

Acton's Uniqueness:

Founded: 1735 (originally part of Concord, founded 1635)

Population: 22,000 (2010) - Larger than every town it touches - save Westford which has same size population. (eg Concord 17,500; Stow 6,600)

Land: 20 sq. miles or 12,800 acres

Water: 0.3 sq. miles

Density: 1,038 people/sq. mile (Similar to Bedford's 960 p/sq. mile; denser than 7 of 8 towns it touches - save Maynard)

Vehicle Count: 22,800

Location: In between ring routes 128 + 495, after Concord Rotary; unlike some neighbors no direct access to interstate;

Vehicle Miles Driven per Household per Day: 75-100 Miles (VMD in Concord, Bedford is 50-75 MPD; in Waltham, 25-50 MPD)

Protected Open Space: 2,300 acres or 18% (State average is 22%; Concord 30%, Maynard 29%; Lincoln 40%, Littleton 12%)

Unprotected Open Space: 4,000 acres or 31% (this could be Developed)

Number of Farms (Ag.): 8

Number of Farms (Horse): 18

K-12 School Population: 5,000

AB Regional High School: 1,950 students close to capacity + large; (e.g. Concord-Carlisle has 1,350 kids; Lincoln-Sudbury, 1,615; Newton North 1,770)

Water: Ground Aquifer from 22 wells in Water District - No reservoir

Septic: 90% of Residential

Sewer: 10% of Residential

Acton has more Septics per Capita than any town in Massachusetts.

Mass Transit: 1 Node (commuter rail stop)/22,000 people; (Littleton: 1/9000; Concord: 1/8,500 people; Weston: 1/3,700 people)

Town Revenue: 87% from Residential Property; 13% from Commercial

Projected Population: 24,500 by 2020; 29,300 by 2040 (per 1998 Master Plan)