

458 **CHAPTER II PLANNING AREA**

459
460 Burnett County is located in the northwestern Wisconsin approximately 40 miles south of Lake
461 Superior. Burnett County borders Douglas, Washburn, Barron, and Polk Counties in Wisconsin
462 and Pine and Chisago Counties in Minnesota. At its widest point, Burnett County extends 36
463 miles north/south and 42 miles east/west. See Map 1, Burnett County base map.

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465 The surface waters of Burnett County occupy one drainage system, the St. Croix River. Of the
466 889 square miles of land and water in Burnett County, the St. Croix River drains 565.8 square
467 miles. Land areas within the drainage system that have no permanent surface waters or drainage
468 outlets comprise 193.4 square miles and landlocked areas with measurable lake surface waters
469 account for the remaining 129.8 square miles of the county's area. The maximum elevation of
470 Burnett County is about 1,460 feet in the southeast corner, and the minimum is 760 feet above
471 sea level. See Map 2, Burnett County Hydrology.

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473 The land cover in Burnett County is primarily forested, with close to 65 percent of the land
474 included in this category. About 15 percent of the land cover is agriculture and approximately
475 eight percent of Burnett County is made up of surface water. The remaining land is made up of
476 urban/developed, and wetlands and scrublands. See Map 3, Land Cover in Burnett County.

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478 The most striking land feature of the county is the level to gently rolling outwash plain known as
479 the "pine barrens" which covers all but the southern farming areas of the county. Jack pine is the
480 important cover type on these "barrens" but scattered throughout the area are hardwoods on
481 patches of loam and clays, and there is brush and scrubby trees in the kettle-like depressions.
482 The original vegetation of the southern farm area was oak or pine, but the second growth timber
483 is largely white birch and aspen.

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485 The total land area of the county is 821.5 square miles, making it the 28th largest county in the
486 State of Wisconsin. The year 2000 population of Burnett County was 15,674 (US Census),
487 ranking the county 65th out of Wisconsin's 72 counties.

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489 ***CIVIL DIVISIONS***

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491 The geographic extent and functional responsibilities of civil divisions are important factors to
492 be considered in hazard mitigation planning, since these local units of government provide the
493 basic structure of the decision-making framework, within which environmental problems must
494 be addressed. The boundaries of the civil divisions in Burnett County are shown on Map 1. There
495 are 21 towns in Burnett County and three villages Table 2.1 lists the municipalities and their total
496 land areas.

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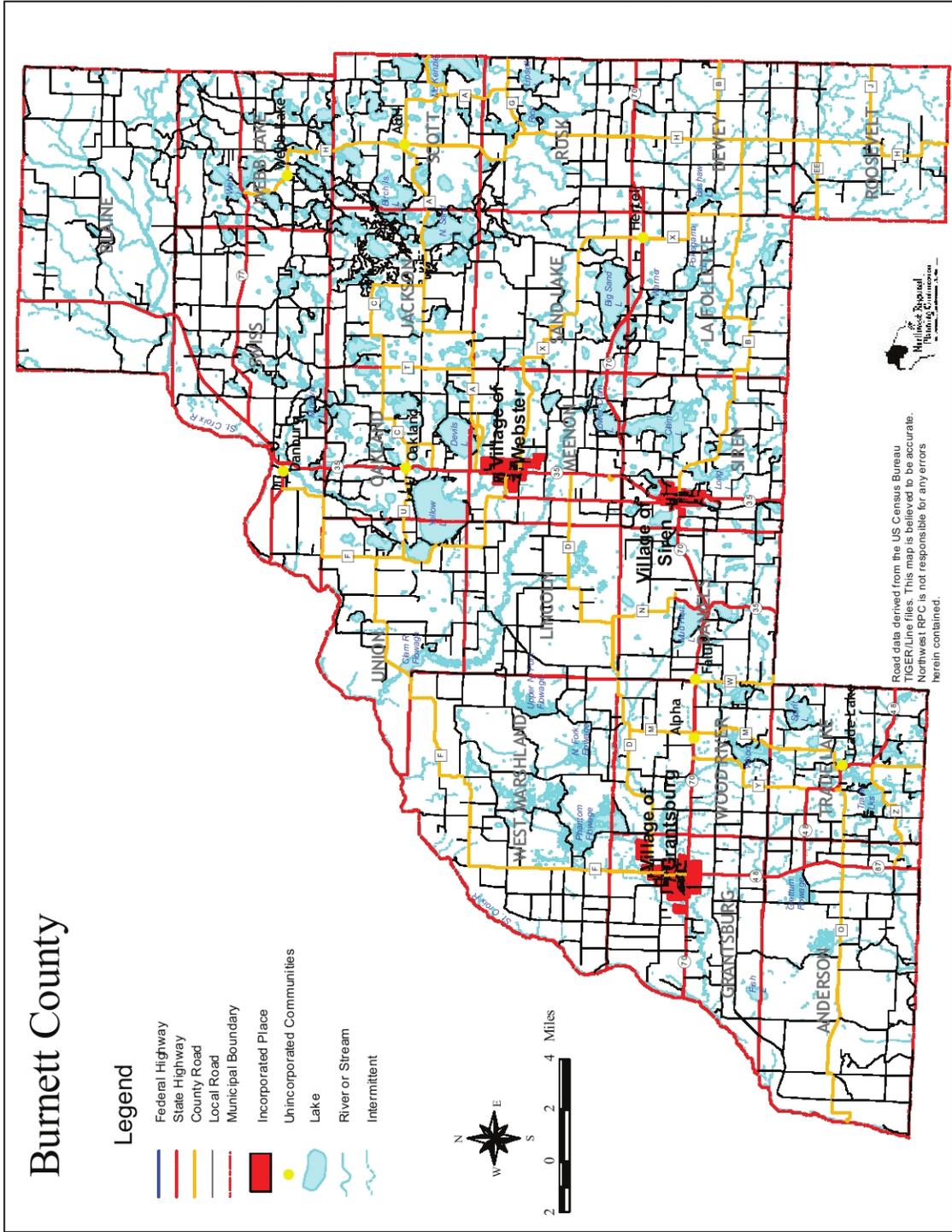
[Table 2.1: Civil Divisions in Burnett Count

