
Garages	36	31
Additions	9	15
Accessory Structures	10	8
Mobile Homes	2	2
All Other	33	52
Sanitary	44	50
Shoreland Alteration	9	8
Mitigation	18	17
Erosion Control	0	0
Stormwater	1	0
Conditional Use	0	1
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	16	19
Total	186	220

<b>MANITOWISH WATERS</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2014	2015
Single Family Dwellings	4	5
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	1	1
Garages	10	15
Additions	7	13
Accessory Structures	2	0
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	29	46
Sanitary	38	36
Shoreland Alteration	15	18
Mitigation	10	12
Erosion Control	1	1
Stormwater	1	0
Conditional Use	0	1
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	24	4
Total	142	152

<i>Additional Information</i>	2014	2015
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	0	1
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2014	2015
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	0	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<b>PHELPS</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2014	2015
Single Family Dwellings	10	19
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	0
Garages	26	36
Additions	17	13
Accessory Structures	8	5
Mobile Homes	1	2
All Other	38	65
Sanitary	32	45
Shoreland Alteration	13	12
Mitigation	11	19
Erosion Control	1	1
Stormwater	1	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	10	14
Total	168	231

<b>PLUM LAKE</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2014	2015
Single Family Dwellings	5	5
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	1
Garages	9	14
Additions	2	3
Accessory Structures	1	2
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	18	28
Sanitary	9	25
Shoreland Alteration	4	2
Mitigation	1	5
Erosion Control	2	0
Stormwater	1	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	1	4
Total	53	89

<i>Additional Information</i>	2014	2015
Subdivisions	1	1
Condominiums	2	2
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2014	2015
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	1	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<b>PRESQUE ISLE</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2014	2015
Single Family Dwellings	10	10
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	0
Garages	22	16
Additions	6	4
Accessory Structures	3	2
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	33	54
Sanitary	30	37
Shoreland Alteration	19	32
Mitigation	13	12
Erosion Control	3	4
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	1	0
Board of Adjustment	0	1
Violations	8	4
Total	148	176

<b>ST GERMAIN</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2014	2015
Single Family Dwellings	17	11
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	1	1
Garages	38	36
Additions	4	12
Accessory Structures	7	2
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	53	44
Sanitary	47	42
Shoreland Alteration	5	11
Mitigation	8	7
Erosion Control	0	0
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	13	13
Total	193	179

<i>Additional Information</i>	2014	2015
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	2	1
Rezoning	0	0
Comprehensive Plan		
Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2014	2015
Subdivisions	1	1
Condominiums	2	0
Rezoning	0	0
Comprehensive Plan		
Amendments	0	0

<b>WASHINGTON</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2014	2015
Single Family Dwellings	7	14
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	1	0
Garages	25	30
Additions	11	12
Accessory Structures	5	3
Mobile Homes	0	1
All Other	39	55
Sanitary	34	48
Shoreland Alteration	18	19
Mitigation	11	13
Erosion Control	1	2
Stormwater	0	1
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	8	27
Total	160	225

<b>WINCHESTER</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2014	2015
Single Family Dwellings	9	6
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	0
Garages	14	16
Additions	2	8
Accessory Structures	3	1
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	33	25
Sanitary	29	18
Shoreland Alteration	19	12
Mitigation	11	7
Erosion Control	5	3
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	4	11
Total	129	107

<i>Additional Information</i>	2014	2015
Subdivisions	0	1
Condominiums	0	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	1	0
	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2014	2015
Subdivisions	1	1
Condominiums	0	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0
	0	0

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

<b>ITEMS RETURNED BY MUNICIPALITY</b>		
<i>Summary</i>	2014	2015
Arbor Vitae	7	6
Boulder Junction	1	0
Cloverland	21	21
Conover	26	53
County*	12	44
Eagle River	73	78
Lac du Flambeau	8	0
Land o' Lakes	9	16
Lincoln	57	56
Manitowish Waters	0	0
Phelps	21	42
Plum Lake	13	10
Presque Isle	10	5
St. Germain	23	71
Washington	35	53
Winchester	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>456</b>

<b>ITEMS RETURNED BY TYPE</b>		
<i>Summary</i>	2014	2015
Audio Speakers	4	1
Cell Phone	1	1
Computer (Tower)	9	26
Computer Keyboard	28	22
Computer Monitor	27	28
Computer Mouse	6	5
Desktop Printer	25	31
Digital Scanner	8	4
DVR	2	12
Fax Machine	5	11
Laptop Computer	7	9
Miscellaneous	3	23
Television	182	256
VCR/DVD	7	25
Wire/Cable	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>456</b>

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

## TIRE & APPLIANCE RECYCLING PROGRAM

<b>ITEMS RETURNED BY MUNICIPALITY</b>		
<i>Summary</i>	2014	2015
Arbor Vitae	36	32
Boulder Junction	45	35
Cloverland	65	45
Conover	60	48
County*	15	11
Eagle River	16	14
Lac du Flambeau	7	16
Land o' Lakes	16	17
Lincoln	89	94
Manitowish Waters	15	6
Phelps	38	36
Plum Lake	24	20
Presque Isle	40	20
St. Germain	60	71
Washington	43	42
Winchester	110	12
Total	679	519

<b>ITEMS RETURNED BY TYPE</b>		
<i>Summary</i>	2014	2015
Air Conditioner	8	9
Clothes Dryer	6	4
Dehumidifier	19	8
Dishwasher	8	7
Freezer	9	6
Humidifier	20	16
Microwave	38	26
Other	0	14
Refrigerator	20	34
Stove	7	8
Tires	533	377
Washing Machine	8	2
Water Heater	3	8
Total	679	519

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