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VILAS COUNTY MAP POSTER CONTEST AWARDS AT WLIA

“On February 17, 2012, Vilas County received two awards in the Map Poster Contest at the annual Wisconsin Land Information Association (WLIA) Conference in Stevens Point.” announced Barb Gibson, Vilas County GIS Coordinator/Land Information Officer. “The 2012 Vilas County Land Atlas and Platbook earned a 1st Place award in the Map Books and Atlases Category. There were seven entries in this category. The Vilas County Online Map Portal Service earned a 2nd Place award in the Interactive Web-Based Mapping Site Category. There were 5 entries in this category. This contest is judged by an independent panel of land information professionals selected from the WLIA membership.”

“Both map products were designed and developed by Adam Grassl, Vilas County GIS Analyst.” Gibson further noted, “The primary goal of both projects was to develop quality map products, designed for public consumption which could be easily used at the lowest production cost possible.”

“The 2012 platbook has standard property ownership as well as additional information available, such as the 2010 color orthophoto draped over a terrain model to demonstrate elevation, lake information obtained from the WDNR and supervisory voting districts.”

Gibson added, “According to the Wisconsin Statutes 59.72(4)(b), in order for fees collected from the Register of Deeds to be retained for land information system modernization projects, Vilas County is required to design, develop, and implement a land information system and to make public records accessible on the Internet.”

The Online Map Portal was achieved through a combination of

- 1) retained fees from recorded documents in the Register of Deeds Office,
- 2) grant funding from the Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP), and
- 3) Vilas County general fund.

It has taken many years to acquire, develop and maintain the data and the infrastructure to serve the County's land information to the public through the Online Map Portal. Many County and contracted professionals have cooperated to provide the public with a 'one-stop shop' of land records (non-recorded) in digital form which may be used at any location, at any time, on any given day.

Gibson also noted, "The 2012 Vilas County Land Atlas and Platbook is available for purchase from the Vilas County Clerk's Office. Please call (715) 479-3600 or stop at the Courthouse (330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521 for further information. Public access to the Vilas County Online Map Portal is possible using the following link <http://vcgis.co.vilas.wi.us/webdocs/mapportal.htm>.

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Photo Caption: Adam Grassl, Vilas County GIS Analyst, with Vilas County WLIA awards.