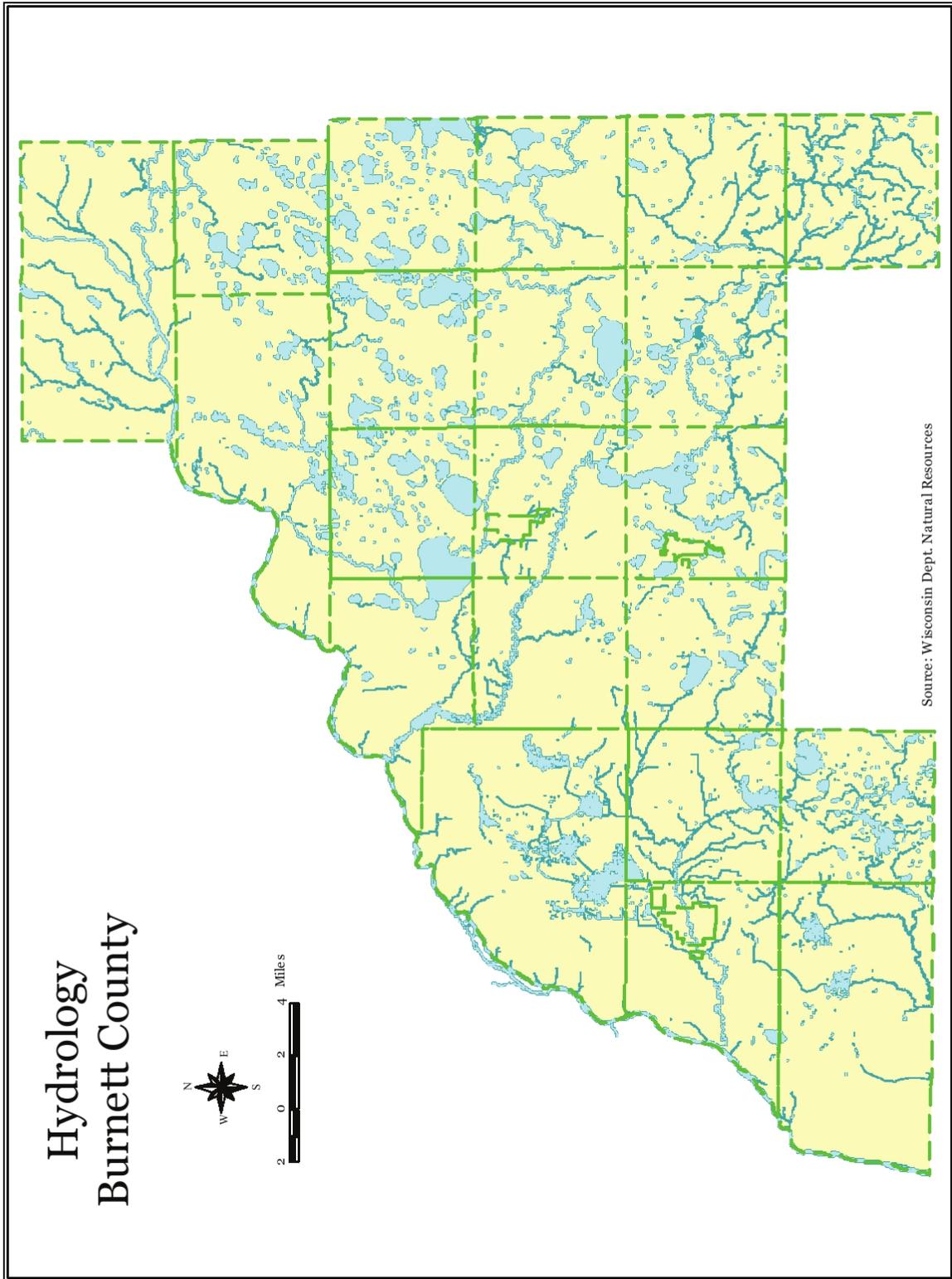
Municipality	Sq. Miles	Acreage
Anderson, Town	62.8	40,192
Blaine, Town	68.8	44,032
Daniels, Town	33.7	21,568
Dewey, Town	36.6	23,424
Grantsburg, Village	2.9	1,856
Grantsburg, Town	35.7	22,848
Jackson, Town	29.1	18,624
LaFollette, Town	37.0	23,680
Lincoln, Town	34.8	22,272
Meenon, Town	32.0	20,480
Oakland, Town	26.0	16,640
Roosevelt, Town	35.1	22,464
Rusk, Town	32.6	20,864
Sand Lake, Town	32.8	20,992
Scott, Town	27.7	17,728
Siren, Village	1.0	640
Siren, Town	31.5	20,160
Swiss, Town	57.4	36,736
Trade Lake, Town	32.5	20,800
Union, Town	34.5	22,080
Webb Lake, Town	32.0	20,480
Webster, Village	1.7	1,088
West Marshland, Town	69.3	44,352
Wood River, Town	34.1	21,824
Burnett County Total	821.5	525,760

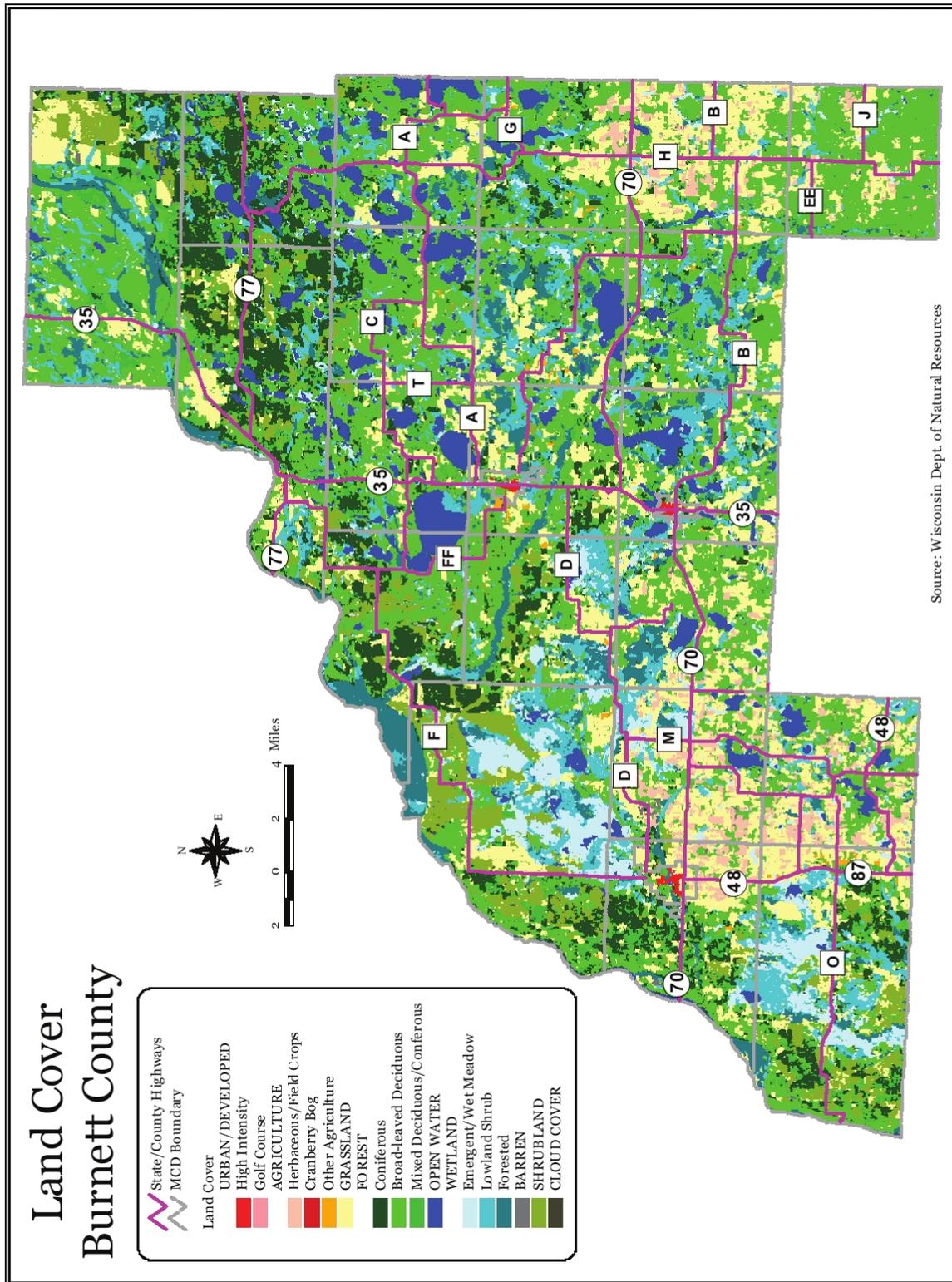
Source: US Census Bureau

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Map 1: Burnett County Base Map







537 **CLIMATE**

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539 The climate of Burnett County is typically considered humid-continental. The cold, long, snowy
 540 winters favor a variety of winter sports; and the warm, short summers appeal to thousands of
 541 vacationers each year. About two-thirds of the annual precipitation falls during the growing
 542 season (freeze-free period). It is normally adequate for vegetation, although drought is
 543 occasionally reported. The climate is most favorable for forestry, dairy farming and crops
 544 including corn, soybeans, small grains, hay, and vegetables. Rapid successions of storms
 545 typically move southwest to northeast through the county and account for the stimulating
 546 climate.

