

# Vilas County Zoning & Planning 2017 Annual Report



White Sand Lake, Boulder Junction





## 2017 Year in Review

2017 building season shows an economic rise over 2016's building season, permit numbers are up and revenues are increasing as reflected by the annual report.

**The Sanitary Maintenance Program.** In the spring of 2017, we mailed 7,041 Sanitary Maintenance cards to property owners. Of those systems, 6,922 were inspected and/or pumped, a 98.3% response rate. Those who have not complied will receive citations and be assigned court dates.

**Online Permit Access:** Continuing into 2017, the Vilas County Zoning Department in cooperation with the Vilas County Mapping Department began making Zoning and Sanitary permits, available online through the Mapping Department GIS site and Zoning Department website. All permits issued since January 1, 1985 in the towns of Arbor Vitae, Cloverland, Phelps, Plum Lake, Presque Isle, Winchester and part of Lac du Flambeau, and all permits issued since July 1, 2015 countywide, are available online from these sources. This will be an ongoing project, as we head into the future. The department has received positive feedback from appraisers, realtors, plumbers and the general public as they are becoming aware of this feature. The ability to access existing permits online is saving time and resources for all users.

**Office Space:** Changes in the building in 2017 enabled us to recapture our original office space. The expansion has been an added benefit due to overcrowding.

**General Zoning Ordinance:** The Vilas County Zoning Administrator along with the Zoning & Planning Committee began the process of amending the Vilas County General Zoning Ordinance. In the coming year this will be amended to better serve the needs of Vilas County. The newly amended Subdivision Control Ordinance, Private Sewage System Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance are already online.

**Recycling:** Recycling Vouchers for appliances, electronics and tires were dispersed to all the towns and available in our office for 2017. Vilas County property owners took advantage of this program, by July they were all issued.

We are seeing a rise in single-family homes and commercial structures as well as additions and garages. In past years, our permit rises were due to replacement septic. The trend now seems to be in construction. It was a busy year in Zoning.

Respectfully Submitted,

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



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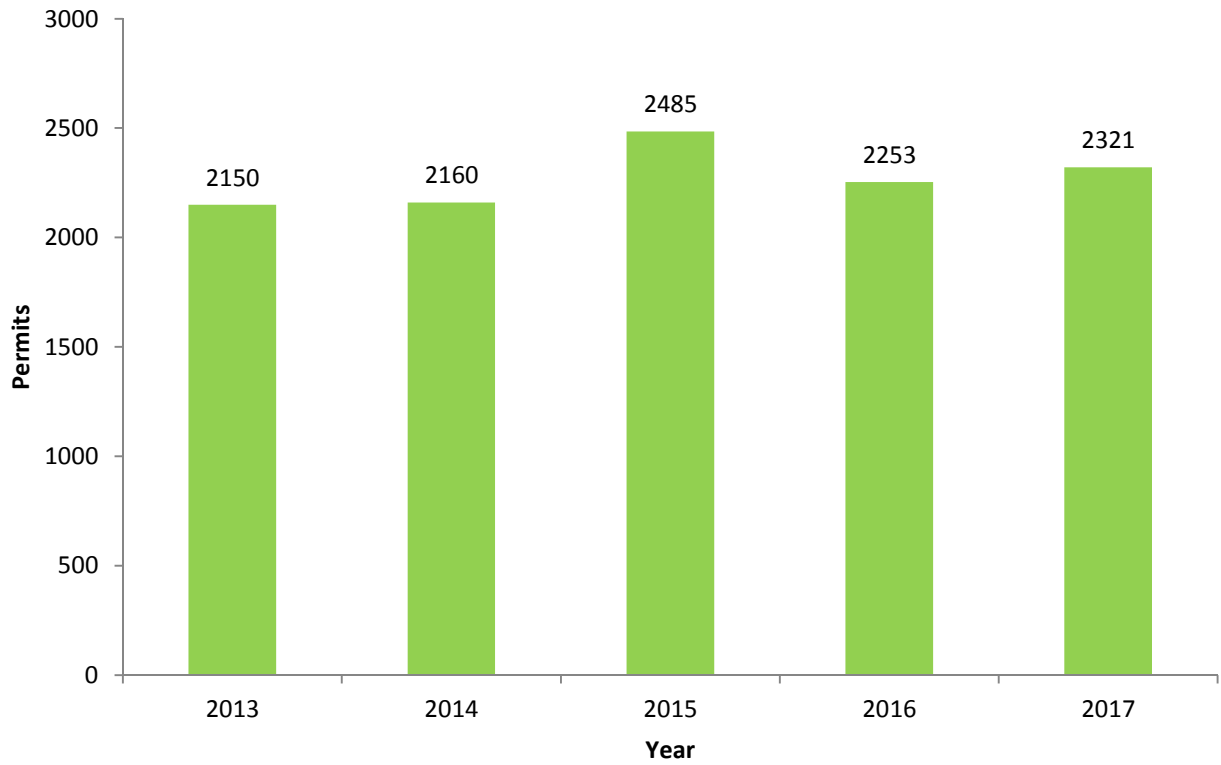
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# FIVE YEAR PERMIT COMPARISON

