

RACINE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FACT SHEET

Inventory of Existing Land Uses and Transportation Facilities & Services (Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan Preliminary Draft Chapter IV)

Existing Land Uses

Urban Land Uses: 2000

50,345 acres (about 23% of Racine County) were developed with urban land uses. Of these uses:

23,450 acres (46% of all urban land in the County) were residential.

- 13,350 acres (27%) were transportation, communication and utilities.
- 3,000 acres (6%) were intensive recreational
- 2,430 acres (5%) were industrial.
- 2,280 acres (4%) were governmental and institutional.
- 1,930 acres (4%) were commercial land.
- 3,900 acres (8%) were unused urban land.

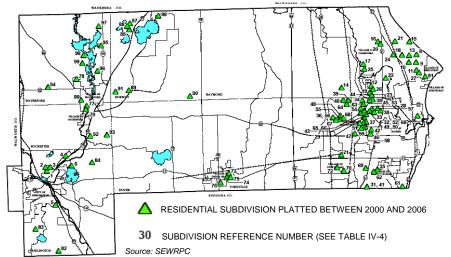
Between 1963 and 2000, the amount of land used for urban uses increased by 20,800 acres, or approximately 70%.

In that time period, 13 municipalities experienced over 75% increase in urban land use; 4 municipalities experienced an increase of over 100%.

EXISTING LAND USE IN THE RACINE COUNTY PLANNING AREA: 2000			
LAND USE CATEGORY	ACRES	% OF URBAN/ NONURBAN	% OF TOTAL
Urban			
Residential			
Single-Family	21,900	43.5	10.0
Multi-Family	1,547	3.1	0.7
Subtotal	23,447	46.6	10.7
Commercial	1,929	3.8	0.9
Industrial	2,429	4.8	1.1
Transportation, Communication & Utilities			
Streets & Highways	11,399	22.7	5.2
Railroads	866	1.7	0.4
Other	1,088	2.2	0.5
Subtotal	13,353	26.6	6.1
Governmental & Institutional	2,278	4.5	1.0
Recreational	3,008	6.0	1.4
Unused Urban	3,901	7.7	1.8
URBAN SUBTOTAL	50,345	100.00	23.0
Nonurban			
Natural Areas			
Surface Water	5,201	3.1	2.4
Wetlands	15,885	9.5	7.3
Woodlands	12,679	7.6	5.8
Subtotal	33,765	20.2	15.5
Extractive and Landfill	1,619	1.0	0.7
Agricultural	125,185	74.5	57.5
Unused Rural	7,136	4.3	3.3
NONURBAN SUBTOTAL	167,705	100.00	77.0
TOTAL	218,050	_	100.0

Source: SEWRPC

RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS PLATTED IN THE RACINE COUNTY PLANNING AREA: 2000-2005



Between 2000 and 2005, residential development included 99 residential subdivision and condominium plats, which created 3,264 residential lots on 2,864 acres.

Residential Development

Industrial & Business Park Development

In 2005, there were a total of 19 industrial and business parks encompassing 2,100 gross acres. Of these, 15 had available sanitary sewer service.

LAND USES

Nonurban Land Uses: 2000

Approximately 167,700 acres (about 77% of the County) were in agricultural or nonurban uses, including:

- 125,200 acres (75% of all nonurban land) agricultural
- 33,800 acres (20%) natural resource areas
- 8,700 acres (5%) extractive, landfill and unused lands

Between 1963 and 2000, the percentage of land classified as "nonurban" decreased by about 11%, or 20,800 acres.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES & SERVICES

Streets and Highways

In 2005, there were 421 miles of arterial streets and highways in Racine County. (Arterial streets and highways provide a high degree of mobility, serving through-movement of traffic between and through urban areas.)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Racine County has developed 4 off-street bike paths within former electric interurban railway rights-of-way: the Burlington Trail, the Milwaukee-Racine-Kenosha (WRK) Trail, the North Shore Trail and the Waterford-Wind Lake Trail. SEWRPC is currently updating information about bicycle facilities in the County.

There has not been a comprehensive inventory of pedestrian facilities in Racine County.

Interregional Public Transportation

Passenger Rail Service

Intercity passenger rail service is provided by Amtrak. The Amtrak Station is located in the Village of Sturtevant. There are no service stops in the City of Racine Central Business District (CBD).

- Hiawatha route provides service between Milwaukee and Chicago (seven round trips, Monday through Saturday; and six on Sunday)
- Empire Builder provides one daily round trip between Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis-St. Paul and Seattle.

Bus Service

The Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee Commuter bus is provided by Wisconsin Coach Lines/Coach USA. Service includes:

- Fixed-route express transit service between the Cities of Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha; two alignment routes though Racine County
- Airport Express route provides service over I-94 between downtown Milwaukee and Chicago's O'Hare and Midway Airports, with a stop at General Mitchell International Airport.

