

Town of Brentwood Historical Land Use (Acres)

Land Use Type	1962	1974	1998	2005	2010	2015	2010 to 2015 Change in Acreage	2010 to 2015 Percent Change
Active Agricultural	1,794	1,376	1,020	832	822	829	7	0.85%
Aux Transportation				62	63	64	1	1.59%
Farmsteads	51	42	16	139	146	138	-8	-5.48%
Forested	7,963	7,894	7,143	5,494	5,432	5,238	-194	-3.57%
Industrial/Commercial	73	104	327	370	417	460	43	10.31%
Mixed Urban		2	48	36	36	36	0	0.00%
Open Wetlands	201	183	206	1,252	1,248	1,247	-1	-0.08%
Other/Idle	335	519	538	817	773	797	24	3.10%
Playing Fields/Recreation				29	29	37	8	27.59%
Railroad								
Residential	322	585	1,304	1,386	1,440	1,505	65	4.51%
Transportation	90	104	133	209	213	267	54	25.35%
Utilities				58	64	65	1	1.56%
Water	34	55	129	181	182	181	-1	-0.55%
Total	10,863							

Note: Years 1962, 1974, and 1998 were compiled with a slightly different methodology than 2005, 2010, and 2015. Aux Transportation, Playing Fields and Utilities are categories only broken out in 2005, 2010, and 2015. Classification of Open Wetlands improved between 1998 and 2005 due to higher quality aerial photos. Many Open Wetlands had previously been classified as Forested. Classification of Playing Fields/Recreation improved in 2015 to ensure that those in proximity to a school were classified as Education.

Land Use Definitions

Active Agricultural: This category includes fields, pastures, row crops, orchards, etc. It does not include farm buildings.

Aux Transportation: This category includes parking structures/lots, designated park & ride lots, margins along roadways, and medians.

Farmsteads: This category includes farm buildings.

Forested: This category includes forests.

Industrial/Commercial: This category includes commercial, services, government, educational, indoor cultural/public assembly, industrial, office parks, and shopping malls.

Mixed Urban: This category includes mixed residential-commercial, outdoor cultural/public assembly, and cemeteries.

Open Wetlands: This category includes all visible wetlands (recognizing that some forested wetlands will be indistinguishable).

Other/Idle: This category includes mining areas, vacant developed land, brush or transitional between open and forested, salt flats, beaches and river banks, sandy areas (non-beaches), bare/exposed rock, strip mine/quarry or gravel pit, and disturbed land (for example, construction).

Playing Fields/Recreation: This category includes outdoor recreation not associated with a school.

Railroad: This category includes railroad transportation.

Residential: This category includes multi-family, single family, mobile home parks, and group/transient quarters.

Transportation: This category includes air transportation, water transportation, limited and controlled highway rights-of-way, and road rights-of-way.

Utilities: This category includes communication, electric, gas, water, wastewater, and solid waste utilities.

Water: This category includes all surface water features (not including wetlands).

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