

The Griswold Road industrial district consists of only seven or eight businesses on the west side of Griswold Road, between Nine and Ten Mile Roads. This industrial district is zoned "General Industrial", a classification which provides for outdoor storage. Consistent with the zoning classification, uses along Griswold Road include vehicle salvage yards, RV storage, and contractor storage yards. Very little new industrial development has occurred along Griswold Road in recent years, perhaps in part because of more stringent environmental regulations governing salvage yards and similar uses, lack of visibility, the poor image cast by existing industrial uses, and potential conflicts with adjoining residential uses. The South Lyon Community School's bus garage relocated to a site on Griswold Road near Nine Mile Road. With the paving of Griswold, the industrial district is poised for redevelopment.

Extractive Land Use

Extractive land uses consisted of sand and gravel mining and a few oil and natural gas pumping operations. Sand and gravel mining ended in 2000, so the land is classified as vacant. Vacant land characteristics are discussed later in this chapter.

Most gravel excavating operations were located on the east side of the Township between Ten and Twelve Mile Roads. Previously reclaimed excavation sites included the Haas Lake Park campground, which is situated around water bodies formed from previous gravel and mining operations.

In the long term, sand and gravel excavating operations can be an asset to the community provided that proper reclamation procedures are followed. Future reclamation of former excavation sites will present unique challenges for the Township as these sites become ripe for development. The opportunity exists to transform the excavated areas into beautiful residential environments provided that sufficient land area is left around the lakes, steep slopes are properly graded, obsolete equipment and junk have not been dumped into excavated areas, and sufficient topsoil has been retained to cover the entire excavated area.

The largest gravel extraction operation, Lyon Sand and Gravel, completed extractive work in the early 2000's and reclaimed the lake edges in 2003. Lyon Sand and Gravel continues to operate an asphalt plant and concrete batch plant on the south side of Twelve Mile Road, west of Napier Road.

Public and Quasi-Public Land Uses

Public and Quasi-public uses occupied approximately 390.9 acres of land or about 1.92 percent of the Township's total land area in 2009. Public uses include public schools, the Township Hall, the Township library and community center, cemeteries, and the Oakland/Southwest Airport. Churches are the principal quasi-public use.