Estimate based on per cent population increase: The immediate planning area's 1950 population estimates indicate a growth rate of 40-47 per cent per decade (compared to 39 per cent during the 30's). If commercial land increases in proportion to this expected growth, following would be the 1970 and 1980 amount of commercial land:

1950	1960	1970		1980	
		High	Low	High	Low
192.9	438.8	645.0	614.3	948.1	850.0

Estimate based on acres per 100 persons: In 1950 the ratio of commercial land to planning area population was .39 acres per 100 persons. By 1960, this ratio had increased to .56. If this ratio remains constant, the following would be the amount of commercial land in 1970 and 1980:

	1950	1960	1970		1980	
Ratio	.39	.56	.56		.56	
Acres	192.9	438.8	638.4	610.4	940.8	851.2

The above estimates are probably on the low side since the acres per 100 persons ratio is more likely to increase rather than remain constant. It increased from .39 in 1950 to .56 in 1960 (a 44 per cent increase). If the acres per 100 persons ratio continues to increase at this rate, it will be 8.1 in 1970 and 11.7 in 1980. These are extremely high ratios. For this next estimate it was assumed that the ratio would more reasonably increase to .7 in 1970 and .8 in 1980 - a somewhat more palatable possibility.

	1950	1960	1970		1980	
Ratio	.39	.56	.7		.8	
Acres	192.9	438.8	798.0	763.0	1344.0	1216.0

Estimate based on commercial employment: Commercial employment in the county (here meaning services, retail, finance, insurance, and real estate) increased from 10,621 in 1950 to 16,410 in 1960, for a growth of .55 percent. If commercial land grows as fast in the future as commercial employment within this county, following would be the amount of commercial land in 1970 and 1980:

	1950	1960	1970	1980
Acres	192.9	438.8	680.1	1054.1