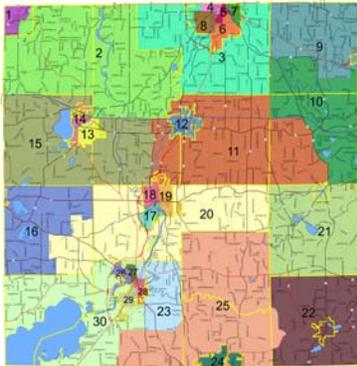


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Redistricting

The Land Information Office took the lead role in drawing the new supervisory district boundaries in 2011 under the direction of the Administration and Rules Committee. Jefferson County had a total of 83,686 persons counted in 2010 Census. This was 7,902 more persons over the 2000 Census. Many districts required significant changes in boundaries to follow Wisconsin Law that mandates them to be substantially equal in population and have boundaries that align with municipality borders whenever possible. The changes resulted in three districts that would be without an incumbent when the plan was adopted in September of 2011. However, in the April 2012 County Board election all of the 30 districts had candidates with 11 of them

contested. The Department also offered training and technical assistance to the 27 municipalities who are required to develop new voting wards that aligned with the county supervisory districts and conformed to state and federal legislative districts.

New County Surveyor

County Surveyor Tom Wollin retired on September 30th after 39 years of dedicated service to Jefferson County. His replacement Jim Morrow started work on November 14th. As part of the position review process, the surveyor duties were restructured to include a considerable amount of work that the Highway Department has previously been contracting out. The balance of his time is spent maintaining the public land survey system monuments, providing surveys for other county departments, and certified survey map/plat review.

Land Record Modernization Program Funding – NR151 GIS Tracking

Implementation of a new Geographic Information System (GIS) Program to track and report farm conservation plans and practices by the Land and Water Conservation Department was started in 2011. The program will leverage the county's investment in GIS to track all properties in the Farmland Preservation. The tracking program developed by Ruekert and Mielke of Waukesha with input from several Wisconsin counties and the Department of Natural Resources. The software will provide instantaneous reports that meet DNR specifications and site specific GIS maps for field and office review.

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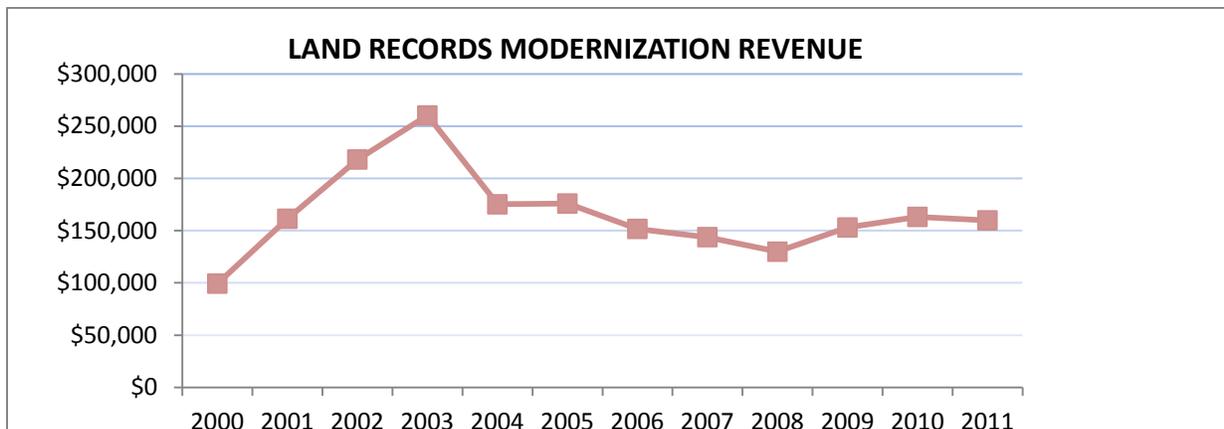
Land Information Program Revenues

The Land Records Modernization Plan is funded by a portion of the Register of Deeds Recording fee collected for each recorded document. The County retains six dollars for each document in the retained fund and two dollars in the public access fund. These funds are restricted to use for land records modernization projects that are identified in the County Land Records Modernization Plan.