YEAR	PERMITS
2013	2150
2014	2160
2015	2485
2016	2253
2017	2321

## Five Year Permit Comparison







**CONDENSED STATISTICS**

<b>PERMIT SUMMARY BY TYPE</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Single Family Dwellings	137	143
Multiple Family Dwellings	5	2
Commercial	14	21
Garages	323	375
Additions	106	130
Accessory Structures	52	55
Mobile Homes	5	4
All Other	560	641
Sanitary	548	503
Shoreland Alteration	157	207
Mitigation	132	36
Erosion Control	23	27
Stormwater	5	5
Conditional Use	4	1
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	182	171
Total	2253	2321

<b>ADDITIONAL INFO</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Subdivisions	10	22
Condominiums	8	6
Rezoning	3	0
Regular Zoning Meetings	12	10
Additional Zoning Meetings	6	0
Land Use Meetings	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

## CONDENSED STATISTICS

FEES COLLECTED <sup>2</sup>	2016	2017
Zoning Permits	\$176,073.08	\$186,981.60
Shoreland Permits	\$21,125.00	\$28,350.00
Subdivisions	\$3,300.00	\$4,250.00
Condominiums	\$1,650.00	\$1,300.00
Rezones	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Conditional Use	\$2,400.00	\$600.00
Board of Adjustment	\$750.00	\$0.00
Fax / Misc.	\$942.06	\$638.00
Sanitary Permits <sup>3</sup>	\$163,024.90	\$153,374.28
Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation <sup>3</sup>	\$11,985.00	\$11,505.00
Wisconsin Shoreland Protection Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$382,450.04	\$386,998.88

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

<sup>3</sup> includes State fees

PERMIT SUMMARY BY TOWN	2016	2017
Arbor Vitae	221	189
Boulder Junction	184	176
Cloverland	86	82
Conover	177	214
Lac du Flambeau	250	375
Land O' Lakes	149	133
Lincoln	203	187
Manitowish Waters	111	133
Phelps	144	138
Plum Lake	103	106
Presque Isle	141	112
St. Germain	205	169
Washington	199	202
Winchester	108	105
City of Eagle River	1	0
Total	2281	2321

<b>ARBOR VITAE</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2016	2017
Single Family Dwellings	6	10
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	2
Commercial	2	5
Garages	28	34
Additions	13	7
Accessory Structures	4	5
Mobile Homes	2	0
All Other	35	42
Sanitary	56	50
Shoreland Alteration	11	11
Mitigation	5	0
Erosion Control	2	2
Stormwater	1	1
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	28	0
Violations	28	20
Total	221	189

