

## Town of Stratham 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>	2,707	2,182	1,310	934	934	937	3	0.32%	
<i>Aux Transportation</i>				42	44	44	0	0.00%	
<i>Farmsteads</i>	82	62	25	89	92	91	-1	-1.09%	
<i>Forested</i>	5,772	5,767	5,226	3,059	2,995	2,940	-55	-1.84%	
<i>Industrial/Commercial</i>	52	85	239	296	334	369	35	10.48%	
<i>Mixed Urban</i>	9	9	70	11	14	14	0	0.00%	
<i>Open Wetlands</i>	277	293	306	1,643	1,634	1,635	1	0.06%	
<i>Other/Idle</i>	331	568	462	663	642	583	-59	-9.19%	
<i>Playing Fields/Recreation</i>				111	101	105	4	3.96%	
<i>Railroad</i>				2	2	2	0	0.00%	
<i>Residential</i>	355	589	1,829	2,415	2,471	2,529	58	2.35%	
<i>Transportation</i>	91	105	186	256	258	267	9	3.49%	
<i>Utilities</i>				127	127	131	4	3.15%	
<i>Water</i>	227	241	247	254	254	254	0	0.00%	
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>9,902</b>								

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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