



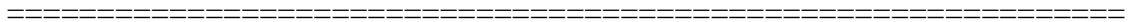
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Annual Report for 2017

2017 Staff

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- Shaun Wood.....GIS Coordinator
(Date of Hire – November 21, 2005)



Mission of the Iowa County Office of Planning & Development

Protect: The Office of Planning & Development commits to protecting the health, safety and general welfare of Iowa County’s citizens and to protect the county’s natural resources through the equitable enforcement and administration of land use codes and ordinances.

Plan: The Office of Planning & Development commits to providing professional planning techniques and services, including the integration of mapping with multiple layers of data (visit the GIS website), and to assist local jurisdictions in creating, supplementing and updating comprehensive plans that outline the vision, goals and values of Iowa County’s citizens.

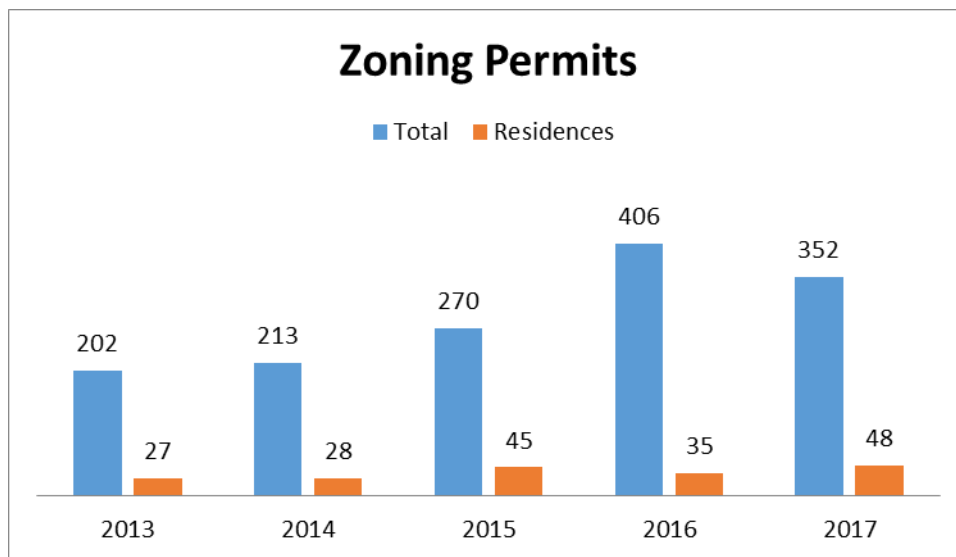
Educate: The Office of Planning & Development commits to providing opportunities for the public to become aware, understanding of and involved in solutions to all land use related issues that may impact Iowa County’s physical environment and the quality of life of its citizens.

Serve: The Office of Planning & Development commits to maintaining a focus on serving the interests of the Iowa County citizenry through continual staff development and training with the goal of increasing competency, public trust and stewardship of the public trust.

General Activity Comparison: 2016 to 2017

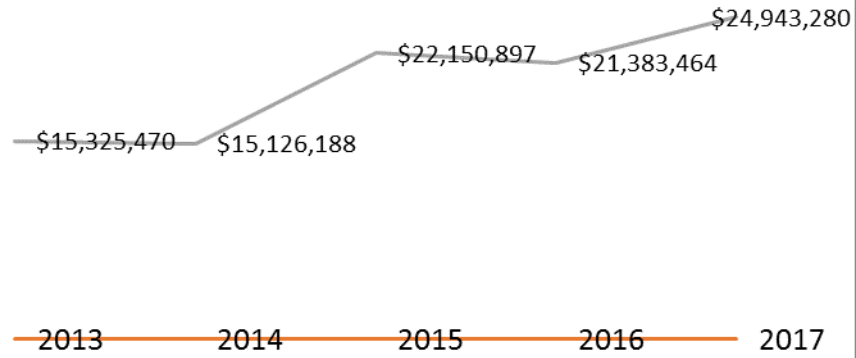
Five Year General Activity Comparisons

	Year to date	Same time last year	% change
Zoning permits	352	406	-13.30%
Permit project value	\$24,943,280	\$21,383,464	16.65%
New residences	48	35	37.14%
Floodplain/Shoreland pts	53	42	26.19%
Complaints/Violations	129	135	-4.44%
Certified survey map review	45	35	28.57%
Zoning Hearings	76	55	38.18%
Board of Adj hearings	5	6	-16.67%
Sanitary Permits	100	99	1.01%
Soil Tests Reviewed	81	59	37.29%
End of Year - 2017			



