

2004 Annual Report of the Office of Register of Deeds

Ozaukee County's Register of Deeds office performs four important functions for the public as well as internal County operations; Register of Deeds, Property Description, Land Information Systems and Internet Development. Below is a brief description of each function of the Register of Deeds office and what transpired in 2004.

Register of Deeds

This office continues to create surplus monies for Ozaukee County. While 2004 did not break 2003's record revenue, it was the second best year ever (see [Revenue](#) for more information). We recorded 26,797 real estate documents last year (see last 25 year [chart](#)). This was a downturn from last year in the number of documents recorded, which helped the office manage the conversion to our new document management system from Fidlar which grants Title Companies, bank and anyone interested to access the records through the Internet for a fee. To learn more about this system please check out [this information](#).

Property Description

The Property Description office maintains over 35,816 legal property descriptions including owner name and address, and references to how they acquired the property. This is the fundamental backbone of the assessment role. In addition the associated mapping of tax parcels is performed. Every deed that is recorded causes a change to the assessment roll.

Land Information

See separate report for detail information about the function of the Register of Deeds office. This office creates, compiles, maintains and distributes land information, which includes more than maps, but information associated with land in Ozaukee County. This office works with all county municipalities State and Federal government as well as the regional planning commission. The office is totally self-funded, by statute, through revenue generated specifically for this function collected through the Register of Deeds Office. No property levy is applied.

Internet Development

This function of the office not only develops and maintains the Ozaukee County website, but also develops and maintains websites for the following:

- [City of Port Washington](#)
- [Interurban Trail](#)
- [Master Gardener](#)
- [Ozaukee County 4-H](#)
- [Ozaukee County Historical Society](#)
- [Ozaukee Interurban Trail](#)
- [Ozaukee Tourism](#)
- [Ozaukee/Washington Collective Bargaining Agreements](#)
- [Town of Cedarburg](#)
- [Town of Fredonia](#)
- [Ulao Creek Partnership](#)
- [Village of Belgium](#)
- [Village of Newburg](#)
- [Wisconsin Association of County Officers](#)
- [Wisconsin Real Property Listers Association](#)
- [Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association](#)
- [Wisconsin Land Information Association](#)

As you can tell this facet of the office continues to grow each year. We currently have about 1500 visitors weekly to Ozaukee County's website and this continues to grow. For more statistical information on the Ozaukee County's website see both the Technology Resource and Land Information report.

Sincerely

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Documents Recorded the last 25 Years

