

Twin Cities Region

Land Use (in Acres)	1970	1975	1980	1984	1990		1997		2000		2005	
					MUSA	Total	MUSA	Total	MUSA	Total	MUSA	Total
Residential Total	206,596	226,838	249,121	263,538	216,707	301,154	243,455	342,889	276,242	368,610	291,168	396,578
Single Family Total			234,238	246,165	194,713	279,030	212,827	311,949	241,606	333,703	250,397	355,046
Single family detached									237,034	310,579	246,569	334,594
Manufactured housing park									2,450	2,776	2,398	2,727
Seasonal/vacation									267	589	230	566
Farmstead			16,228	16,272	853	16,760	641	18,801	1,854	19,759	1,199	17,159
Multifamily Total			14,883	17,373	21,994	22,124	30,628	30,940	34,636	34,907	40,771	41,532
Single family attached									19,515	19,710	24,855	25,232
Multifamily									15,028	15,081	15,269	15,349
Mixed use residential									94	116	647	951
Commercial Total	14,126	16,430	18,295	19,714	21,751	24,044	26,434	29,314	30,473	32,273	33,469	35,789
Retail									26,093	27,832	27,001	29,217
Office									4,096	4,108	6,030	6,087
Mixed use commercial									284	333	438	484
Industrial Total	34,967	38,133	41,254	42,987	38,390	47,862	42,344	53,237	47,562	56,242	47,835	57,958
Industrial and utilities					32,622	40,410	33,302	38,731	32,725	37,295	33,525	38,920
Extractive							2,728	6,609	3,167	6,439	3,154	6,962
Mixed use industrial									2,896	2,980	3,316	3,413
Airports					5,768	7,452	6,314	7897	6,458	6,766	5,578	5,967
Railways									2,315	2,762	2,262	2,697
Institutional and Recreational Total	118,766	140,839	144,581	145,713	78,407	156,320	94,566	184,272	116,149	195,833	126,737	215,856
Institutional			27,105	27,383	24,917	29,455	28,716	33,434	30,075	32,548	31,162	34,165
Parks and recreational			117,476	118,330	53,490	126,865	65,850	150,838	86,074	163,286	95,575	181,691
Parks									73,400	143,034	82,684	159,858
Golf courses									12,674	20,252	12,891	21,833
Major 4-Lane Highways	16,750	17,091	17,557	18,486	16,111	20,719	17,179	21,940	21,271	25,458	23,305	28,349
Nonurbanized Land Total	1,400,883	1,352,430	1,321,990	1,302,340	150,808	1,242,880	118,825	1,159,655	178,403	1,101,752	147,363	1,045,356
Wetlands					25,506	195,087	21,805	184,554	33,246	169,285	28,128	162,166
Areas with 18% or greater slope									3,097	13,906	2,568	12,799
Undeveloped and Agricultural					125,302	1,047,793	97,020	975,101	142,060	918,561	116,667	870,392
Undeveloped									89,455	342,081	74,755	316,114
Agricultural									52,605	576,480	41,913	554,278
Open Water Bodies	111,078	111,078	111,078	111,098	50,391	111,816	51,423	112,375	60,855	123,971	61,058	124,128
Total	1,903,166	1,902,839	1,903,876	1,903,876	572,565	1,904,795	594,226	1,903,682	730,955	1,904,139	730,934	1,904,013

The National Wetlands Inventory (NWI, data collected during the 1980s) was used to define the wetland boundaries and acres. Based on NWI, wetlands in this county total 352,984 acres (including open water).

Source: Metropolitan Council.