Wisconsin Land Information Association

Wisconsin Counties Association
Monday Morning Meeting
April 22, 2024
Meet the Presenters!

Staci Hoffman
Board Member

Colter Sikora
President

Nik Anderson
Legislative Chair
What is WLIA?

Founded in 1987, WLIA is a grassroots organization representing a collection of concerned professionals working to develop, maintain, and apply a network of statewide land information systems. We are united by an interest in land records modernization, GIS, and related technologies.

WLIA.org
Who are we?

GIS Professionals  
Real Property Listers  
Foresters  
Urban Planners  
Register of Deeds  
Educators  
Conservationists  
Surveyors  
Land Developers  
Soil Scientists  
Photogrammetrists  
Emergency Management  
Assessors  
Students
Successes

Parcels

Lidar

Orthos
What County Government WLIA Members Do

- Record and tax parcel data
  (Left: Tax Foreclosures in Racine County)

- Maintain infrastructure
  (Right: Culvert Inventory in Sauk County)

- Enable emergency services
  (Next Generation 911)
What County Government WLIA Members Do

- Public notifications

(Right: Map-based property identifier and mailing label maker in Eau Claire County)
What County Government WLIA Members Do

- Tourism

(Left: Tourism and local business app in Bayfield County)
What State Government & Partner WLIA Members Do

- Broadband Expansion

(Right: Broadband coverage challenge map from Public Service Commission)

*Training Webinar Tuesday at 1 p.m.*
https://global.gotowebinar.com/eoin/7630097663434464351/6577336170559979610
WLIA Legislative Priorities - 2024

2023 Wisconsin Act 235 - Judicial Officer Privacy

WLIA Judicial Privacy Task Force

- How to implement shielding requirements

- What additional legislation can be adopted to:
  - Limit the scope of effort for County employees
  - Create more effective legislation
WLIA Legislative Priorities - 2024

Wisconsin Document Recording Fee and the Wisconsin Land Information Program

- AB915 - Bill to increase the fee from $30 to $45 and increase grant funding to counties
  - Fee has not been updated since 2010
  - The Land Info/GIS industry has seen incredible growth since the last increase

- Did not pass through committee

- Effort is on-going to provide a much needed stimulus to the WLIP

Lobbying Principals

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Demand for GIS & Land Information data has increased significantly in 14 years.
## Wisconsin Land Information Program

### Proposed Changes

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Unprecedented Revenue Trend in 2023-2024

30-year annual average of 1,274,034 documents recorded per year.

This equals $8,918,238 in Land Information Fund revenue (at $7 submitted per document recorded).

Due in large part to the increase mortgage interest rates and a limited supply of housing on the market in 2023, the register of deeds recordings declined to the lowest point in 30 years.
Upcoming Meetings

**Regional Meetings**
June 5 - 7
Hotel Marshfield, Marshfield

October 16 - 18
Radisson Hotel, La Crosse

**Annual Conference**
February 26 - 28, 2025
Hilton Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton, WI
Questions and Discussion

Thank you for your time!
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We’re a fun bunch!