

Methods for Identification of Recent Riparian Property Transfers

RETR database

You can find new shoreland owners for free using the online, searchable database Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Return (RETR):

<https://propertyinfo.revenue.wi.gov/WisconsinProd/forms/htmlframe.aspx?mode=content/home.htm>

This very flexible and robust advanced search option provides for selection criteria of county name (Vilas), conveyance date or range (e.g. last 6 months or past year), water frontage (in feet say from 1-10,000 to identify riparian properties). Generated search lists can then be sorted on line by municipality (e.g. Plum Lake, Arbor Vitae, Boulder Junction, etc.) in ascending or descending order to identify related lake associations. Each record contains property address and grantee (buyer/new owner) contact information (but not e-mail addresses or TN's). Water type or lake name is a field, but it is not being effectively utilized. Search results can be printed or exported to a CSV file.

Vilas County GIS

Reports, maps and property information for your lake can be generated from the free, online, searchable, web-based GIS and Map Portal tool created by the Vilas County Mapping and Land Information Office:

<https://maps.vilascountywi.gov/>

<https://vilas.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4985db04658c4ccfad7abd6d6dfe5505>

Owner Listings

A simple map that includes tools which allow for the selection and export of tax parcels records. Will also easily generate lake listings.

Lake Listing - Generate an owner listing by entering a lake name exactly as it is shown on the map, and by choosing the municipality in which the lake resides. Results can be exported to a CSV file, which can be imported into a spreadsheet program.

Map Layers - Allows the user to enter to turn data layers on/off, as well as adjust layer transparency.

Parcel Changes – Under the map layers tab, turn on parcel changes. Highlighting Vilas County tax parcels that have changes over various spans of time. Shows tax parcels that have changed ownership, mailing address, or computer number. Various timeframes are include so the user can choose those times that are pertinent to them.