

156 Water Street | Exeter, NH 03833 603-778-0885 | www.rpc-nh.org

Town of Kingston Historical Land Use (Acres)

Land Use Type	1962	1974	1998	2005	2010	2015	2010 to 2015 Change in Acreage	2010 to 2015 Percent Change
Active Agricultural	748	543	286	361	361	357	-4	-1.11%
Aux Transportation				57	58	62	4	6.90%
Farmsteads	47	68	5	79	79	80	1	1.27%
Forested	10,135	9,649	8,849	5,251	5,119	4,836	-283	-5.53%
Industrial/Commercial	139	160	295	350	439	470	31	7.06%
Mixed Urban	16	16	44	14	14	14	0	0.00%
Open Wetlands	417	398	325	2,869	2,862	2,860	-2	-0.07%
Other/Idle	282	478	623	568	521	753	232	44.53%
Playing Fields/Recreation				225	248	221	-27	-10.89%
Railroad				4	4	4	0	0.00%
Residential	673	1,111	1,897	2,266	2,341	2,377	36	1.54%
Transportation	115	143	193	245	249	257	8	3.21%
Utilities				181	178	181	3	1.69%
Water	879	884	934	980	980	979	-1	-0.10%
Total	13,450							

Note: Years 1962, 1974, and 1998 were compiled with a slightly different methodology than 2005, 2010, and 2015. Aux Transportation, Playing Fields and Utilities are categories only broken out in 2005, 2010, and 2015. Classification of Open Wetlands improved between 1998 and 2005 due to higher quality aerial photos. Many Open Wetlands had previously been classified as Forested. Classification of Playing Fields/Recreation improved in 2015 to ensure that those in proximity to a school were classified as Education.

Land Use Definitions

Active Agricultural: This category includes fields, pastures, row crops, orchards, etc. It does not include farm buildings.

Aux Transportation: This category includes parking structures/lots, designated park & ride lots, margins along roadways, and medians.

Farmsteads: This category includes farm buildings.

Forested: This category includes forests.

Industrial/Commercial: This category includes commercial, services, government, educational, indoor cultural/public assembly, industrial, office parks, and shopping malls.

Mixed Urban: This category includes mixed residential-commercial, outdoor cultural/public assembly, and cemeteries.

Open Wetlands: This category includes all visible wetlands (recognizing that some forested wetlands will be indistinguishable).

Other/Idle: This category includes mining areas, vacant developed land, brush or transitional between open and forested, salt flats, beaches and river banks, sandy areas (non-beaches), bare/exposed rock, strip mine/quarry or gravel pit, and disturbed land (for example, construction).

Playing Fields/Recreation: This category includes outdoor recreation not associated with a school.

Railroad: This category includes railroad transportation.

Residential: This category includes multi-family, single family, mobile home parks, and group/transient quarters.

Transportation: This category includes air transportation, water transportation, limited and controlled highway rights-of-way, and road rights-of-way.

Utilities: This category includes communication, electric, gas, water, wastewater, and solid waste utilities.

Water: This category includes all surface water features (not including wetlands).

For more detailed descriptions, please contact rpruyne@rpc-nh.org.