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548 **Table 2.2: Burnett County Climate Data**

Climate Normals	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ave Daily High (F°)	18.5	25.2	38.0	55.3	67.9	76.3	81.1	78.2	67.4	56.8	39.3	23.2
Ave Daily Low (F°)	-3.9	1.3	16.5	31.4	42.9	52.0	57.3	54.7	45.5	34.8	21.5	3.5
Growing Degree Days	0	0	16	129	310	449	574	525	301	139	18	1
Heating Degree Days	1,789	1,448	1,169	648	326	91	24	60	262	595	1,038	1,600
Cooling Degree Days	0	0	0	0	28	64	154	107	7	0	0	0
Ave Precipitation (")	1.11	0.84	1.69	2.17	3.52	4.49	3.92	4.35	3.74	2.44	1.70	1.32
Ave Snowfall (")	13.1	7.9	9.3	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	6.6	12.0

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Source: Data from the weather station at Grantsburg, latitude 45°47' N, longitude 92°42' W, elevation 990 ft.

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553 **DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

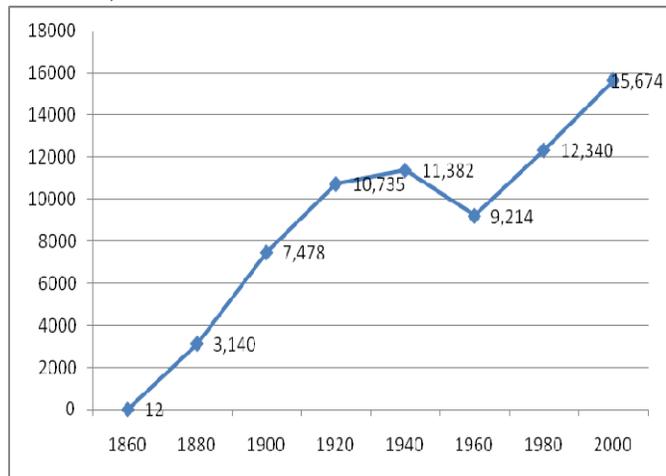
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555 The area that is now Burnett County was first included in the federal census in 1860. Historic
 556 population levels and percent change in Burnett County (1860-2000) are provided in Table 2.3
 557 and shown graphically in Figure 2.1

Table 2.3 Burnett County Historic Population & Changes

Year	Population	Absolute Change	Percent Change
1860	12	--	--
1870	706	+694	5,783.3%
1880	3,140	+2,434	344.8
1890	4,393	+1,253	3.9%
1900	7,478	+3,085	70.2%
1910	9,026	+1,548	20.7%
1920	10,735	+1,709	18.9%
1930	10,233	-502	-4.7%
1940	11,382	+1,149	11.2%
1950	10,236	-1,146	10.1%
1960	9,214	-1,022	-.01%
1970	9,276	+62	.7%
1980	12,340	+3,064	33.0%
1990	13,084	+744	6.0%
2000	15,674	+2,590	19.8%

Figure 2.1: Historical population levels in Burnett County (1860-2000)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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577 The Village of Grantsburg
 578 is the most populous
 579 community in the county,
 580 with 1,362 residents in 2000
 581 followed by the Town of
 582 Meenon, with 1,184
 583 residents, and the Towns of
 584 Grantsburg, Siren, Wood
 585 River and the Village of
 586 Siren with around 1,000
 587 residents each. Table 2.4
 588 compares 1990 population
 589 figures with 2000. The 2000
 590 population of Burnett
 591 County exceeded 1990
 592 figures by 2,590 people,
 593 representing a 20 percent
 594 population increase in 10
 595 years.

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 597 Population density in
 598 Burnett County for the most
 599 part is centered in the
 600 incorporated villages of
 601 Grantsburg, Siren, and
 602 Webster, and around lakes

603 and rivers in the rural unincorporated areas. The population densities shown in Table 2.5 and on
 604 Map 4 show were population densities (per sq. mi.) are greatest in Burnett County.
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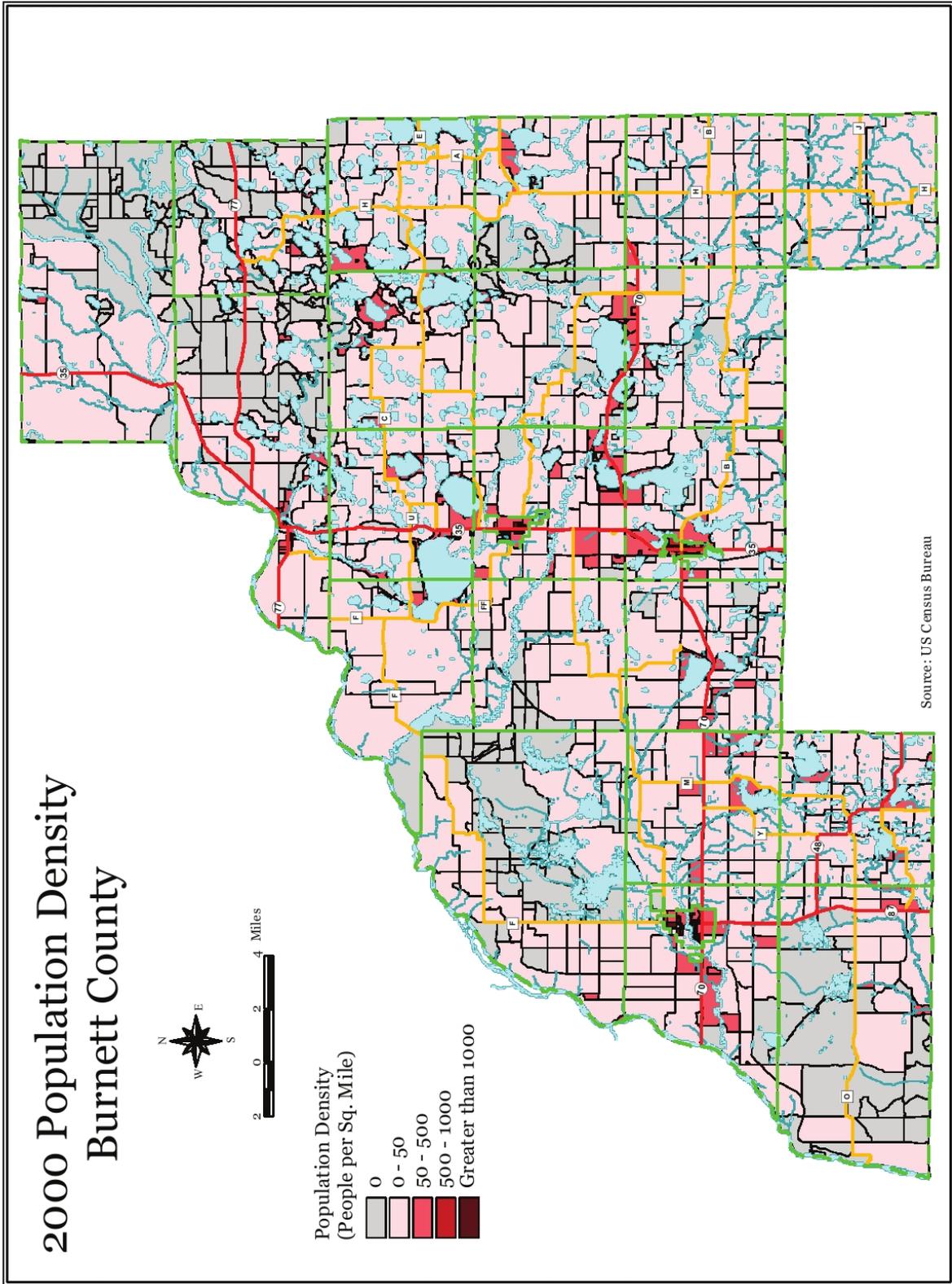
Table 2.4: Burnett County Population by Municipality, 1990-2000

