

## Land Use: 1990-2000

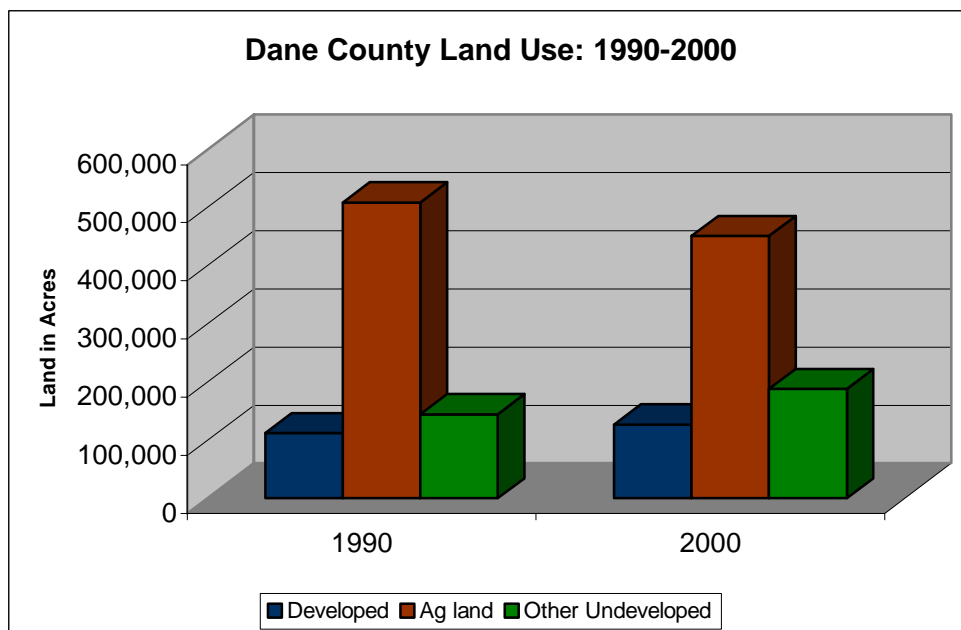
**Land Use: 1990-2000.** Dane County's developed land use increased by about 14,400 acres or nearly 13% between 1990 and 2000. Ag and undeveloped land use decreased by 14,400 acres or -2.2%. However, crop and pasture land, which makes up over 70% of undeveloped land use, decreased about 58,000 acres or over 11%, while other undeveloped lands (woodlands and other open lands) increased by 43,600 acres or 14% between 1990 and 2000. Therefore, development during the 1990s caused from 30% to 40% of the loss of crop and pasture land (farmland).