COLLECTION PERIOD	DOCUMENTS SUBJECT TO FEES	COUNTY RETAINED	PUBLIC ACCESS	STATE ADMIN GRANTS	REMOTE ACCESS
2009	20,735	\$83,480	\$20,870	\$41,470	\$7,185
2010	17,631	*\$91,674	*\$28,175	\$35,262	\$8,073
2011	15,110	\$90,657	\$30,220	\$30,220	\$8,732

*On June 25, 2010 the retained fees increased from \$5 to \$6 per document in the retained fund and \$1 to \$2 per document the public access fund.

The total number of instruments recorded that are subject to the fees declined by 14% from 2000 through 2011. The impact on Land Information program revenues was mitigated in 2011 by being the first a full year of the increased per document fees noted under the table above.



Land Records Search - Public Access Internet Portal

The county Land Records Search developed by Management Information System (MIS) staff continues to be a heavily used website. The following chart shows the number of times these pages were viewed from an internal counter. It has undoubtedly saved public users and county staff countless hours on phone calls and travel.

Information Type	Web Pages Viewed	
	2010	**2011
Parcel Ownership and Assessment	427,354	1,241,551
Tax Detail	131,072	597,917
Deed and Sales	72,840	427,516
County Land Use and Other Permits	6,199	39,112
Assessment Detail	130,324	373,596
Totals	767,699	2,679,692

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**Many of these web page visits could be web robots scanning our website. For example the Google Analytics which filters out robotic scans counted 100,579 from October through December of 2011 for Parcel Ownership and Assessment page. This would extrapolate to 402,316 for the entire year.

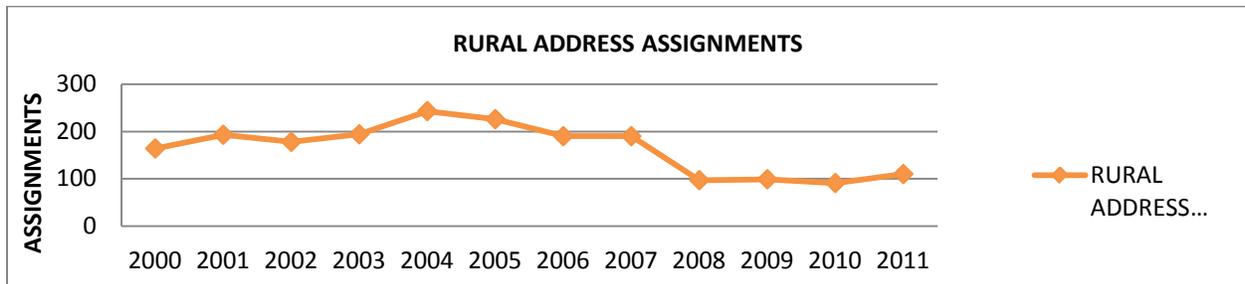
Property Listing

Real Estate activity continued at a slow pace in 2011. The new parcels in 2011 were offset by miscellaneous combinations and the vacation of a 57 lot subdivision in the City of Waterloo.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY MULTI-YEAR COMPARISON

YEAR	DOCUMENTS PROCESSED		RURAL ADDRESS ASSIGNMENTS		YEAR END TOTAL PARCELS	COMBINED OR VACATED PARCELS	NEW PARCELS	REVENUE MAP SALES ETC	
2009		2,999		99	43,292	4	66		\$16,734
2010		2,741		91	43,389	9	106		\$16,576
2011	+5%	2,880	+21%	110	43,406	76	93	-20%	\$13,336

The following graph illustrates rural address assignments over the last 11 years. There was a slight increase in 2011 which points toward gradual growth in new construction.



SURVEY ACTIVITY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

YEAR	CERTIFIED SURVEY MAPS	PLATS OF SURVEY	SUBDIVISION PLATS	STATE TRANSPORTATION PLATS	CEMETERY PLATS	CONDO PLATS
2009	57	162	2	5	6	6
2010	63	159	0	39	0	2
2011	77	166	0	17	0	1

Miscellaneous Survey Projects

Survey projects for other departments included the following: Locating a boundary lines on the countryside farm for Land and Water Conservation Department, Preparing a land exception legal description for a conservation easement in the Town of Oakland for the Farmland Conservation Easement Commission, determination of elevations for properties in the Emergency Management Flood Mitigation Program and providing an elevation bench mark for a septic replacement near the Rock River floodplain.

Respectfully Submitted

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