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GIS COORDINATOR/LAND INFORMATION OFFICER STATE BOARD APPOINTMENTS

On February 17, 2012, Barb Gibson, Vilas County Geographic Information System (GIS) Coordinator and Land Information Officer (LIO), was elected to a two year term on the Wisconsin Land Information Officers Network (LION) Board. According to the LION website, "The Land Information Officers Network was founded in 1999 as an organization with the following objectives and goals:

- To promote an understanding of the Wisconsin Land Information Program and county land information programs.
- To assist in developing successful county Land Information Offices by promoting professional practice, best practices, and communication.
- To encourage and support educational programs for its members.
- To promote a better understanding and appreciation of how land information officers serve the public interests."

Gibson has also accepted a one year appointment to the Wisconsin Land Information Association (WLIA) Board of Directors and serves on the Education Committee. According to the WLIA website, "The purpose of the Wisconsin Land Information Association is to foster the understanding, development, operation and maintenance of a network of statewide land information systems. These multipurpose land information systems require the spatial registration of various layers of land data that are maintained independently in various offices, agencies and organizations in both the private and public sectors. The registration of data from separate, but coordinated, information systems will provide the opportunity for all cooperating parties to access and use these valuable land data. Specifically, the Wisconsin Land Information Association's mission is focused on promoting sound policy, promoting interaction and cooperation, technical research and education."

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“Serving on these statewide boards is an honor,” stated Gibson, “as well as a unique opportunity for Vilas County to have a voice in the cooperative efforts in coordinating land information data with all 72 counties as well as federal, state and local agencies throughout Wisconsin.” Gibson also noted that these cooperative efforts provide valuable information which is condensed and easily used by various private industries, such as real estate, title, appraisal, and survey companies. These cooperative efforts have benefitted the residents of Vilas County in the ease in which maps and tax information is available for their property as well as ease and accessibility for the general public on property they may be interested in purchasing in Vilas County.



Photo Caption: Barb Gibson, Vilas County GIS Coordinator and Land Information Officer.

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