The First Question --

How much land is already preserved?
“Protected” lands in Worcester

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<th>Land Type</th>
<th>Acres</th>
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<td>State-owned land (Evansburg State Park)</td>
<td>144 acres</td>
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<td>County-owned land (Peter Wentz Farmstead)</td>
<td>82 acres</td>
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<td>Township-owned land</td>
<td>212 acres</td>
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<td>Permanently preserved land</td>
<td>404 acres</td>
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<td>Homeowner association land</td>
<td>133 acres</td>
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<td>Schools (2)</td>
<td>108 acres</td>
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<td>Churches (11)</td>
<td>173 acres</td>
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<td><strong>Total permanently preserved land</strong></td>
<td><strong>404 acres</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total “protected” land</strong></td>
<td><strong>852 acres</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total preserved and “protected” land</strong></td>
<td><strong>1256 acres</strong></td>
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So, how much of Worcester is already "protected"?

Total preserved &
“protected” land = 1,256 acres

Total acreage
in Worcester = 10,773 acres

Answer: Just over 10 percent
The Next Question
How much land is already developed?

Original watercolor by William V. Bourne

Fairview Village 80 years ago
Total area in Worcester = approx 10,773 acres
The Pace of Growth Is Accelerating

Population Growth in Worcester Township

Bar chart showing population growth from 1950 to 2010 (projected).
Worcester is among the fastest growing townships in Montgomery County.

From 2000 to 2010, Worcester’s population is projected to grow from 7789 to 9580 – that’s a 23% increase in 10 years!
Let’s look at the pace of housing development in Worcester over the past 5 years . . . .
Since 2000, over 600 acres have been developed in Worcester, adding 416 new homes and 1121 new residents to our township.

In the last two years, 333 additional acres have been approved for development.

334 new homes will be built.

Another 800+ residents could be added to our population.
Proposed Development in Worcester

Since 2003, hundreds **more** new homes have been proposed for development in Worcester.

- 400 **additional** acres could be developed.
- 484 **more** new homes could be built.
- **Another** potential 1200 to 1300 residents could be added to our population in the next few years.
Is This Worcester’s Future?
Or is this what we want to see in our township?

Merrymead – a working family farm
What Do We Have To Work With?

- Permanently preserved land (404 acres)
- Other "protected" land (852 acres)
- Remaining "undeveloped" land (4831 acres)
- Developed land (4686 acres)

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“Undeveloped” Land in Worcester
4831 acres

Can this be preserved?