The First Question --

How much land is already preserved?
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County-Owned Land in Worcester

Peter Wentz Farmstead

82 acres of actively managed colonial farm in the center of Worcester Township
Worcester Township Lands

Township Parks – 90 acres

- Heebner Park
- Nike Park
- Mt. Kirk Park
Worcester Township Lands
Buildings – 18 acres

Community Hall   Farmers Union Hall
Worcester Township Lands
Buildings – 18 acres

Township Building
Worcester Township Lands

Other open space – 123 acres

- Lenhart Farm
- Future greenway corridor
- Open space in residential developments
Preserved Privately Owned Land
358 acres
Preserved Privately Owned Land
Farms – 143 acres

- Harris – 54 acres preserved in 2001
- Markley – 39 acres preserved in 2001
- Scarlett – 50 acres preserved in 2004
Preserved Privately Owned Land
Open Space – 215 acres

Gerstemeier  32 acres preserved in 2002 and purchased by Merrymead Farm
Markel      61 acres preserved in 2001
Myers       107 acres preserved by donation in 2002
Schlotterer 17 acres preserved by donation in 2004
Homeowner Association Land

133 acres

Land owned by homeowner associations in residential developments

- Some is developed for active recreation
- Some is greenspace buffer
Total open space

- Publicly owned land: 484 acres
- Privately owned preserved land: 358 acres
- Homeowner association land: 133 acres

975 acres
So, how much land is already protected?

Total preserved & publicly owned land = 975 acres

Total acreage in Worcester = 10,743 acres

Answer: Almost 10 percent
Land Uses in Worcester

- Preserved farms (143 acres)
- Preserved open space (215 acres)
- Publicly owned land (484 acres)
- Developed land (5100 acres)
- Undeveloped land (4831 acres)

But we still have a long way to go
The Next Question

How much land is already developed?

Watercolor by William Bourne

Fairview Village 80 years ago
The Pace of Growth

Population Growth in Worcester Township

Growth Projections

- Worcester is projected to be among the fastest growing townships in Montgomery County over the next 10 years.

- From 2000 to 2010, Worcester’s population is projected to grow from 7789 to 9580 – that’s a 23 percent increase in 10 years!
Let’s look at the pace of housing development in Worcester over the past 5 years . . . .
Is This Worcester’s Future?

Since 2000, over 600 acres have been developed in Worcester, adding 416 new homes and 1121 new residents to our township.
Proposed Development in Worcester

Plans are now on file for over a dozen new residential developments in Worcester.

- Another 492 acres could be developed.
- Another 396 new homes could be built.
- Another potential 1065 residents could be added to our population in the next few years.
What’s Left To Work With?

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Open, unprotected land in Worcester

- Farmland
  - Act 319

- Institutional & recreational land
  - Churches & Schools
  - Recreational
  - Other

- Industrial land
  - Technitool
  - Visteon
Unprotected Farmland

3912 acres

Act 319 provides tax savings to owners of working farms and undeveloped fields & woodlands
Institutional & Recreational Land
672 acres

- Schools (2) 108 acres
- Churches (11) 173 acres
- Private recreational facilities
  - Golf courses (2)
  - Philadelphia Variety Club
  - Frog Hollow Tennis Club 279 acres
- Other
  - Meadowood 112 acres
Industrial Land
247 acres

- 197 acres are currently developed as industrial property
  - Visteon (Ford Motor Co.)
  - Technitool
- Another ~50 acres are zoned industrial but are not currently developed
Undeveloped Land in Worcester
4831 acres

Can this be preserved?