Municipality	1990	2000	1990-2000 Absolute Change	1990-2000 Percent Change
Anderson, Town	319	413	+94	29%
Blaine, Town	163	196	+33	20%
Daniels, Town	574	698	+124	22%
Dewey, Town	484	564	+80	17%
Grantsburg, Village	844	1,362	+518	61%
Grantsburg, Town	860	991	-153	-13%
Jackson, Town	457	754	+297	65%
LaFollette, Town	370	456	+86	23%
Lincoln, Town	237	287	+50	21%
Meenon, Town	961	1,184	+223	23%
Oakland, Town	452	741	+289	64%
Roosevelt, Town	173	199	+26	15%
Rusk, Town	417	447	+30	7%
Sand Lake, Town	453	608	+155	34%
Scott, Town	430	594	+164	38%
Siren, Village	948	925	-23	-2%
Siren, Town	844	910	+66	8%
Swiss, Town	661	747	+86	13%
Trade Lake, Town	836	830	-6	-1%
Union, Town	203	348	+145	71%
Webb Lake, Town	211	422	+211	100%
Webster, Village	646	701	+55	9%
West Marshland, Town	309	301	-8	-3%
Wood River, Town	948	996	+48	5%
County Total	13,084	15,674	+2,590	20%

Source: US Census Bureau

Table 2.5: Burnett County Population Density (Persons per sq. mi.)

Municipality	2000 Population Density	Municipality	2000 Population Density
Anderson, Town	5.9	Rusk, Town	12.9
Blaine, Town	3.3	Sand Lake, Town	17.0
Daniels, Town	19.7	Scott, Town	21.3
Dewey, Town	15.4	Siren, Village	988.0
Grantsburg, Village	472.1	Siren, Town	27.7
Grantsburg, Town	27.1	Swiss, Town	14.2
Jackson, Town	26.3	Trade Lake, Town	26.8
La Follette, Town	13.8	Union, Town	10.2
Lincoln, Town	8.2	Webb Lake, Town	11.9
Meenon, Town	36.6	Webster, Village	384.1
Oakland, Town	29.9	West Marshland, Town	4.8
Roosevelt, Town	5.6	Wood River, Town	28.6



619 **HOUSING STOCK CHARACTERISTICS**

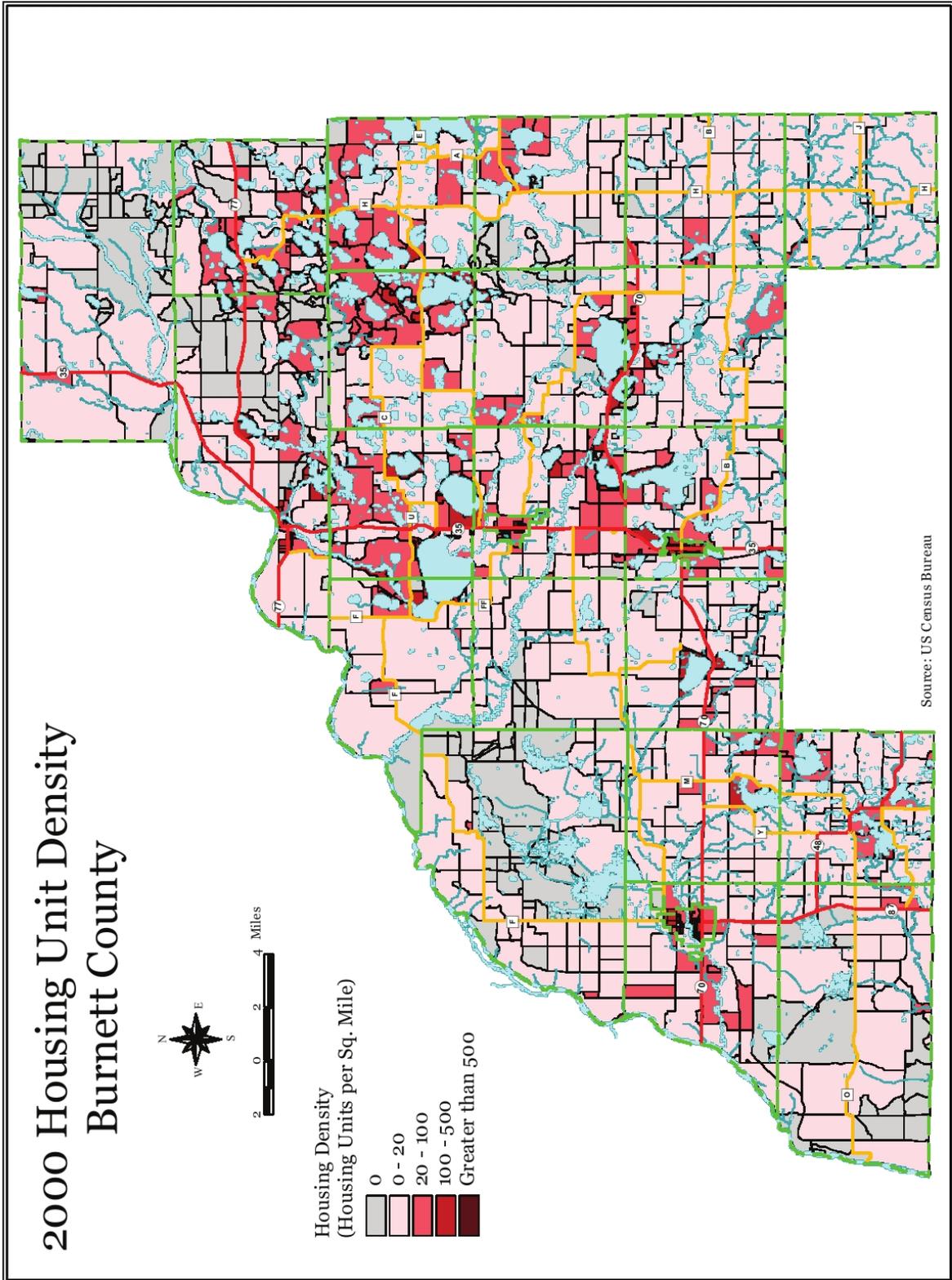
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621 For the period 1980 to 1990, Burnett County exhibited a 13.4 percent increase in total housing
 622 units. From 1990 to 2000, the town saw a 7.1 percent increase, putting total housing units
 623 according to the U.S Census Bureau at 12,582 in 2000. Table 2.6 shows total housing units in
 624 1980, 1990, and 2000, and changes from 1980 to 2000 by municipality for Burnett County. Map
 625 5 on the following page depicts housing unit density in Burnett County in 2000, and Map 6
 626 details the structures in the county.
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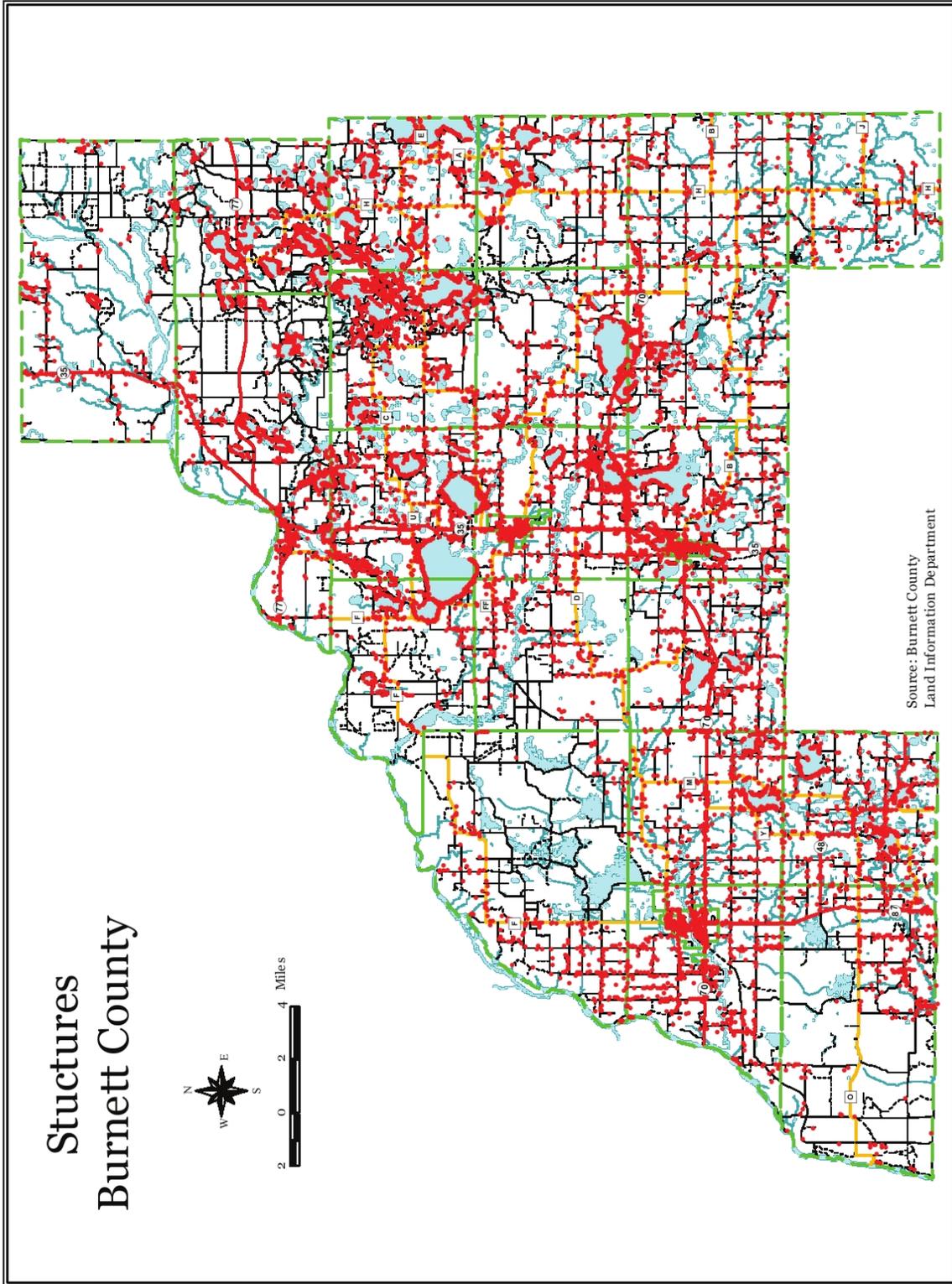
Table 2.6: Burnett County Housing Units 1980-2000

