WHERE DO YOU LIVE AROUND BIG GREEN LAKE?

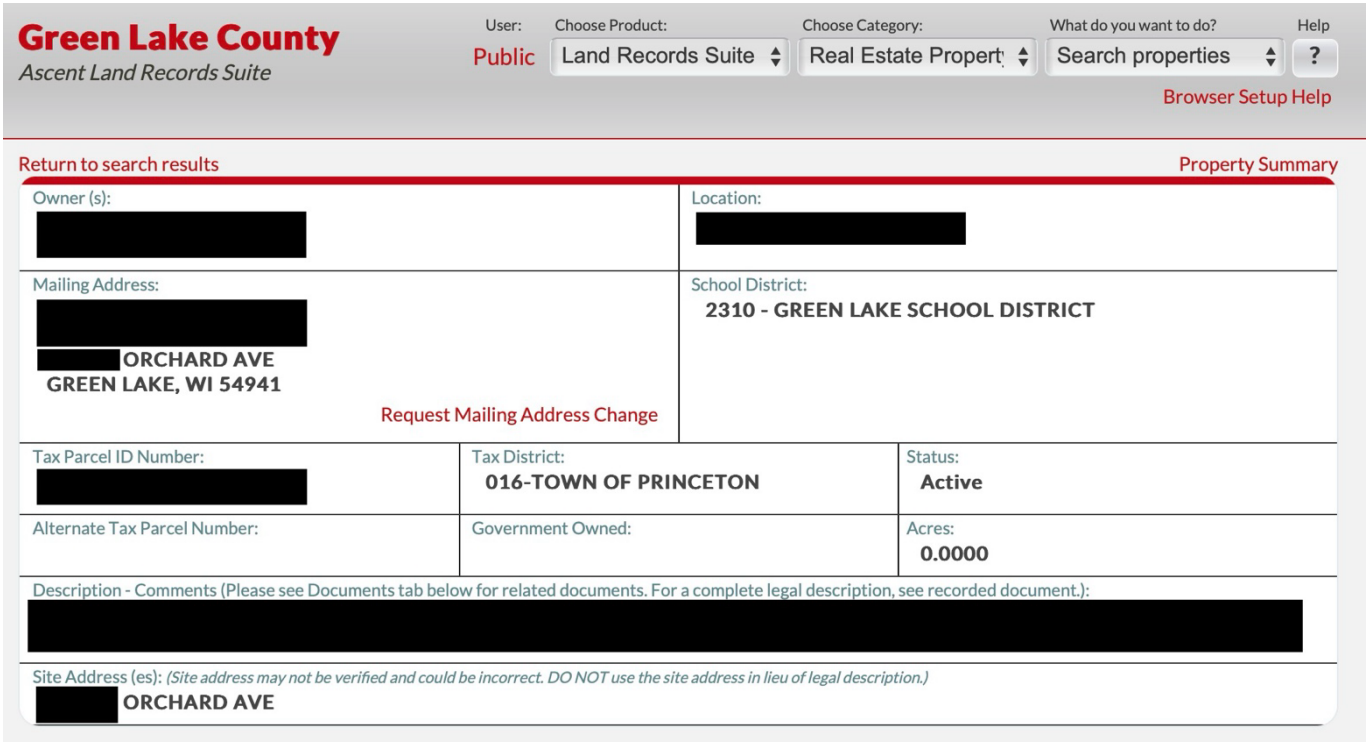
Living in the Big Green Lake area can be a little confusing. The City of Green Lake, Town of Brooklyn, Town of Green Lake, and Town of Princeton all surround the lake and even if you do not reside in the City of Green Lake, you may have 54941 zip code. Why is that?

To make things more complicated, you might live in the city or in one of the towns but be part of a different school district. Why does that happen?

And did you know that each of these places has its own local government?

Here is an example of a Green Lake County record that shows a Green Lake address in the Town of Princeton supporting the Green Lake School District

Take a moment to find out exactly where you live, the area that the 54941 zip code covers, and to which school district to which you pay taxes. It might clear up a few questions.