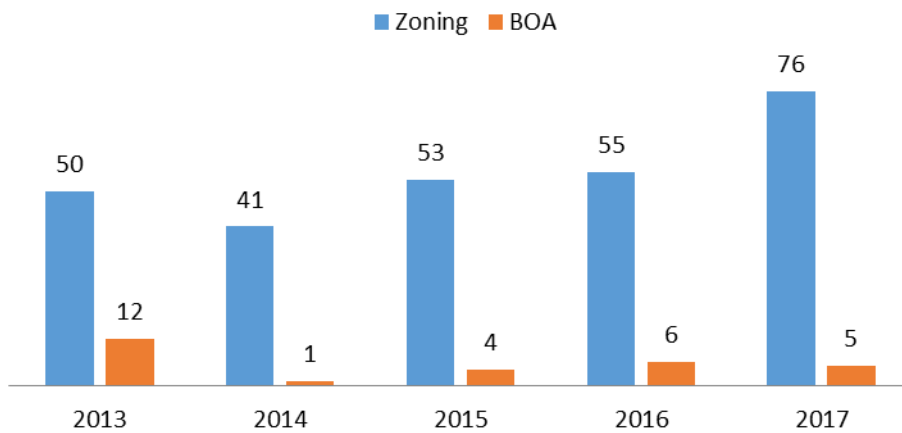
The 2017 total includes 147 permits issued for past violations; 3 new telecommunication towers (versus 8 in 2016); and 19 solar array developments.

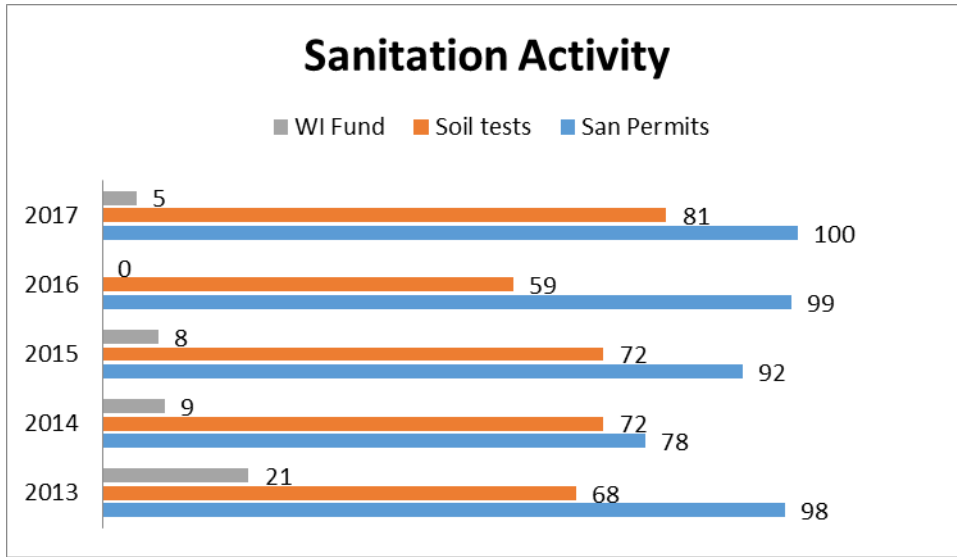
Zoning Permit Value as Reported by Applicant



These are self-reported values provided by the applicant.

Public Hearings





Project & Program Accomplishments

Farmland Preservation Planning

- The Farmland Preservation Zoning standards within the Iowa County Zoning Ordinance were revised per the updated plan, certified by DATCP, and approved by the County Board in February 2017.
- The Farmland Preservation Plan is under revision to incorporate the City of Mineral Point’s extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction area into the mapped Farmland Preservation Area in the plan.
- Staff worked with the Village of Highland to revise its Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance for consistency with the county’s Farmland Preservation Plan.