Municipality	1980	1990	2000	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Anderson	181	262	272	91	50.3%
Blaine	211	243	190	-21	-10.0%
Daniels	390	446	449	59	15.1%
Dewey	238	241	322	84	35.3%
Grantsburg	319	411	451	132	41.4%
Jackson	736	904	984	248	33.7%
LaFollette	370	409	359	-11	-3.0%
Lincoln	133	176	175	42	31.6%
Meenon	719	749	932	213	29.6%
Oakland	791	918	956	165	20.9%
Roosevelt	125	153	129	4	3.2%
Rusk	284	325	330	46	16.2%
Sand Lake	364	419	483	119	32.7%
Scott	733	783	928	195	26.6%
Siren	650	703	735	85	13.1%
Swiss	683	794	908	225	32.9%
Trade Lake	536	579	612	76	14.2%
Union	340	390	429	89	26.2%
Webb Lake	692	771	778	86	12.4%
West Marshland	161	252	175	14	8.7%
Wood River	572	550	557	-15	-2.6%
Grantsburg(V)	444	508	592	148	33.3%
Siren(V)	420	456	491	71	16.9%
Webster(V)	270	301	345	75	27.8%
COUNTYTOTALS	10,359	11,743	12,582	2,223	21.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 1990 and 2000



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636 **SEASONAL HOUSING UNITS**

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 638 Burnett County experienced steady growth in seasonal housing units from 1970 to 1990,
 639 followed by a three percent decline from 1990 to 2000 (Table 2.7). In 1990, 49.9 percent of the
 640 total housing units (5,870) were classified as seasonal units, while in 2000 it dropped to 45.3
 641 percent. Burnett County was ranked 3rd
 642 out of Wisconsin's 72 counties as
 643 having a high percentage of seasonal
 644 homes. Only Vilas and Sawyer
 645 counties have a higher percentage of
 646 seasonal homes.

Table 2.7: Seasonal / Recreational Units 1970-2000

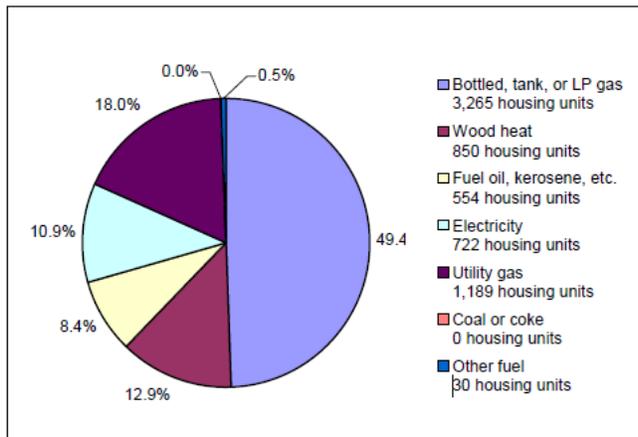
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Burnett County	3,220	5,255	5,870	5,698

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 649 Ten units of government have more than 50 percent of seasonal housing units to total housing
 650 units. Webb Lake Township has the greatest percent of seasonal housing units at 85.2 percent,
 651 657 seasonal units verses 771 total units.

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 653 Seasonal housing may likely continue to become a larger percentage of Burnett County's total
 654 housing. The county's location relative to the Twin Cities metropolitan area and the areas scenic
 655 and northwoods' atmosphere will continue to influence seasonal development in the county.

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 657 The seasonal variations of the climate in Burnett County can often result in the need for heat in a
 658 home even during the summer months. Several different types of home heating systems are used
 659 in Burnett County as shown in Figure 2.2.