Green Lake County
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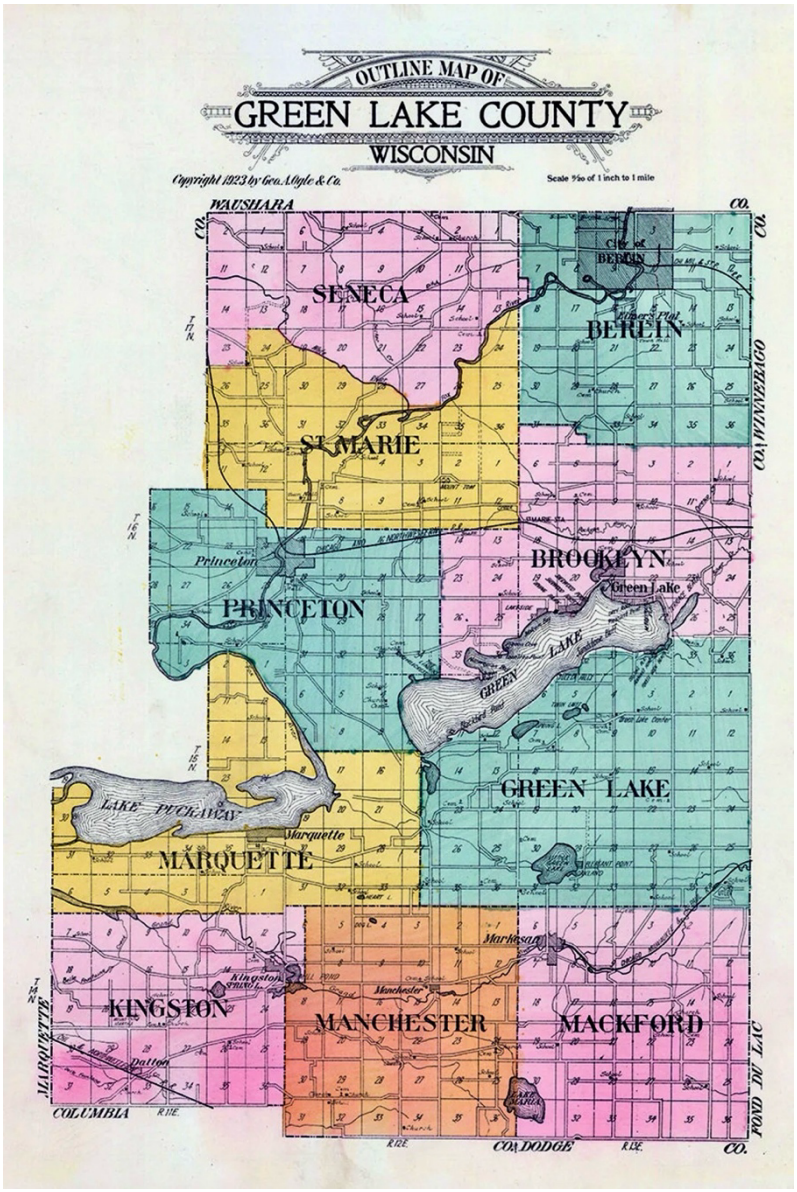
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Owner (s): [redacted]	Location: [redacted]
Mailing Address: [redacted] [redacted] ORCHARD AVE GREEN LAKE, WI 54941 Request Mailing Address Change	School District: 2310 - GREEN LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tax Parcel ID Number: [redacted]	Tax District: 016-TOWN OF PRINCETON	Status: Active
Alternate Tax Parcel Number:	Government Owned:	Acres: 0.0000

Description - Comments (Please see Documents tab below for related documents. For a complete legal description, see recorded document.): [redacted]

Site Address (es): *(Site address may not be verified and could be incorrect. DO NOT use the site address in lieu of legal description.)*
[redacted] ORCHARD AVE



Big Green Lake is bordered by several municipalities:

