

## Des Moines Metropolitan Area Planning Directors Generalized Land Use Classifications

**Agricultural:** Cropland and farmsteads, livestock area, animal services, crop services, fish hatcheries, horticulture and tree farms.

**Residential:** Single-family dwellings, townhouses, duplexes, multifamily dwellings, apartments and dormitories, boarding houses, group homes and elderly homes

**Estate:** < 1 unit/acre.

**Single Family Res.:** 1-6 units/acre.

**Medium Density Res.:** 6-10 units/acre.

**High Density Res.:** 10-16 units/acre.

**Very High Density Res.:** 16+ units/acre.

**Public Space/Institutional:** City offices, libraries, colleges, universities, fire stations, and hospitals.

\* Regional Activity Centers (such as Living History Farms) will be marked with an overlain crosshatch.

**Park/Open Space/Floodway:** Parks, green space, trails, recreational areas, and areas protected for environmental reasons.

### Commercial:

**Local:** Traditional, pedestrian accessible, bakeries, banks, bookstores, etc. Retail mix with some office, restaurants, places that are more compact used for day-to-day errands.

**Community:** Draws people into the area from many miles away, typically accessible by car only includes: hotels and motels, large retailers, malls, office and business parks, etc.

\* Regional Activity Centers (malls, group of "big box" stores) will be marked with overlain crosshatch in either category.

### Industrial:

**Light:** Warehouses, light manufacturing and assembly, contractor facilities.

**Heavy:** Mines, quarries, cement and asphalt plants, hazardous material storage, and petroleum storage.