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 661 **Figure 2.2: Home Heating Fuel**



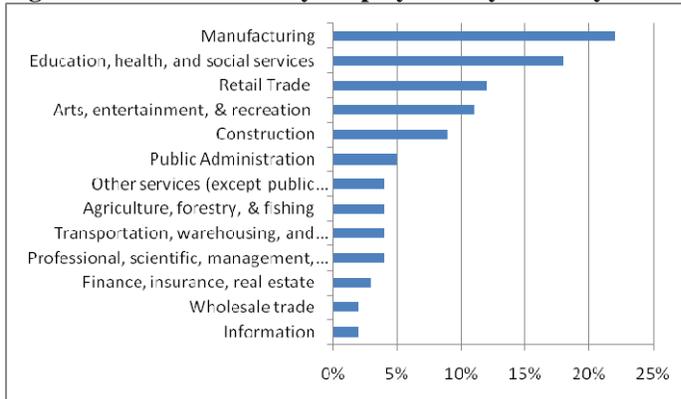
675 Source: 2004 Burnett County Hazard Mitigation Plan

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 677 **EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS**

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 679 By industry, most of the county's workers were employed in manufacturing (21%) or education,
 680 health, and social services (18.4%) in 2000. Figure 2.3 shows employment numbers for all
 681 industries in Burnett County.

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Figure 2.3: Burnett County Employment by Industry 2000



695 Source: 2000 U.S. Census DP-3

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697 **Table 2.8: Top 10 Burnett County Employers**

Company	Product or services	Size - # Employees
St. Croix Tribal Council Tribal	Government	250 - 499 699
Parker Hannifin Corp.	Fluid power value and hose fitting mfg.	100 - 249 700
Burnett Dairy Coop.	Cheese manufacturing	100 - 249 701
Burnett Medical Center, Inc.	General medical and surgical hospitals	100 - 249 702
Grantsburg Public School	Elementary and secondary schools	100 - 249 703
County of Burnett	Executive and legislative offices, combined	100 - 249 704
School District of Webster	Elementary and secondary schools	100 - 249 705
School District of Siren	Elementary and secondary schools	100 - 249 706
Nexen Group, Inc.	Mechanical power transmission equipment mfg.	50 - 99 705
McNally Industries	Machine shops	50 - 99 706

707 Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, January 2007

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709 **INCOME LEVELS**

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711 Burnett County income levels were below the average for the State of Wisconsin in both median
712 household income and per capita income in 2000 in spite of a significant increase (70%) in
713 median household income and per capita income (84%) in the decade from 1990 to 2000 (Table
714 2.9).

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716 **Table 2.9: Household Income, Burnett County and Wisconsin, 1990 & 2000**

	Burnett County		State of Wisconsin	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Median Household Income	\$20,153	\$34,218	\$29,442	\$43,791
Per Capita Income	\$9,623	\$17,712	\$13,276	\$21,271

717 Source: US Census Bureau, 2000-(STF-3)

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719 **TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

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721 The range of transportation options in Burnett County is limited due to the low population
722 density and limited economic development. Residents of the county rely on state, county, and

723 local (town) roads to meet most of their transportation needs. Bicycling, pedestrian, and other
724 motorized transportation options exist, though primarily for recreational purposes.

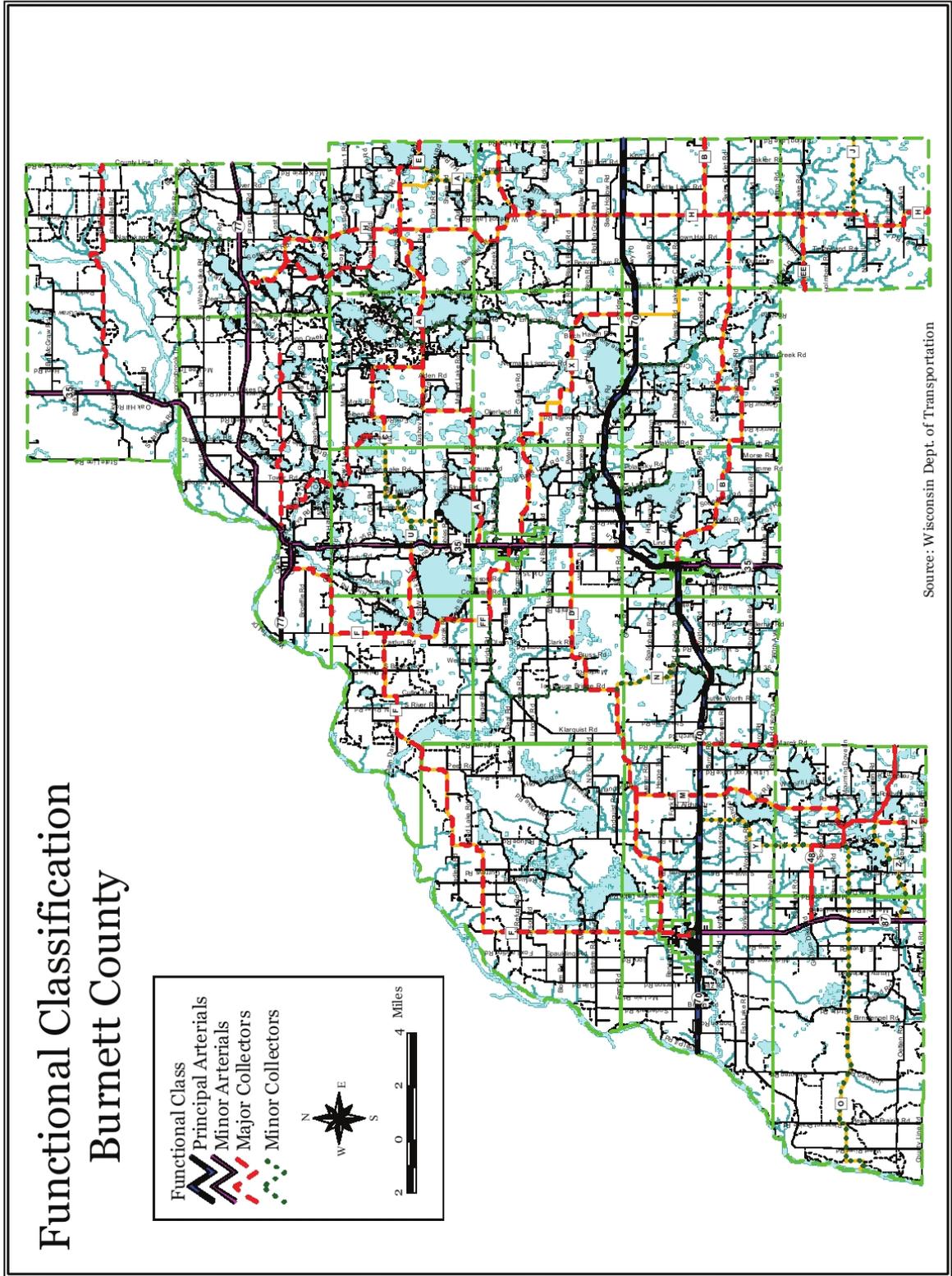
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726 Burnett County's transportation system consists of a functional classification system of local
727 streets and roads, major and
728 minor collectors, and minor
729 arterials, which is based on the
730 level of service the road
731 provides in carrying vehicular
732 traffic. Table 2.10 lists the type,
733 mileage, and percent of roads in
734 Burnett County and Map 7
735 depicts Burnett County's
736 functional roadways.

Table 2.10: Burnett County Roadway Miles

Type of Roadway	Mileage	Percent of Total
State Trunk Highways	106.38	6.8%
County Trunk Highways	217.14	13.9%
Town Roads	1,165.55	74.4%
Village Roads	33.95	2.1%
Other Roads	43.48	2.8%
Totals	1,566.50 1	00.0%

Source: Selected Wisconsin Highway Mileage Data 1996

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743 **AIRPORTS**

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 745 Burnett County has nine
 746 airports registered with the
 747 Wisconsin Department of
 748 Transportation, Bureau of
 749 Aeronautics, two of which
 750 serve the public: Burnett
 751 County Airport (owned by
 752 Burnett County) and
 753 Grantsburg Municipal
 754 Airport (owned by the
 755 Village of Grantsburg). The
 756 other seven airports are
 757 under private ownership. A
 758 listing of all the registered
 759 airports in Burnett County
 760 is in Table 2.11.

