



TOWN OF BRISTOL
FACT SHEET

Inventory of Natural Resources

Natural Resources

In 2000, the Town of Bristol included 321 acres of surface water, 2,432 acres of wetlands, and 1,344 acres of woodlands.

| Primary Environmental Corridors (2,932 acres) | Secondary Environmental Corridors (946 acres) | Isolated Natural Resources Areas (701 acres) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 400 acres in size • Two miles long • 200 feet wide | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If linking with primary environmental corridors, no minimum area or length criteria apply • If not linking with primary environmental corridors, it must be at least 100 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encompass at least five acres but not large enough to meet the size or length criteria for primary or secondary environmental corridors • 200 feet wide |

Natural Areas

- Of countywide or regional significance:
 - Merkt Woods (91 acres)
 - Benedict Prairie (6 acres)
 - Bristol Woods (181 acres)
 - Mud Lake Sedge Meadow (55 acres)
- Of local significance:
 - Des Plaines River Wetlands (66 acres)
 - Salem Marsh Road (27 acres)

Critical Aquatic Habitat Areas

The Town of Bristol encompasses 5 aquatic critical areas supporting threatened or rare fish, herptile, or mussel species. These areas contain 12.2 stream-miles and about 159 acres of lake waters.

Park and Open Space Sites

- In 2006, the Town of Bristol contained approximately 455 acres of park and open space land, including:
 - 18 public sites (totaling 65 acres)
 - 1 school district site (totaling 18 acres)
 - 7 private sites (totaling 372 acres)
- County-owned sites in the Town include Bristol Woods Park (198 acres) and 2 open space sites (38 acres combined).
- State-owned sites in the Town include the University of Wisconsin– Benedict Prairie (6 acres), part of the University of Wisconsin Nature Area (246 acres), and a WISDOT site (161 acres).
- The Conservation Club of Kenosha owns a 227-acre resource protection site in the Town of Bristol.