



TOWN OF SALEM
FACT SHEET

Inventory of Natural & Cultural Resources

Natural Resources

In 2000, the Town of Salem included 1,876 acres of surface water, 3,004 acres of wetlands, and 1,527 acres of woodlands.

Primary Environmental Corridors (6,498 acres)	Secondary Environmental Corridors (334 acres)	Isolated Natural Resource Areas (407 acres)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 400 acres • 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, it must be at least 100 acres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A least five acres but not large enough to meet the size or length criteria for primary or secondary environmental corridors • 200 feet wide

Nonmetallic Mining

The Town of Salem has 2 nonmetallic mining sites, one owned by Faber and one by Miles.

Natural Areas

- Of Statewide or greater significance:
 - Silver Lake Bog State Natural Area (18 acres)
 - Peat Lake State Natural Area (140 acres)
 - Stopa Fen (9 acres)
- Of Countywide or regional significance:
 - Camp Lake Marsh (293 acres)
 - Harris Marsh and Oak Woods (225 acres)
- Of local significance:
 - Hooker Lake Marsh (47 acres)
 - Montgomery Lake Marsh (47 acres)
 - CTH B-CTH AH Sedge Meadow (12 acres)

Critical Species Habitat Sites

The Town of Salem encompasses 2 critical species habitat sites, supporting rare plant species (*liatris spicata* and *solidago ohioensis*). There are also 12 aquatic sites supporting rare fish species, which contain about 8.6 stream-miles and 1,546 acres of lake waters.

Park and Open Space Sites

- In 2006, the Town of Salem contained approximately 1,180 acres of park and open space land, including:
 - 68 public sites (totaling 245 acres)
 - 5 school district sites (totaling 209 acres)
 - 13 private sites (totaling 726 acres)
- County-owned sites in the Town include the Fox River Park (129 acres), Silver Lake Park (259 acres), part of the Fox River Flood Mitigation Open Space Lands (83 acres altogether), and an open space site (8 acres).
- State-owned sites in the Town include part of Hooker Lake Marsh (44 acres), part of Silver Lake Marsh (38 acres), Camp Lake Marshland Preservation (123 acres), Peat Lake Wildlife Areas (404 acres), a WISDOT site (56 acres), and a University of Wisconsin Nature Area (246 acres).

Cultural Resources

The Town of Salem is home to the Western Kenosha Historical Society, located in the Salem Community Library.