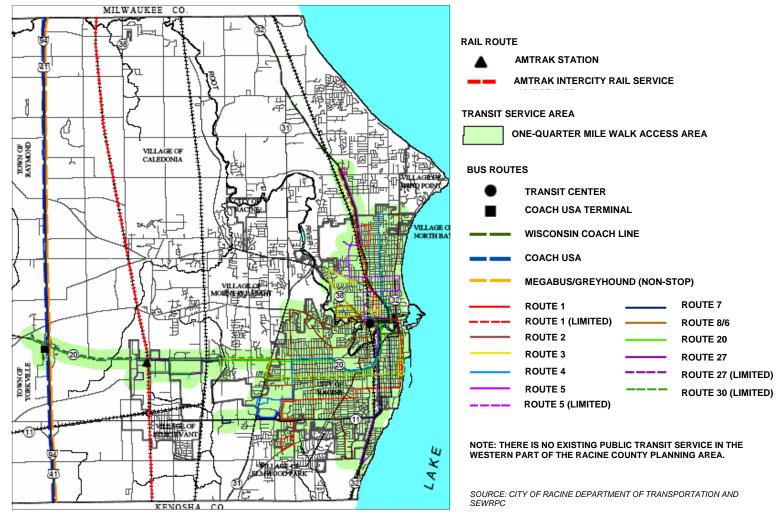
Scheduled Air Carrier Service

Air carrier service is provided by Milwaukee General Mitchell International Airport. 13 airlines offer over 450 scheduled daily flights between Milwaukee and 90 other cities and metropolitan areas.

Ferry Service

In 2007, passenger and car ferry services were provided across Lake Michigan, between Milwaukee and Muskegon, Michigan by Lake Express, LLC. Services included three round trips daily in the spring and summer; two round trips daily in the fall.

PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE IN THE RACINE COUNTY PLANNING AREA: 2006



Urban Public Transportation

Local Transit System

Belle Urban Service (BUS) provides local public transit in the City of Racine and its immediate vicinity. There are 9 fixed routes, including 7 regular routes operating largely within the City.

- 7 routes radiate outward from the downtown area.
- 2 routes extend beyond the City, including one to a shopping center in the Village of Caledonia
- 2 routes provide service to major employment centers in the Village of Mt. Pleasant and the Town of Yorkville.
- Services are provided on weekdays from 5:30 am midnight; on Saturdays from 7:00 am 10:30 pm; and on Sundays from 9:30 am - 7:00 pm.
- Adult cash fare is \$1.50 per trip.
- Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, BUS also offers "trolley" service (a bus designed to resemble a trolley) in the downtown area. Services are provided Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 am 4:00 pm, and from 4:00 pm to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Fare is \$0.25 per trip.

Specialized Transportation Services

Racine County Human Services Department administers two major programs that provide door-to-door transportation services throughout Racine County:

- advanced reservation services to elderly persons and people with disabilities for general travel;
- fixed-route, fixed-schedule transportation to persons with developmental disabilities who are participating in training and employment programs

Medical-purpose trips are provided by Lakeshore Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross (non-profit), and K&S Medical Transport and Laidlaw Transit, Inc. (for profit),

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES & SERVICES

Park-Ride

As of 2007, there are three public park-ride facilities in Racine County, including lots at Highway 20, west of IH94 in Ives Grove (76 spaces), at Highway 11, east of IH94 (60 spaces), and at the Village of Sturtevant Amtrak Station.

Rail Freight

In 2006, three railway companies provided railway freight service within Racine County:

- Union Pacific Railroad
- Canadian Pacific Railway
- Canadian National Railway

Airports and Heliports

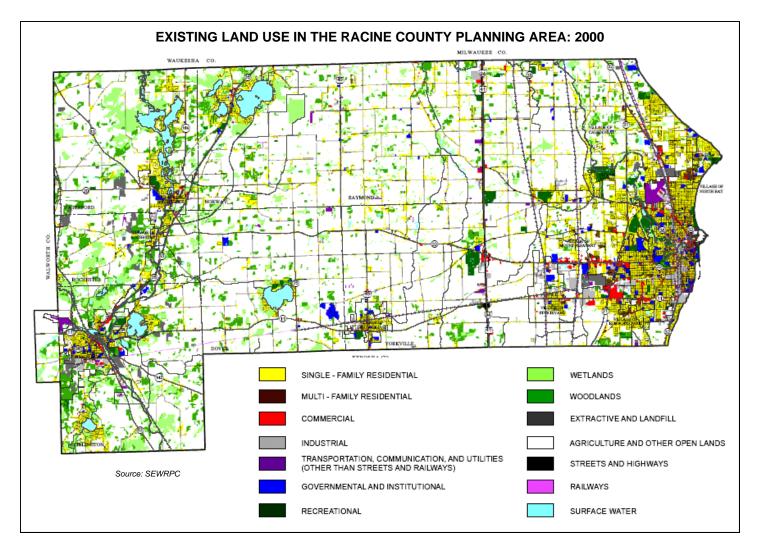
In 2006, there were 15 airports/heliports in Racine County, all of which serve general aviation needs:

- 6 public-use: 1 publicly owned (Burlington Municipal), 5 privately owned (John H Batten, Cindy Guntly Memorial, Fox River, Sylvania and Valhalla)
- 4 private-use airports
- 5 private-use heliports

Marinas, Harbors and Ports

In 2006, there were a total of 7 privately-owned marinas in Racine County:

- 6 are located in the City of Racine
- 1 is located in the Village of Waterford



For a copy of the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan Draft Chapter IV, please visit the Racine County Smart Growth website: http://racine.uwex.edu/cnred/SmartGrowth.html