Table 2.11: Registered Burnett County Airports

Airport	Location	Owner/Operator	Status
Grantsburg Municipal Airport	Grantsburg	Village of Grantsburg	Public
Burnett County Airport	Siren	Burnett County	Public
Voyage Village Airport	Jackson	Voyager Village Property Owners Assoc.	Private
Carlson Field Airport	Blaine	Len Carlson	Private
Burnett Medical Heliport	Grantsburg	Burnett Medical Center	Private
Alfa Hotel Airport	Webster	David Littfin	Private
Circle T Airport	Grantsburg	Danny Tagg	Private
Yanbrick Field Airport	Siren	Willian Yambrick	Private
Connor's Lake Landing Airport	Webster	Darryl Mork	Private

Source: Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics, Mark Pfundheller, mark.pfundheller@dot.state.wi.us or phone: (608) 267-5272

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 763 **SEWER AND WATER**

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 765 Urban growth and development is highly dependent upon utility systems providing electricity,
 766 natural gas, communications, water, and sewerage. Because of this reliance, utility systems are
 767 an important consideration is hazard mitigation planning.

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 769 According to 1990 census data, 10,236 (87.2%) housing units obtained their water supply
 770 through individual drilled or dug wells, and 1,294 (11.0%) had their water supplied by a public
 771 system. Currently there are three public water supply systems in Burnett County; systems in the
 772 Villages of Grantsburg, Siren, and Webster. For sewage disposal, 9,692 (82.5%) of housing units
 773 disposed of their sewage through private onsite water treatment systems (POWTS), while 1,348
 774 (11.5%) were connected to public sewer systems in the three villages named above.

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 776 As of this writing, there are two sanitary districts in Burnett County -- Town of Siren and Town
 777 of Swiss. The Town of Siren district services residents and businesses north of the Village of
 778 Siren off of State Highway 35. The district provides only sewer services; and after usage, the
 779 waste is piped to the Village of Siren with subsequent treatment at their facility. The Joint water
 780 quality commission of Danbury and St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin services Danbury
 781 and the tribal lands in the Town of Swiss.

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 783 **NATURAL GAS**

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 785 In Burnett County, natural gas services are provided by WE Energies. A steel high-pressure
 786 natural gas main with a carrying capacity of 720 pounds of pressure (psi) follows STH 70 and
 787 extends from the Washburn County line into and through the Towns of Dewey, LaFollette, Sand
 788 Lake, Meenon, Siren, Daniels, Wood River, and Grantsburg. This same line extends north from

789 STH 70 into Webster. Extending off this main line is 60 PSI service supplying all three villages
790 as well as residents along STH 70 and STH 35. Extension of these main lines to future residents
791 would depend on year-round home heating customers who are willing to pay for the service.
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793 **WASTE MANAGEMENT AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

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795 Landfills are an element of solid waste management and are a potential factor in hazard
796 mitigation planning. Landfilling, recycling, and composting are the primary methods of
797 managing solid wastes generated by Burnett County. As of 2003, there were no active solid
798 waste landfills in Burnett County. County residents have the option of contracting with a private
799 refuse hauler or may haul their garbage to one of six transfer stations.
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- 801 • Grantsburg Transfer Station
- 802 • Midtown Transfer Station
- 803 • A & H Drop-off Station*
- 804 • Oakland Collection Center**
- 805 • Blaine Collection Center*
- 806 • Webb Lake Collection Center*

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808 *For use by town residents only.

809 **For use by Oakland, Swiss and Union residents only.
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811 Currently, there are three hazardous material planning facilities in Burnett County. These
812 facilities maintain extremely hazardous chemicals in reportable amounts. These sites are depicted
813 on Map 9 Critical Facilities.
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815 **RECYCLING**

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817 Recycling can be accomplished in two ways. The Burnett County Solid Waste ordinance requires
818 that all refuse haulers provide curbside recycling to their customers if desired. Other residents
819 may utilize a network of recycling drop-off centers located throughout the county. There are no
820 restrictions as to who may use the recycling drop-off centers with the exception of the Town of
821 Webb Lake site, which is exclusively for use by Webb Lake residents. All other sites are
822 available to the general public. The drop-off sites are:
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- 824 • Grantsburg Recycling Center, 401 N. Gary St., Grantsburg
- 825 • Blaine Recycling Center, Old Town Hall, Highway 35, Town of Blaine
- 826 • Midtown Transfer Station, Midtown Road, Siren
- 827 • Webster Recycling Center, Village Hall, Webster
- 828 • Oakland Recycling Center, French Road, Town of Oakland
- 829 • Trade Lake Recycling Center, Town Maintenance Building, Town of Trade Lake
- 830 • A&H Recycling Center, Long Lake Road, Town of Scott
- 831 • Hertel Recycling Center, Hwy 70 and Cty Road X, Hertel
- 832 • Webb Lake Recycling Center, Webb Lake Town Hall, Town of Webb Lake

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834 **HAZARDOUS WASTES**

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836 Hazardous wastes are generally handled in two ways. Enterprises that generate and store
837 hazardous wastes on site must follow federal and state regulations regarding the handling,
838 storage, and disposal of such materials. Regulations require that generators dispose of such
839 wastes in accordance with a waste manifest handling procedure, which documents the chain of
840 events leading to the ultimate safe disposal of those materials. The waste manifest system is
841 required of all hazardous waste disposal actions by enterprises. Large producers of hazardous
842 wastes generally contract with approved hazardous waste management companies. It should be
843 noted that hazardous wastes are not allowed to be disposed of in solid waste landfills, except
844 under very specific situations that are allowed by federal and state laws.

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846 Residents, farms, municipalities, businesses and schools may utilize the Northwest Cleansweep
847 program to dispose of their hazardous wastes. The Northwest Cleansweep is a ten-county
848 program operated by the Northwest Regional Planning Commission on behalf of its member
849 counties. Collection events are staged throughout the county in the spring, summer, and fall of
850 each year. Residents, businesses, municipalities, and schools are allowed to bring their hazardous
851 wastes to these events. Northwest Cleansweep also operates a spring and fall "milk run"
852 program. The "milk run" program provides mobile collections of hazardous wastes to businesses,
853 farms, municipalities, and schools on a call basis. These events are not open to residents but are
854 meant to accommodate those entities that more frequently generate hazardous wastes during the
855 year.

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857 **DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS**

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859 Burnett County completed an initial land use plan in 1998 and is currently in the process of
860 developing a new comprehensive plan to address a number of growth management concerns that
861 were occurring within the county. The Burnett County Board of Supervisors felt that these
862 concerns will continue to have significant influences on the physical development and character
863 of the county in the future.

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865 In looking at current land use, about 30 percent of the county's land area is in public ownership,
866 which is made up of federal, state, and county lands. Approximately 64 percent of the county is
867 forested with 15 percent in agriculture.

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869 There are over 41,600 surface acres of water representing 208 named lakes, many unnamed
870 lakes, and hundreds of miles of rivers and streams all of which provide a water/land base for
871 recreation residential housing which has become a major land use in the county. About 45
872 percent of all housing units are owned by non-residents and are basically seasonal or recreational
873 housing units.