<b>BOULDER JUNCTION</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2016	2017
Single Family Dwellings	11	13
Multiple Family Dwellings	3	0
Commercial	3	2
Garages	20	29
Additions	6	7
Accessory Structures	3	4
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	51	54
Sanitary	51	38
Shoreland Alteration	9	13
Mitigation	14	3
Erosion Control	0	3
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	2	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	11	10
Total	184	176

<i>Additional Information</i>	2016	2017
Subdivisions	1	1
Condominiums	0	0
Rezoning	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2016	2017
Subdivisions	1	2
Condominiums	1	0
Rezoning	1	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<b>CLOVERLAND</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2016	2017
Single Family Dwellings	5	4
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	2	1
Garages	11	19
Additions	4	5
Accessory Structures	3	7
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	21	15
Sanitary	23	16
Shoreland Alteration	2	7
Mitigation	6	1
Erosion Control	1	0
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	8	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>82</b>

<b>CONOVER</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2016	2017
Single Family Dwellings	12	14
Multiple Family Dwellings	1	0
Commercial	1	1
Garages	35	34
Additions	9	15
Accessory Structures	11	14
Mobile Homes	1	0
All Other	37	49
Sanitary	39	48
Shoreland Alteration	6	17
Mitigation	7	3
Erosion Control	1	2
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	17	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>214</b>

<i>Additional Information</i>	2016	2017
Subdivisions	1	2
Condominiums	1	0
Rezoning	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2016	2017
Subdivisions	2	3
Condominiums	3	0
Rezoning	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<b>LAC DU FLAMBEAU</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2016	2017
Single Family Dwellings	15	24
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	1
Garages	25	30
Additions	7	21
Accessory Structures	6	1
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	68	139
Sanitary	56	75
Shoreland Alteration	31	51
Mitigation	16	7
Erosion Control	5	7
Stormwater	1	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	20	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>375</b>

<b>LAND O' LAKES</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2016	2017
Single Family Dwellings	13	5
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	2
Garages	26	27
Additions	12	7
Accessory Structures	2	1
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	32	29
Sanitary	38	36
Shoreland Alteration	9	13
Mitigation	7	3
Erosion Control	3	2
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	7	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>133</b>

<i>Additional Information</i>	2016	2017
Subdivisions	2	2
Condominiums	0	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2016	2017
Subdivisions	0	2
Condominiums	0	2
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	1	0

<b>PHELPS</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2016	2017
Single Family Dwellings	8	9
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	2
Garages	23	22
Additions	8	7
Accessory Structures	2	2
Mobile Homes	1	3
All Other	35	39
Sanitary	26	33
Shoreland Alteration	9	9
Mitigation	12	0
Erosion Control	0	1
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	20	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>138</b>

<b>PLUM LAKE</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2016	2017
Single Family Dwellings	10	8
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	0
Garages	16	17
Additions	5	11
Accessory Structures	1	1
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	30	34
Sanitary	26	19
Shoreland Alteration	6	8
Mitigation	4	2
Erosion Control	0	2
Stormwater	0	1
Conditional Use	1	0
Board of Adjustment	1	0
Violations	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>106</b>

<i>Additional Information</i>	2016	2017
Subdivisions	0	0
Condominiums	1	1
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	1	0
	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2016	2017
Subdivisions	1	0
Condominiums	0	1
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0
	0	0

<b>LINCOLN</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2016	2017
Single Family Dwellings	9	11
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	4	4
Garages	30	37
Additions	5	10
Accessory Structures	10	4
Mobile Homes	1	0
All Other	52	43
Sanitary	49	37
Shoreland Alteration	11	9
Mitigation	14	2
Erosion Control	3	2
Stormwater	0	1
Conditional Use	0	1
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	15	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>187</b>

<b>MANITOWISH WATERS</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2016	2017
Single Family Dwellings	4	7
Multiple Family Dwellings	1	0
Commercial	0	0
Garages	10	21
Additions	6	9
Accessory Structures	0	0
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	31	38
Sanitary	29	30
Shoreland Alteration	12	18
Mitigation	7	3
Erosion Control	2	0
Stormwater	1	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	8	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>133</b>