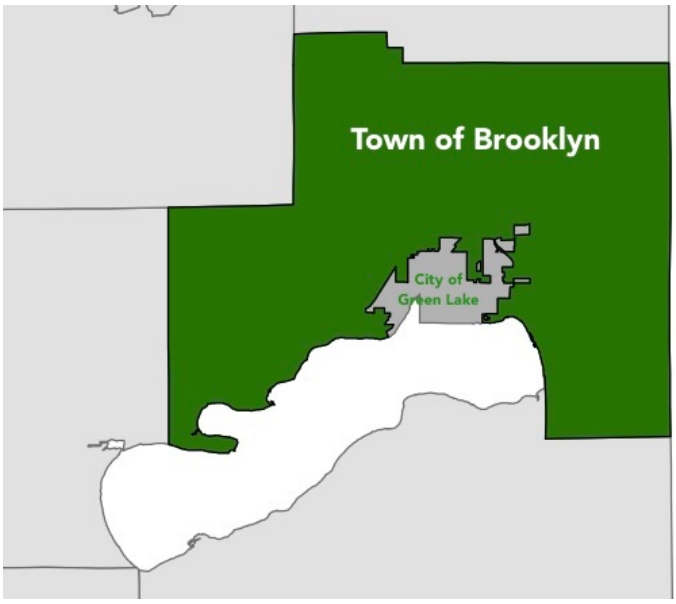
City of Green Lake: Located on the northeastern shore of the lake.

Town of Brooklyn: Situated to the north and northeast of the lake and extends to the eastern side of the lake.

Town of Green Lake: Encompasses areas to the west and northwest.

Town of Princeton: Covers the southern and southwestern shores.

TOWN OF BROOKLYN and CITY OF GREEN LAKE



The histories of Dartford (present day City of Green Lake) and of the Town of Brooklyn are one and the same in the beginning, since Dartford was a part of Brooklyn for many years, and therefore, a part of its government. Dartford became independent of Brooklyn when the Village of Dartford was incorporated on March 20, 1871. When the Town was organized January 10, 1849, the name was changed to Arcade. In the winter of 1850, the name was again changed to its present-day name of Brooklyn.

Towns generally encompass larger, rural areas and are responsible for providing basic services to residents in unincorporated communities.

Cities are incorporated municipalities with their own local governments, often established in areas with higher population densities and more complex infrastructure needs.
As Dartford (now the City of Green Lake) grew in population and infrastructure, it sought incorporation to manage local affairs more effectively, leading to its separation from the surrounding town.

Right now, the City of Green Lake has a relatively small tax base, but it still maintains eight parks and serves as the hub for downtown activities such as dining, concerts, art shows, community events, shopping, Green Lake schools, and the Caestecker Public Library. It even hosts an incredible 4th of July fireworks show.

Town of Brooklyn shares the operations of the Fire department, First Responders and the Caestecker Public Library and contributes to the City's Parks & Recreation.

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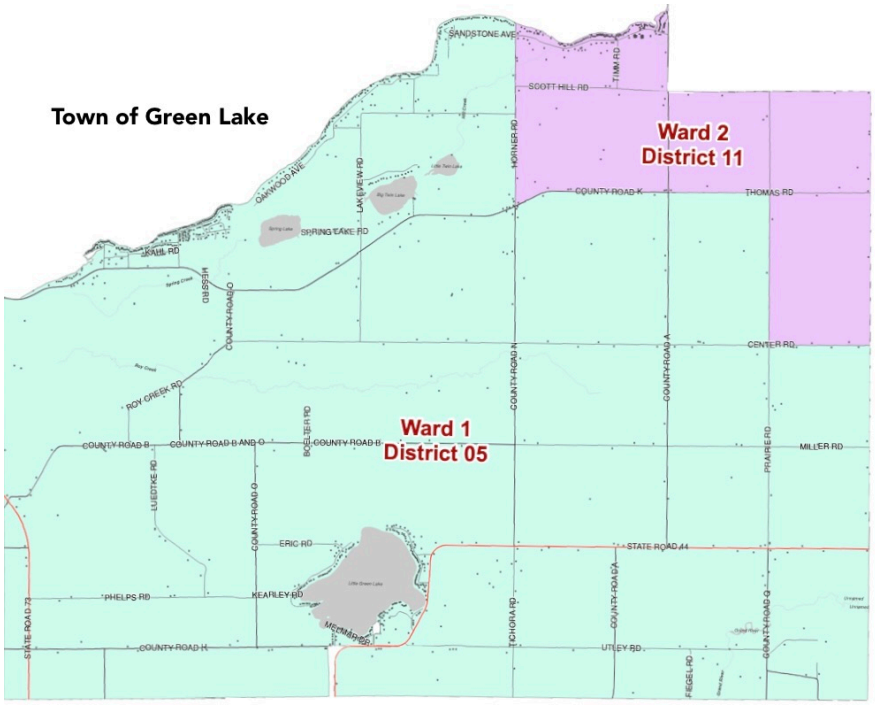
TOWN OF GREEN LAKE

The Town of Green Lake was established in the mid-19th century as part of the broader organization of Green Lake County, which itself was formed in 1858 from the Marquette County.