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875 **LAND USE ASSESSMENTS**

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877 For the purpose of identifying land use trends, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue-Statement
878 of Assessments, were used to assess land use change in acres 2002-2009 (Tables 2.12 and 2.13).
879 This data is assessed acreage for private lands within Burnett County only, as public and Tribal

880 lands are not assessed for taxation purposes. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue real estate
881 classes are used to determine land assessments and valuations. Because these data cover
882 extensive time periods, they can be useful in conducting a simplified land use analysis and for
883 examining trends, which are determined by the conversion from one type of assessment class to
884 another over a period of time. The land use classes used for assessment purposes are:
885 Residential, Commercial, Manufacturing, Agricultural, Undeveloped, Forest, and Other. A
886 definitions list is provide below.

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- 888 • Residential- includes any parcel or part of a parcel of untilled land that is not suitable for
889 the production of row crops on which a dwelling or other form of human abode is
890 located.
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- 892 • Commercial- includes properties where the predominant use is the selling of merchandise
893 or a service. Apartment buildings of four or more units and office buildings.
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- 895 • Manufacturing- property consists of all property used for manufacturing, assembling,
896 processing, fabricating, making, or milling tangible personal property for profit. It also
897 includes establishments engaged in assembling component parts of manufactured
898 products. All manufacturing property is assessed by the Wisconsin Department of
899 Revenue.
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- 901 • Agricultural- means land exclusive of buildings and improvements that is devoted
902 primarily to agricultural use, as defined by rule.
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- 904 • Undeveloped- means bog, marsh, lowland brush, and uncultivated land zoned as
905 shoreland under s. 59.692 and shown as a wetland on a final map under s. 23.32 or other
906 nonproductive lands not otherwise classified.
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- 908 • Forest- land that is producing or is capable of producing commercial forest products.
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- 910 • Other- lands categorized as “other” are tax-exempt lands.
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913 **Table 2.12: Assessed Acreage, 2002**
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Real Estate Classes	Residential	Commercial	Manufacturing	Agricultural	Undeveloped	Forest	Other	Total
Anderson	1,616	8	0	3,249	1,473	6,364	58	12,768
Blaine	1,631	12	0	2,226	404	5,241	10	9,524
Daniels	1,233	242	6	4,167	4,512	9,071	91	19,322
Dewey	585	33	0	9,570	2,389	9,332	159	22,068
Grantsburg	2,647	129	12	3,752	1,509	7,356	59	15,464
Jackson	2,231	126	0	164	1,429	6,584	0	10,534
LaFollette	810	55	0	1,510	4,054	14,338	5	20,772
Lincoln	288	12	120	937	2,082	9,772	5	13,216
Meenon	3,549	182	10	2,020	2,335	9,711	15	17,822
Oakland	3,426	336	78	1,394	1,480	8,374	3	15,091
Roosevelt	407	146	0	5,068	570	8,351	18	14,560
Rusk	1,233	40	0	3,311	1,077	8,396	31	14,088
Sand Lake	1,540	34	0	2,242	3,560	7,144	13	14,533
Scott	2,498	207	12	1,788	2,690	8,570	15	15,780
Siren	1,960	220	2	3,093	2,816	9,003	40	17,134
Swiss	3,946	167	0	1,619	1,310	5,451	18	12,511
Trade Lake	1,504	38	0	8,805	3,166	6,721	131	20,365
Union	1,869	87	0	264	720	3,474	4	6,418
Webb Lake	2,782	66	0	0	1,361	4,136	0	8,345
West Marshland	1,210	1	0	511	795	7,306	9	9,832
Wood River	1,205	30	183	9,474	3,771	6,134	146	20,943
Grantsburg	297	34	28	195	40	125	1	720
Siren	213	79	20	0	0	0	0	312
Webster	367	78	16	25	10	203	0	699

Source: Wisconsin Department of Revenue

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920 **Table 2.13: Assessed Acreage, 2009**
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Real Estate Classes	Residential	Commercial	Manufacturing	Agricultural	Undeveloped	Forest	Other	Total
Anderson	1,222	11	-	2,895	1,850	6,392	43	12,413
Blaine	885	18	-	1,782	847	4,753	8	8,293
Daniels	1,390	239	6	4,436	4,342	8,417	88	18,918
Dewey	659	39	-	9,530	2,435	8,777	111	21,551
Grantsburg	3,026	129	12	3,727	1,482	6,895	56	15,327
Jackson	2,109	68	-	349	1,332	6,415	-	10,273
LaFollette	988	33	-	1,678	3,830	14,054	3	20,586
Lincoln	1,342	12	120	974	1,930	8,545	4	12,927
Meenon	3,942	180	10	2,079	2,532	9,175	18	17,936
Oakland	4,121	324	78	944	1,744	7,911	1	15,123
Roosevelt	411	146	-	3,940	826	7,979	20	13,322
Rusk	1,358	40	-	3,491	1,141	7,938	36	14,004
Sand Lake	1,924	38	-	1,453	4,260	6,810	20	14,505
Scott	2,551	208	12	1,985	3,036	7,648	10	15,450
Siren	2,383	244	2	2,044	4,145	7,958	28	16,804
Swiss	4,176	170	-	1,625	937	5,048	19	11,975
Trade Lake	1,903	40	-	8,856	3,102	6,291	120	20,312
Union	2,012	87	-	284	605	3,205	6	6,199
Webb Lake	3,007	70	-	-	1,253	3,971	-	8,301
West Marshland	1,464	-	-	599	592	6,750	9	9,414
Wood River	1,430	31	183	9,491	3,627	5,796	144	20,702
Grantsburg	386	115	31	145	20	48	1	746
Siren	242	81	19	-	-	-	-	342
Webster	356	75	16	-	17	140	-	604

Source: Wisconsin Department of Revenue

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Table 2.14: Change in Assessment Acres, 1992-2002

Real Estate Classes	Residential	Commercial	Manufacturing	Agricultural	Undeveloped	Forest
Anderson	-3%	-	-	-2%	3%	2%
Blaine	-6%	-	-	-2%	6%	2%
Daniels	1%	-	-	2%	-	-2%
Dewey	-	-	-	1%	-	-2%
Grantsburg	3%	-	-	-	-	-3%
Jackson	-1%	-1%	-	2%	-1%	-
LaFollette	1%	-	-	1%	-1%	-1%
Lincoln	8%	-	-	-	-1%	-8%
Meenon	2%	-	-	-	1%	-3%
Oakland	5%	-	-	-3%	2%	-3%
Roosevelt	-	-	-	-5%	2%	3%
Rusk	1%	-	-	1%	1%	-3%
Sand Lake	3%	-	-	-5%	5%	-2%
Scott	1%	-	-	2%	3%	-5%
Siren	3%	-	-	-6%	8%	-5%
Swiss	3%	-	-	1%	-3%	-1%
Trade Lake	2%	-	-	-	-	-2%
Union	3%	-	-	-	-1%	-2%
Webb Lake	3%	-	-	-	-1%	-2%
West Marshland	3%	-	-	1%	-2%	-3%
Wood River	1%	-	-	1%	-	-1%
Average Town	2%	-1%	-	-1%	1%	-2%
Grantsburg	10%	11%	-	-8%	-3%	-11%
Siren	2%	-2%	-1%	-	-	-
Webster	6%	1%	-	-4%	1%	-6%
Ave Village	6%	3%	-1%	-6%	-1%	-8%

927 Source: Wisconsin Department of Revenue

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929 In the period 2002 to 2009, residential acreage continued to increase while agricultural and forest
930 lands decreased. Assessment and acreage classification systems continue to evolve, so direct
931 comparisons have to be general at best.

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933 Burnett County, along with eight Towns and two Villages, is nearing the end of a comprehensive
934 planning process. The results of that effort will more clearly delineate the current status of
935 acreage and guide how the acreage use may change in the future.

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937 Before the current planning process was begun there were nine generalized land use categories.
938 These categories identify various land uses, each with different land use/development objectives.