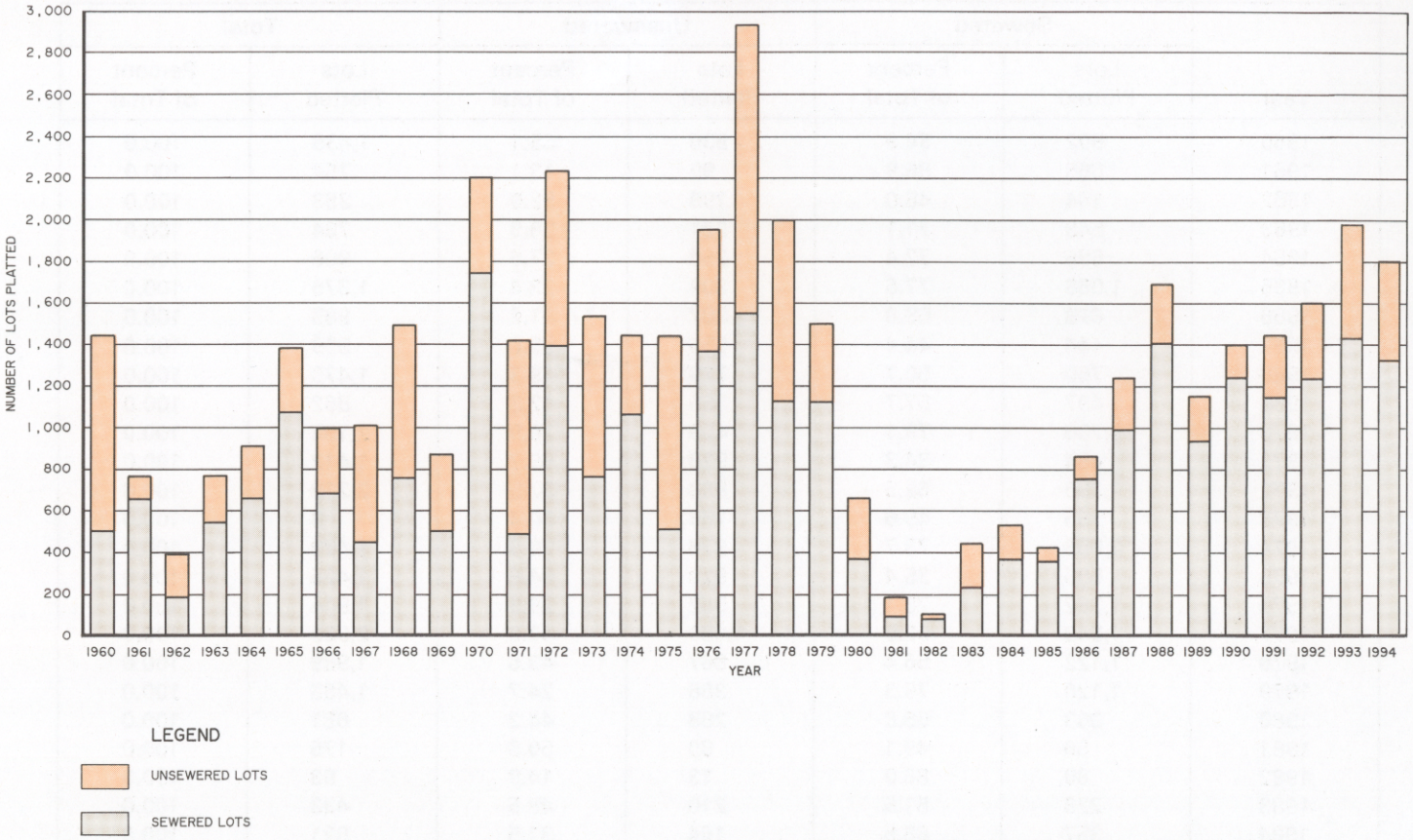
Figure 40

RESIDENTIAL PLATTING ACTIVITY IN WAUKESHA COUNTY: 1960 THROUGH 1994



Source: SEWRPC.

GOVERNMENTAL AND INSTITUTIONAL LAND USE

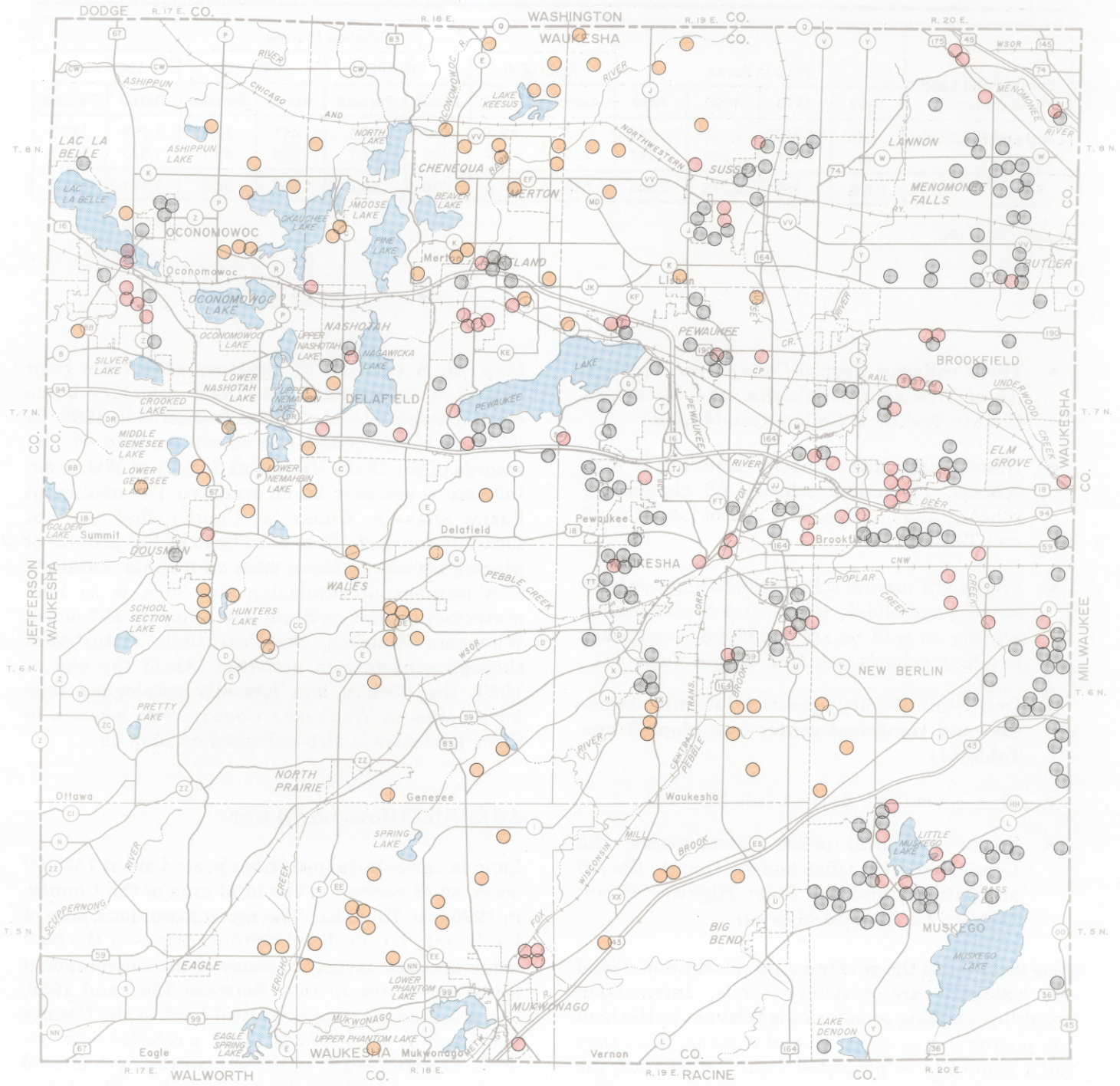
Governmental and institutional land, including areas occupied by government buildings and by public and private institutional buildings and grounds, encompassed about 4,200 acres, or 4 percent of all urban land in the County and 1 percent of the total area of the County in 1990. Between 1963 and 1990, the area devoted to governmental and institutional uses increased by about 1,700 acres, or about 65 percent (see Table 50).

While accounting for a relatively small portion of the total area of the County, governmental and institutional lands are important insofar as they accommodate such community facilities as schools, libraries, hospitals, and police and fire stations, facilities which have a direct bearing on the quality of life and on public safety. The location of major existing community facilities within the County is shown on Maps 40 through 44. Shown on this series of maps are the following community facilities serving the County in 1993:

- Governmental administration centers, including the municipal halls of each of the 37 cities, villages, and towns; the Waukesha County courthouse and County office complex; and the State of Wisconsin office building in the City of Waukesha (see Map 40)
- Sixteen public libraries (see Map 41)
- Four hospitals offering a full range of medical services: Elmbrook Memorial Hospital, Community Memorial Hospital of Menomonee Falls, Memorial Hospital at Oconomowoc, and Waukesha Memorial Hospital, (see Map 41)

Map 35

RECENT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY IN WAUKESHA COUNTY: 1990 THROUGH 1994



LEGEND

LAND SUBDIVIDED FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OR FOR WHICH A PRELIMINARY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION PLAT WAS PREPARED: JANUARY 1990 THROUGH DECEMBER 1994

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MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT WHICH RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR A SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION UNDER CHAPTER ILHR 82 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE: JANUARY 1990 THROUGH DECEMBER 1994

GRAPHIC SCALE

0 1 2 MILES

0 4000 8000 12000 16000 FEET

Source: SEWRPC.

Table 48

COMMERCIAL LAND USE IN WAUKESHA COUNTY: 1963, 1970, 1980, AND 1990

Commercial Land Use Category	Area in Acres				Change in Area							
					1963-1970		1970-1980		1980-1990		1963-1990	
	1963	1970	1980	1990	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent
Land and Buildings	945	1,342	1,832	2,243	397	42.0	490	36.5	411	22.4	1,298	137.3
Parking	254	515	941	1,597	261	102.8	426	82.7	656	69.7	1,343	528.7
Total	1,199	1,857	2,773	3,840	658	54.9	916	49.3	1,067	38.5	2,641	220.3

Source: SEWRPC.

- Three colleges: Carroll College, the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha; and Waukesha County Technical College (see Map 41)
- Ninety-nine public schools, including 17 high schools, 13 middle schools, 68 elementary schools, and one specialty school (see Map 42 and Table 51)
- Fifty-eight private schools, including five high schools, one middle school, and 46 elementary schools as well as six combined elementary and high schools (see Map 42 and Table 51)
- One State/County-operated juvenile detention and treatment center (see Map 42 and Table 51)
- Forty-seven fire stations (see Map 43)
- Twenty-six local police headquarters; the County Sheriff's office and six County Sheriff substations; and the State Highway Patrol District 2 office (see Map 44)

Also included in the governmental-institutional land use category are cemetery lands. Information regarding existing cemeteries is relevant to the land use planning process for several reasons. Since they must generally be protected from disturbance, the location of existing cemeteries must be known when planning for future urban development. Moreover, cemeteries may provide important open space, particularly in intensively developed urban areas and may, in addition, have special historical significance. The location of known cemeteries in the County, as identified in the Regional Planning Commission 1990 land use inventory, are shown on Map 45. A total of 75 cemetery sites have been identified. In combination, these cemetery lands encompassed a total of about 540 acres in 1990. In addition to the cemeteries shown on Map 45, the records of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin indicate there may be as many as 175 additional burial sites in Waukesha County that are not formally marked. That Society is in the process of placing certain of these sites on a State "catalog." The purpose of cataloging the sites is to lend protection insofar as State law, Chapter 157 of the Wisconsin Statutes, prohibits their disturbance through construction activities. As of the end of 1993, the Society had formally catalogued four burial sites in Waukesha County. The location of these four sites is also indicated on Map 45.

AGRICULTURAL LAND USE

Land in agricultural use encompassed about 142,400 acres, or 38 percent of the total area of the County, in 1990 (see Table 52). The agricultural land base of the County has declined significantly over the past three decades, largely because of the conversion of farmland to urban uses. Between 1963 and 1990, the areal extent of agricultural land in the County decreased by about 57,800 acres, a relative decrease of 29 percent. Much of the remaining agricultural land occurs in relatively small blocks, often intermixed with scattered urban land uses.

Of the 142,400 acres of farmland existing in the County in 1990, about 98,200 acres, or 69 percent, were identified as prime farmland under the Waukesha County agricultural land preservation plan, adopted by the Waukesha County Board of