Nonmetallic Mining

- Onsite inspections were made for each of the 25 permitted mines for the required annual reporting. This is an opportunity for staff to work with mine operators in determining active mining acres, reclamation status and anticipated expansions.

Sanitation

- Of the 1540 private septic system maintenance notices sent for this year's cycle, only 100 citations had to be issued for failure to submit the required maintenance report. All but 3 have been dismissed due to compliance. There are about 6,500 private systems in Iowa County.
- Inspections were made on the installation of 82 septic systems, of which 14 were hold-overs from last year.
- Staff presented in a regional workshop for continuing education for plumbers and soil testers.
- Staff has digitized all archived sanitary permits so they can be sent upon request via email and more readily retrieved in-house.

Ordinance Revisions

- The Iowa County Zoning Ordinance text was revised to provide wind and solar development as conditional use permit options in farmland preservation zoning districts
- The Iowa County Zoning Ordinance provisions for use of campers/RVs outside approved campgrounds were revised to be more lenient
- Consideration of adding specialized zoning standards for unincorporated hamlets within the Iowa County Zoning Ordinance begun and will continue into 2018.

Complaints & Violations

- There were 129 violations investigated in 2017. Of these, 93 or 72% have been resolved by staff assisting property owners to achieve compliance versus issuing citations.
- An additional 17 violations were closed dating back to 2014.
- No citations were issued and no cases were referred to Corporation Counsel in 2017.
- There are 53 open violation cases dating back to 2013, out of a total of 379 cases during the same timeframe. This is an 86% closure rate.

GIS/Mapping

- 2851 edits were made to the E-911 database (3410 in 2016)
- 3432 tax parcels were mapped (2738 parcels mapped in 2016)
- Assisted 4 snowmobiling clubs in creating trail maps
- Created a new farmland preservation map for the Town of Mineral Point
- Created, combined, converted and submitted the County's parcel data to the State which gives the County full access to a \$50,000 grant we are using to acquire more PLSS corner coordinates
- Created a map for the UW-EX Conservation Days brochures
- Created maps for a Health Department mailer

- Created a map illustrating the results of a broadband survey
- Prepared the county's address and street data for use in the Sheriff Department's new CAD system
- Updated the county's ward election data and submitted to the State
- Orthophotography will be updated in 2018 by participating in a multi-county consortium and successfully obtaining a WI Land Information Program grant.
- Gained approval by the Land Information Council to create a GIS Project Position to assist with outstanding projects for the Highway Department. This position is paid for with retained fees and not the tax levy.

Comprehensive Plan

- Staff worked with the towns of Arena, Brigham and Dodgeville in reviewing their respective comprehensive plans. Ultimately, there may be revisions proposed to the county's plan to retain consistency with the town plans.

Other Accomplishments

- Ordered/processed 62 address signs
- Collaborated with the WDNR Water Management Specialist on projects with shared permitting jurisdictions
- Participated in the review/revision of the Iowa County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Staff participated in training on: private septic systems; floodplain management; shoreland zoning; nonmetallic mining reclamation; substantial damage assessment;
- Staff presentations: private septic system continuing education seminar for plumbers; Iowa County Towns Association on proposed unincorporated hamlet zoning standards; Town of Brigham density alternatives; collaboration with WI Counties Association on legislative matters at statewide conference

Organizations and Affiliations

- WI County Planning & Zoning Directors
- WI County Code Administrators
- WI Land Information Association
- WI Land Information Officer Network
- WI Chapter of the American Planning Association
- WI Counties Association Agriculture, Land Use and Environment Steering Committee
- Public Service Commission Wind Siting Council
- WI Association of Floodplain, Stormwater and Coastal Managers
- DATCP Livestock Facility Siting Review Board member

In conclusion...

Please feel free to find out more about what we do by contacting us or stopping in.
We're always open to questions and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

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