



MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN KENOSHA COUNTY FACT SHEET

Inventory of Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources (Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan Preliminary Draft Chapter III)

Agricultural Resources

Farm Facts

- There were 466 farms in Kenosha County in 2002.
- The average farm size was 190 acres, and the median farm size was 75 acres.
- Grain crops were the predominant source of agricultural revenue, accounting for 32% of all agricultural revenue in Kenosha County.
- 41% of farms in the County had less than \$2,500 in value of sales in 2002.
- Average net income from farm operations in Kenosha County was \$17,132 — lower than the State average of \$17,946.

AGRICULTURAL SECTORS IN KENOSHA COUNTY AND WISCONSIN: 2002

Sector	Kenosha County		State of Wisconsin	
	2002 Sales (in thousands)	Percent of Total Agricultural Revenues	2002 Sales (in thousands)	Percent of Total Agricultural Revenues
Dairy	\$7,400	21.7	\$2,651,000	47.1
Horticulture	7,900	23.2	197,400	3.5
Grains (Crops)	11,000	32.3	893,300	15.9
Cattle and Calves	2,300	6.9	834,900	14.9
Vegetables	2,900	8.6	341,600	6.1
Other	2,500	7.4	705,100	12.5
Total	\$34,000	100.0	\$5,623,300	100.0

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 Census of Agriculture

FARM SIZE IN KENOSHA COUNTY AND WISCONSIN: 2002

Size (acres)	Kenosha County		State of Wisconsin	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Less than 10 acres	43	9.2	4,141	5.4
10 to 49 acres	199	42.7	17,152	22.2
50 to 179 acres	116	24.9	29,458	38.2
180 to 499 acres	68	14.6	20,021	25.9
500 to 999 acres	22	4.7	4,465	5.8
1,000 acres or more	18	3.9	1,894	2.5
Total	466	100.0	77,131	100.0

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 Census of Agriculture

Existing Agricultural Resources

Cultivated Lands are used for the cultivation of crops, including row crops, grain crops, vegetable crops and hay.

Pasture Land and Unused Agricultural Lands include lands used as pasture, or lands which were formerly cultivated or used for pasture which have not yet succeeded to a wetland or woodland plant community.

Orchards, Nurseries and Specialty Crops include lands used for orchards, nurseries, sod farms and specialty crops.

Farm Buildings include barns, silos, and other buildings used to store farm equipment or supplies, or to house farm animals.

AGRICULTURAL LANDS IN KENOSHA COUNTY COMMUNITIES: 2000

AREA	CULTIVATED LANDS (ACRES)	PASTURE LAND & UNUSED AGRICULTURAL LAND (ACRES)	ORCHARDS, NURSERIES & SPECIALTY CROPS (ACRES)	FARM BUILDINGS (ACRES)
Partnering Local Governments				
City of Kenosha	2,243	251	154	24
Village of Pleasant Prairie	6,505	1,366	38	98
Village of Silver Lake	66	17	—	2
Town of Brighton	12,182	888	17	254
Town of Bristol	11,162	1,954	230	256
Town of Paris	17,750	864	53	356
Town of Salem	7,294	1,339	130	134
Town of Somers	10,754	794	62	167
Town of Wheatland	7,837	1,315	89	158
Non-Partnering Local Governments				
Village of Genoa City	128	4	—	2
Village of Paddock Lake	630	64	—	7
Village of Twin Lakes	998	257	—	17
Town of Randall	4,654	869	183	99
KENOSHA COUNTY	82,203	9,983	955	1,574
PERCENT OF TOTAL LANDS	86.8	10.5	1.0	1.7

AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

AGRICULTURAL SOIL CAPABILITY IN KENOSHA COUNTY

Soil Classifications

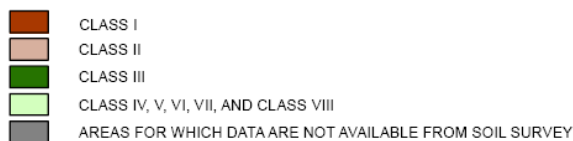
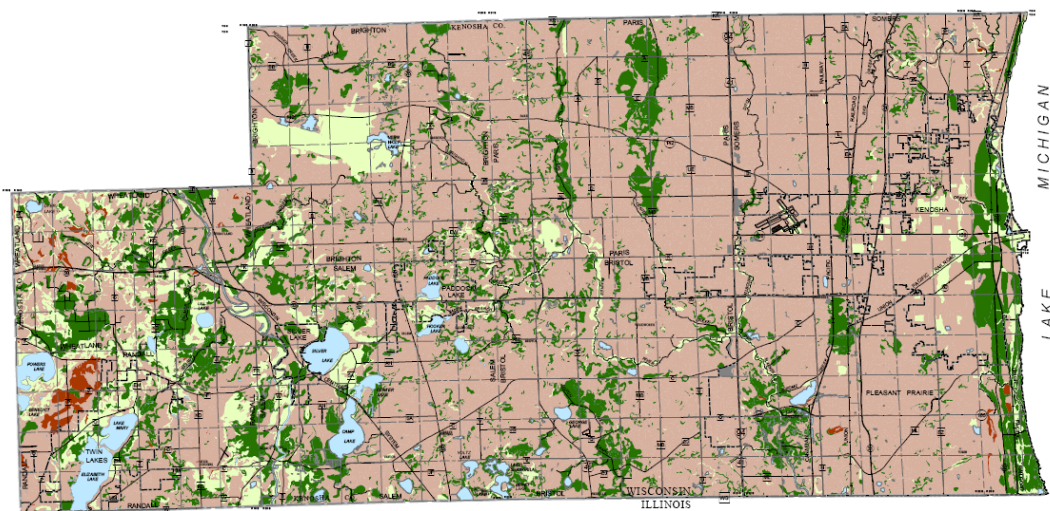
Class I and II soils are considered “National Prime Farmlands.”

Class III soils are considered “Farmlands of Statewide Significance.”

Class III and IV soils have severe limitations.

Class V, VI and VII soils are considered suitable for pasture but not crops.

Class VIII soils are too rough, shallow or otherwise limited to produce economically worthwhile yields of crops, forage, or wood products.



Source: USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service and SEWRPC.

AGRICULTURAL SOIL CAPABILITY IN KENOSHA COUNTY COMMUNITIES

Soil Capability

72% of Kenosha County is “National Prime Farmlands.”

16% of the County is “Farmland of Statewide Significance.”

Area	Class I Soils (acres)	Class II Soils (acres)	Class III Soils (acres)	Class IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII Soils and Unclassified Areas (acres)	Surface Water (acres)	Total (acres)
Partnering Local Governments						
City of Kenosha	--	12,079	2,669	1,765	84	16,596
Village of Pleasant Prairie.....	150	16,492	3,525	993	337	21,498
Village of Silver Lake	--	448	284	137	1	871
Town of Brighton.....	2	16,230	3,243	3,091	330	22,896
Town of Bristol.....	--	16,418	3,840	816	318	21,393
Town of Paris.....	--	18,500	3,723	741	49	23,013
Town of Salem.....	3	12,698	3,998	2,074	1,876	20,648
Town of Somers.....	20	16,962	1,166	451	60	18,658
Town of Wheatland.....	311	7,816	3,965	2,992	333	15,417
Non-Partnering Local Governments						
Village of Genoa City.....	34	111	1	1	--	147
Village of Paddock Lake.....	--	1,138	337	140	141	1,755
Village of Twin Lakes.....	28	1,995	829	901	1,028	4,782
Town of Randall.....	582	5,669	1,701	2,054	470	10,475
Kenosha County	1,130	126,556	29,281	16,154	5,028	178,149
Percent of Total Lands	0.6	71.0	16.4	9.1	2.8	100.0

Source: Natural Resources Conservation Service and SEWRPC.