<i>Additional Information</i>	2016	2017
Subdivisions	0	5
Condominiums	0	0
Rezones	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2016	2017
Subdivisions	1	0
Condominiums	0	1
Rezones	0	0
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<b>PRESQUE ISLE</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2016	2017
Single Family Dwellings	8	9
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	1
Garages	20	14
Additions	4	6
Accessory Structures	1	4
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	33	30
Sanitary	38	21
Shoreland Alteration	17	16
Mitigation	11	3
Erosion Control	3	1
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	6	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>112</b>

<b>ST GERMAIN</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2016	2017
Single Family Dwellings	15	12
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	2	2
Garages	35	41
Additions	12	5
Accessory Structures	5	3
Mobile Homes	0	1
All Other	50	48
Sanitary	50	37
Shoreland Alteration	7	5
Mitigation	10	0
Erosion Control	0	0
Stormwater	1	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	18	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>169</b>

<i>Additional Information</i>	2016	2017
Subdivisions	0	2
Condominiums	0	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2016	2017
Subdivisions	0	2
Condominiums	0	1
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0



<b>WASHINGTON</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2016	2017
Single Family Dwellings	13	13
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	0
Garages	31	35
Additions	8	13
Accessory Structures	2	9
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	52	50
Sanitary	48	40
Shoreland Alteration	18	18
Mitigation	15	6
Erosion Control	1	4
Stormwater	1	2
Conditional Use	1	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	9	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>202</b>

<b>WINCHESTER</b>		
<i>Permit Summary</i>	2016	2017
Single Family Dwellings	8	4
Multiple Family Dwellings	0	0
Commercial	0	0
Garages	13	15
Additions	7	7
Accessory Structures	2	0
Mobile Homes	0	0
All Other	33	31
Sanitary	18	23
Shoreland Alteration	9	12
Mitigation	4	3
Erosion Control	2	1
Stormwater	0	0
Conditional Use	0	0
Board of Adjustment	0	0
Violations	12	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>105</b>

<i>Additional Information</i>	2016	2017
Subdivisions	0	1
Condominiums	0	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

<i>Additional Information</i>	2016	2017
Subdivisions	1	0
Condominiums	2	0
Rezoning Comprehensive Plan Amendments	0	0

**RECYCLING PROGRAM**

<b>ITEMS RETURNED BY TYPE</b>		
<i>Summary</i>	2016	2017
Air Conditioner	1	0
Clothes Dryer	0	1
Dehumidifier	8	5
Dishwasher	0	3
Freezer	3	5
Humidifier	1	0
Microwave	6	1
Other		0
Refrigerator	13	9
Stove	1	0
Tires	104	113
Washing Machine	1	2
Water Heater	0	1
Total	138	140

<b>ITEMS RETURNED BY TYPE</b>		
Summary	2016	2017
Audio Speakers	0	0
Cell Phone	1	0
Computer (Tower)	4	4
Computer Keyboard	8	2
Computer Monitor	14	7
Computer Mouse	2	2
Desktop Printer	7	6
Digital Scanner	1	1
DVR	3	0
Fax Machine	2	0
Laptop Computer	4	0
Miscellaneous	2	315
Television	257	173
VCR/DVD	9	2
Wire/Cable	4	0
Total	318	512

## RECYCLING PROGRAM

<b>VOUCHERS RETURNED BY MUNICIPALITY</b>		
<i>Summary</i>	2016	2017
Arbor Vitae	13	20
Boulder Junction	7	15
Cloverland	9	24
Conover	10	21
County*	285	32
Eagle River	10	20
Lac du Flambeau	5	25
Land o' Lakes	10	11
Lincoln	32	17
Manitowish Waters	1	0
Phelps	15	17
Plum Lake	14	8
Presque Isle	14	17
St. Germain	14	16
Washington	15	10
Winchester	2	0
Total	456	253

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