Early settlers, such as Anson Dart and William Bazely, arrived in the area around 1840, contributing to the development of the township. The town located on the southern side of Big Green Lake encompasses rural areas and unincorporated communities on the southern side of

Green Lake, including Forest Glen Beach, Greenwyck, Indian Hills, Sandstone Bluff, Spring Grove, Tuleta Hills, and Utley.

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TOWN OF PRINCETON



The western shore of Big Green Lake along (west of Sugar Loaf Road) and the unincorporated community of Green Lake Terrace is in the Town of Princeton

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HOW ZIP CODES WERE ESTABLISHED

The City of Green Lake and the Town of Brooklyn in Wisconsin share the ZIP code 54941 primarily due to the way the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) organizes ZIP codes based on mail delivery routes rather than strict municipal boundaries.

The shared ZIP code is a result of practical considerations for mail distribution rather than a reflection of any administrative or governmental connection between the City of Green Lake and the Town of Brooklyn.

ZIP code 54941 is centered around the City of Green Lake but extends into surrounding areas, including parts of the Town of Brooklyn. This approach is common in rural regions where population density is lower, and it allows the USPS to efficiently manage mail delivery across adjacent communities without assigning separate ZIP codes to each municipality.

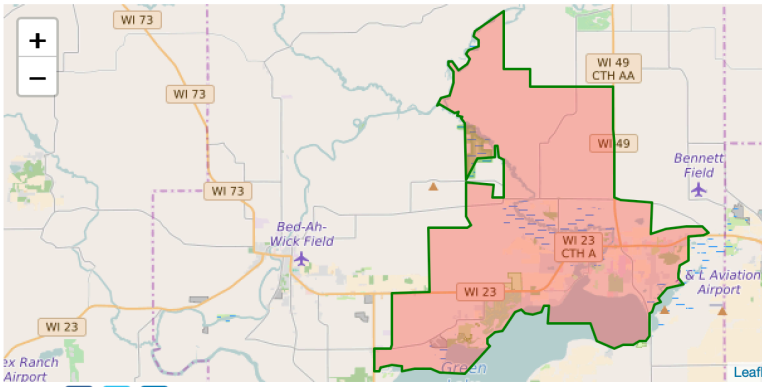
In Green Lake County, ZIP code 54941 encompasses not only the City of Green Lake but also portions of the Town of Brooklyn, as well as other nearby towns like St. Marie, Berlin, and Princeton. This overlap reflects the USPS's focus on delivery efficiency over aligning with local government boundaries. The zip code 54941 is entirely within Green Lake County. Regionally, 54941 is in the Green Bay-Appleton area.

https://www.zipdatamaps.com/54941

ZIP Code 54941 Quick Stats

ZIP Code Name	Green Lake
Primary County	Green Lake County
ZIP Code Type	Standard
Population (2022)	2,453
Area Code(s)	274 / 920
Current Time	07:03:07 AM CDT

ZIP Code 54941 Map



HOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS WERE ESTABLISHED

In Green Lake County, as in much of Wisconsin, property taxes may be paid to one city/town but help fund a school district located in another town due to how school district boundaries and municipal boundaries often do not align.

School district boundaries are established independently of town or city boundaries. So, a property located in the Town of Brooklyn could be part of the Green Lake School District, Markesan School District, or Berlin Area School District depending on where it falls within those overlapping boundaries.
You pay taxes to your municipality, but schools are funded regionally, so looking at a property tax bill, you pay it to your municipality (like the City of Green Lake). The municipality then forwards the appropriate portion of that payment to various taxing entities which includes the county, technical colleges, and the school district your property is in, regardless of whether that school district is located in a different town or city.

This setup is meant to ensure that public services, like education, are funded based on where students live, not just where school buildings are physically located. School districts are drawn to best serve the population rather than follow strict city or town lines.

The Green part of the map is the Green Lake School District.