State and Federal Farmland Preservation Programs

- Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program
- Working Lands Initiative
- Soil and Water Resource Management Program
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

NATURAL RESOURCES

Topology and Geology

Approximately 78% of Kenosha County is located west of the subcontinental divide and drains to the Mississippi River. The remaining 22% is east of the divide and drains to the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River.

Surface elevations in the County range from a low of 580 feet above sea level along the Lake Michigan shoreline to a high of 950 in the Town of Randall.

There are approximately 13 linear miles of Lake Michigan shoreline in the County. The shoreline contains bluffs ranging from 35 feet in the northern part of the County to 4 or 5 feet in the southern reaches. Beach width ranges from a complete absence of beach in some areas to over 275 feet in others.

Kenosha Dunes and Buried Forest—a glacial geology site encompassing 36 acres along the Lake Michigan shoreline—is the only site of geological significance in the County.

Nonmetallic Mining

In 2006, there were 7 nonmetallic mining sites, all of which produce sand and/or gravel. No sites in Kenosha have been registered as sites having marketable nonmetallic mineral deposits.

Environmental Features

There are 16 major inland lakes (lakes of 50 or more acres) in Kenosha County, comprising a total surface area of 3,836 acres. There are about 110 miles of perennial streams and approximately 16,068 acres of wetlands in the County.

Woodlands encompassed 5% (9,243 acres) of the County in 2000.

39 natural areas (encompassing 3,500 acres) have been identified in Kenosha County. Natural areas are tracts of land or water so little modified by human activity that they contain intact native plant and animal communities.

In 2000, about 28,000 acres (16% of the County) were encompassed within primary environmental corridors; 6,400 acres were within secondary environmental corridors. Environmental corridors are areas containing concentrations of natural resources and scenic, recreational and historic resources.

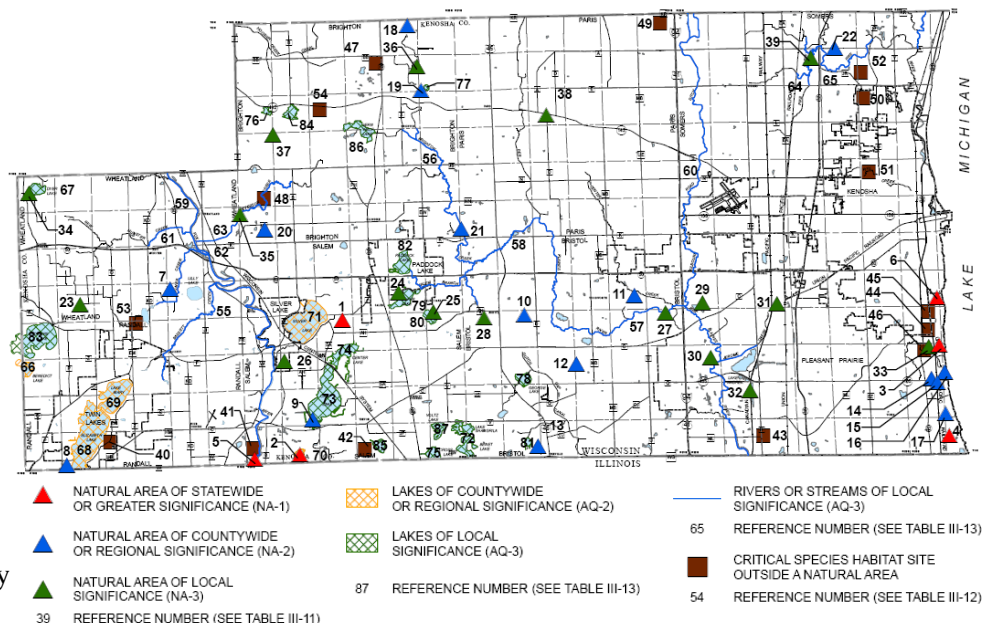
15 sites (5,329 acres) have been identified as critical species habitats, meaning they support rare or threatened plant and animal species. There are also 11 aquatic sites supporting threatened or rare fish, herptile or mussel species.