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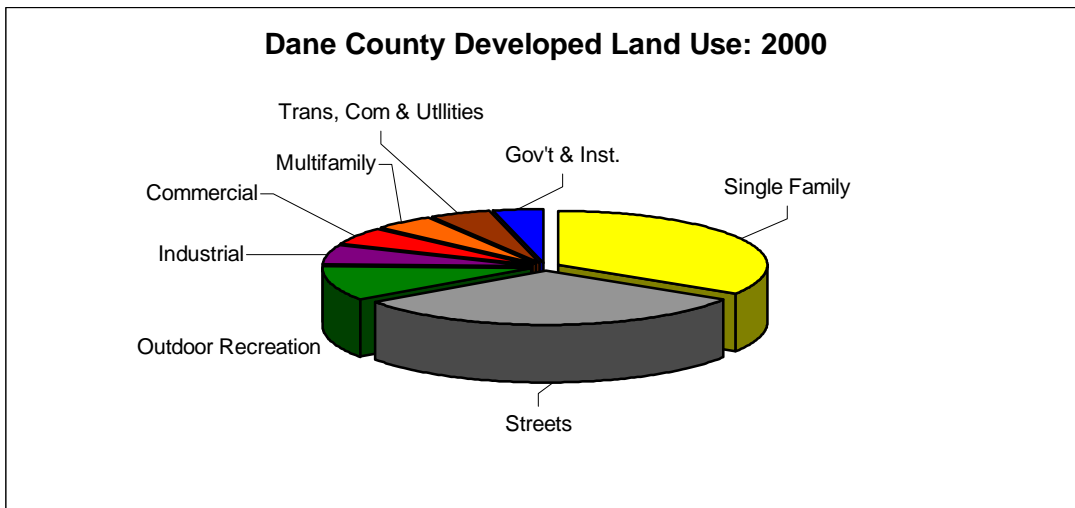
Land Use	1990			2000			1990-2000	
	Acres	%Subtotal	%Total	Acres	%Subtotal	%Total	Number	Percent
Single Family Residential	42,710	37.9%	5.6%	43,195	34.0%	5.6%	485	1.1%
Other Residential	5,292	4.7%	0.7%	5,998	4.7%	0.8%	707	13.4%
Streets Rights-Of Way	33,642	29.9%	4.4%	39,774	31.3%	5.2%	6,132	18.2%
Outdoor Recreation	11,103	9.9%	1.4%	13,133	10.3%	1.7%	2,031	18.3%
Industrial	5,190	4.6%	0.7%	7,362	5.8%	1.0%	2,171	41.8%
Commercial	4,725	4.2%	0.6%	6,664	5.2%	0.9%	1,939	41.0%
Transport, Com. & Utilities	5,292	4.7%	0.7%	5,846	4.6%	0.8%	554	10.5%
Governmental & Institutional	4,707	4.2%	0.6%	5,083	4.0%	0.7%	375	8.0%
<b>Developed Land Subtotal</b>	<b>112,660</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>127,055</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>14,395</b>	<b>12.8%</b>
Woodlands	81,447	12.5%	10.6%	91,034	14.2%	11.9%	9,587	11.8%
Other Open Lands*	53,441	8.2%	7.0%	84,184	13.2%	11.0%	30,743	57.5%
Vacant, Unused Land	10,031	1.5%	1.3%	13,263	2.1%	1.7%	3,232	32.2%
Cropland and Pasture	509,009	77.8%	66.4%	451,052	70.5%	58.8%	-57,957	-11.4%
<b>Undeveloped Subtotal</b>	<b>653,928</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>85.3%</b>	<b>639,532</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>83.4%</b>	<b>-14,395</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>
<b>Total Land Area</b>	<b>766,587</b>		<b>100.0%</b>	<b>766,587</b>		<b>100.0%</b>		
<b>Water*</b>	<b>26,748</b>			<b>26,748</b>				
<b>Total Area</b>	<b>793,335</b>			<b>793,335</b>				

Source: Dane County Regional Planning Commission, Land Use Inventory: 1990 & 2000

\*Adjusted to 2000 GIS data



**Developed Land Use: 2000.** Dane County's developed land use in 2000 made up 127,055 acres or nearly 17% of the County's land area. In 1990 developed land made up nearly 15% of the land area. The largest developed land use is single-family residential, which was about 43,200 or more than 37% of the County's developed area. The second largest land use was street rights-of-way, accounting for nearly 39,800 acres or more than 34% of the developed area. Parks and outdoor recreation, which does not include natural areas, made up over 13,100 acres or more than 11% of the developed area.



**Ag and Undeveloped Land Use: 2000.** Dane County's agricultural and undeveloped land use in 2000 made up 639,532 acres or about 83% of the County's land area. The largest undeveloped land use was crop and pasture land, which made up more than 451,000 acres or 70% of the undeveloped land area and nearly 59% of the County's total land area. The second largest undeveloped land use was woodlands with more than 91,000 acres or more than 14% of the undeveloped area. The third largest undeveloped land use was other open lands with nearly 84,200 acres or more than 13% of the undeveloped land. Other open lands tend to be lowlands that are in wetlands, floodplains or grasslands, which are not farmed or wooded.

