Land Use in the Region

2020

		Percent of
Land Use Category	Acres	Total
Urban		
Residential	268,148	15.6
Commercial	24,570	1.4
Industrial	25,019	1.5
Transportation, Communications, and Utilities	139,509	8.1
Governmental and Institutional	24,949	1.4
Recreational	36,040	2.1
Non-Urban		
Agricultural	657,720	38.2
Wetlands	205,879	12.0
Woodland	136,422	7.9
Water	54,529	3.2
Other Open Lands	148,573	8.6
Total	1,721,358	100.0

2010

		Percent of
Land Use Category	Acres	Total
Urban		
Residential	256,615	14.9
Commercial	22,781	1.3
Industrial	22,509	1.3
Transportation, Communications, and Utilities	136,827	7.9
Governmental and Institutional	23,663	1.4
Recreational	35,865	2.1
Non-Urban		
Agricultural	739,534	43.0
Wetlands	201,706	11.7
Woodland	122,477	7.1
Water	54,203	3.1
Other Open Lands	105,278	6.1
Total	1,721,459	100.0

2000

		Percent of
Land Use Category	Acres	Total
Urban		
Residential	231,474	13.4
Commercial	19,353	1.1
Industrial	21,047	1.2
Transportation, Communications, and Utilities	129,702	7.5
Governmental and Institutional	21,545	1.3
Recreational	32,261	1.9
Non-Urban		
Agricultural	804,090	46.7
Wetlands	176,939	10.3
Woodland	117,961	6.9
Water	49,523	2.9
Other Open Lands	117,559	6.8
Total	1,721,454	100.0

Notes: Parking is included with the associated land use category.

Other open lands includes extractive, landfills, and unused lands.

Land use of municipalities located in multiple counties is presented in each county.

Source: Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission