

LAND USE

The types of land use in the watershed often affect the quality of the receiving water. In general, undisturbed forested and wetland watersheds will provide less nutrient and sediment delivery than developed or agricultural watersheds. Other public waters and wetlands within the watershed are shown in Figure 5.

The Deer Lake watershed is dominated by forests and wetlands, however a significant portion of the watershed has also been developed. The amount of development is greater than most lakes in the ecoregion and the number of wetland acres is less than most watersheds throughout the Northern Lakes and Forest ecoregion of the state, Table 3. The shoreline area of Deer Lake hosts most of the residential developed area. There are approximately 496 homes surrounding the lake, a resort and several other residences in the watershed. An aerial photo of the watershed is also included in (Figure 6).

There are no known existing or closed landfills or waste dumps in the watershed.

Table 3. Comparison of land use in Deer Lake watershed and the Northern Lakes and Forest.

Land Use	Deer Lake Watershed Acres	Deer Lake Watershed Hectares	Deer Lake Land Use %	NLF Land Use %
Forest	1823.0	737.7	67%	54 - 81%
Deciduous	0	0.0	0%	
Coniferous	0	0.0	0%	
Water, Marsh & Wetland	391	158.2	14%	14 - 31%
Cultivated	0	0.0	0%	< 1%
Pastured	0.0	0.0	0%	0 - 6%
Developed	496.0	200.7	18%	0 - 7%
TOTAL	2,710	1,096.6		