Park and Open Space Sites

In 2006, approximately 10% (17,800 acres) of the County was park and open space land in fee simple ownership.

- 13 sites (1,930 acres) were owned by Kenosha County
- 25 sites (7,456 acres) were owned by the State
- 2 sites (23 acres) were protected under conservation easements held by the State
- 295 sites (3,814 acres) were owned by local governments, public schools, or other public agencies
- 77 sites (3,551 acres) were privately owned, and an additional 6 sites (1,049 acres) were owned by private organizations for resource protection purposes

NATURAL AREAS AND CRITICAL SPECIES HABITAT SITES IN KENOSHA COUNTY: 1994

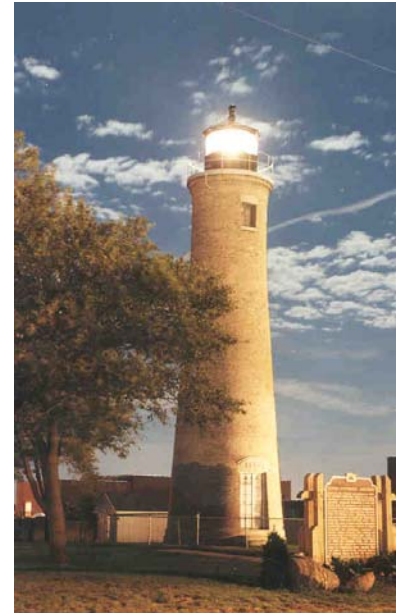


CULTURAL RESOURCES

In 2006, there were 25 historic places and districts listed on the national Register of Historic Places and the State Register of Historical Places, including 16 historic buildings/structures, 3 historic districts and 6 historic sites.

HISTORIC SITES AND DISTRICTS IN KENOSHA COUNTY LISTED ON THE NATIONAL AND STATE REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES: 2006

SITE NAME	LOCATION	YEAR LISTED
Justin Weed House	City of Kenosha	1974
Gilbert M Simmons Memorial Library	City of Kenosha	1974
Kemper Hall	City of Kenosha	1976
Barnes Creek Site	Village of Pleasant Prairie	1977
John McCaffary House	City of Kenosha	1978
Chesrow Site	Village of Pleasant Prairie	1978
St Matthew's Episcopal Church	City of Kenosha	1979
Kenosha High School	City of Kenosha	1980
Boys and Girls Library	City of Kenosha	1980
Manor House	City of Kenosha	1980
Kenosha County Courthouse and Jail	City of Kenosha	1982
Wehmhoff Mound	Town of Wheatland	1985
Third Avenue Historic District	City of Kenosha	1988
Library Park Historic District	City of Kenosha	1988
Civic Center Historic District	City of Kenosha	1989
Kenosha Light Station	City of Kenosha	1990
Lucas Site	Village of Pleasant Prairie	1995
Library Park	City of Kenosha	2000
Rosinco (shipwreck)	12 miles east of City of Kenosha in Lake Michigan	2001
Alford Park Warehouse	City of Kenosha	2002
Southport Beach House	City of Kenosha	2003
Washington Park Clubhouse	City of Kenosha	2003
Simmons Island Beach House	City of Kenosha	2003
Anthony and Caroline Isermann House	City of Kenosha	2004
Frank and Jane Isermann House	City of Kenosha	2004



An additional 71 structures, 4 districts and 7 sites have been designated as landmarks by the City of Kenosha.

Kenosha County is also home to 10 Wisconsin State Historical Markers, such as the Kemper Hall, Southport Lighthouse, Green Bay Ethnic Trail, and Schaefer Mammoth Site. These markers are intended to identify, commemorate, and honor the important people, places and events that have contributed to the State's rich heritage.

As of 2006, there were 438 known prehistoric and historic archeological sites, including prehistoric and historic camp sites, villages, and farmsteads; marked and unmarked burial sites; and Native American mounds.

There are two local historical societies affiliated with the State Historical Society:

- Kenosha County Historical Society
- Western Kenosha County Historical Society