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Land Uses

Land Use/Land Cover is a description of how land is being used. The Florida Department of Transportation developed a classification system called the Florida Land Use, Cover and Forms Classification System. These classifications include nine broad categories of use.

- Urban and Built Up: "areas of intensive use with much of the land occupied by man-made structures."
- Agriculture: "those lands which are cultivated to produce food crops and livestock."
- Rangeland: "land where the potential natural vegetation is predominantly grasses, grass like plants, forbs or shrubs and is capable of being grazed."
- Upland Forests: "upland areas which support a tree canopy closure of ten (10) percent or more."
- Water: "all areas within the land mass of the United States that are predominantly or persistently water covered provided that, if linear, they are at least 1/8 mile (660 feet or 200 meters) wide or, if extended, cover at least 40 acres (16 hectares)â€ ¦Thoseportions of a water body having emergent vegetation or observable submerged vegetation are placed in the Wetlands category."
- Wetlands: "those areas where the water table is at, near or above the land surface for a significant portion of most years."
- Barren Land: "very little or no vegetation and limited potential to support vegetative communities."
- Transportation, Communication and Utilities: "Transportation facilities are used for the movement of people and goods; therefore, they are major influences on land and many land use boundaries are outlined by them."
- Other: A category to be used for specific topics.

The more specific classifications associated with "Urban and Built Up" are also presented:

- Residential Low Density: "Less than two dwelling units per acre."
- Residential Medium Density: "Two-five dwelling units per acre."
- Residential High Density: "Six or more dwelling units per acre (Fixed Single Family Units and Mobile Home Units); Multiple Dwelling Units, Low Rise (Two stories or less); Multiple Dwelling Units, High Rise (Three stories or more); Mixed Units (Fixed and Mobile Home Units - One, Two, or Three Stories)."
- Commercial and Services: Retail Sales and Services, Wholesale Sales and Services , Professional Services, Cultural and Entertainment, Tourist Services, Oil and Gas Storage , Mixed Commercial and Services, Cemeteries, Commercial and Services Under Construction.
- Industrial: Food Processing, Timber Processing, Mineral Processing, Oil and Gas Processing, Other Light Industrial, Other Heavy Industrial, Industrial Under Construction.
- Extractive: Strip Mines, Sand and Gravel Pits, Rock Quarries, Oil and Gas Fields, Reclaimed Land, Holding Ponds.
- Institutional: Educational Facilities, Religious, Military, Medical and Health Care, Governmental, Correctional, Other Institutional, Commercial Child Care, Institutional Under Construction.
- Recreational: Swimming Beach, Golf Courses, Race Tracks, Marinas and Fish Camps, Parks and Zoos, Community Recreational Facilities, Stadiums , Historical Sites, Other Recreational.
- Open Land: Undeveloped Land within Urban Areas, Inactive Land with street pattern but without

structures, Urban Land in transition without positive, indicators of intended activity, Other Open Land.

Land Use / Land Cover	% of Neighborhood	% of City of Tampa	% of Hillsborough County
'Agriculture'	'0%'	'1.85'	'27.02'
'Barren Land'	'0%'	'Less than 1%'	'Less than 1%'
'COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES'	'47.36'	'8.14'	'3.29'
'EXTRACTIVE'	'0%'	'Less than 1%'	'6.23'
'INDUSTRIAL'	'6.52'	'1.93'	'0.98'
'INSTITUTIONAL'	'16.1'	'5.81'	'1.39'
'OPEN LAND'	'2.72'	'2.68'	'2.4'
'Rangelands'	'0%'	'1.59'	'2.97'
'RECREATIONAL'	'0%'	'2.39'	'1.37'
'RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY'	'17.63'	'20.55'	'8.18'
'RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY'	'0%'	'Less than 1%'	'5.61'
'RESIDENTIAL MED DENSITY'	'4.82'	'1.71'	'5.27'
'Transportation, Communication and Utilities'	'4.86'	'5.65'	'2.56'
'Upland Forests'	'0%'	'2.91'	'8.55'
'Urban and Built Up'	'95.14'	'43.63'	'34.71'
'Water'	'0%'	'33.32'	'8.57'
'Wetlands'	'0%'	'10.91'	'15.31'

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