

Town of Salem Historical Land Use (Acres)

<i>Land Use Type</i>	<i>1962</i>	<i>1974</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2010 to 2015 Change in Acreage</i>	<i>2010 to 2015 Percent Change</i>	
<i>Active Agricultural</i>	1,693	928	250	248	275	240	-35	-12.73%	
<i>Aux Transportation</i>				103	112	162	50	44.64%	
<i>Farmsteads</i>	57	38		21	21	15	-6	-28.57%	
<i>Forested</i>	9,564	8,579	6,984	4,839	4,779	4,488	-291	-6.09%	
<i>Industrial/Commercial</i>	569	1,095	1,558	1,250	1,233	1,318	85	6.89%	
<i>Mixed Urban</i>	147	160	312	148	148	150	2	1.35%	
<i>Open Wetlands</i>	287	257	158	1,540	1,540	1,540	0	0.00%	
<i>Other/Idle</i>	779	811	414	602	604	641	37	6.13%	
<i>Playing Fields/Recreation</i>				402	430	406	-24	-5.58%	
<i>Railroad</i>									
<i>Residential</i>	2,403	3,551	5,598	5,966	5,956	6,044	88	1.48%	
<i>Transportation</i>	338	416	531	615	635	731	96	15.12%	
<i>Utilities</i>				30	30	29	-1	-3.33%	
<i>Water</i>	733	735	766	808	808	805	-3	-0.37%	
<i>Total</i>	16,570								

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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