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Housing Characteristics

The housing stock in Applewood consists of 23% detached, 12% semi-detached, 9% townhouse, 54% apartments, and 2% mobile home units compared to the City housing supply of 45% detached, 12% semi-detached, 11% townhouse, and 32% apartments. The detached housing supply as a percentage of all the housing in the District is much lower than the City average, whereas the percentage of apartment units is much higher than the City average.

Of the dwelling units in Applewood, 48% are owned and 52% are rented. This rental percentage is much higher than the City average of 35%. Most of the housing stock in the district was built in the 1960s.

Schools

The Applewood District is currently served by 12 elementary and 2 secondary schools, with a total enrollment of approximately 9,000 students.

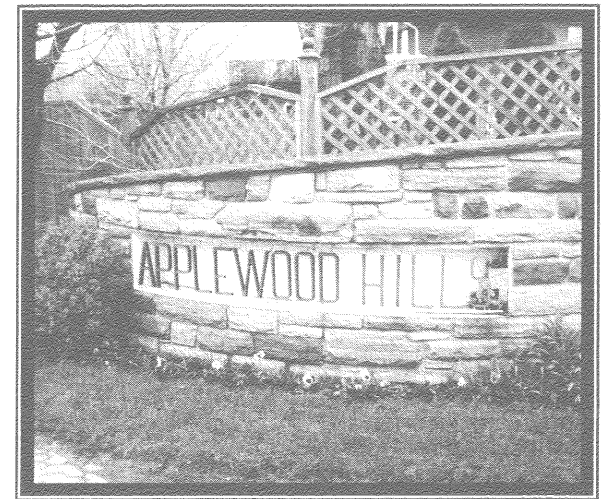
Community Parks

There are over 80 hectares (198 acres) of parkland and greenbelt throughout the Applewood District, including twelve neighbourhood parks, three community parks, and greenbelt areas along the Little Etobicoke Creek. Recreational facilities include an arena, a community centre, an outdoor swimming pool, playing fields, and a public library.

Conclusion

Applewood is an established residential community, one of the first planned communities in Mississauga. The community contains a variety of housing, open spaces and recreational facilities, and is served by a variety of local retail centres.

Applewood



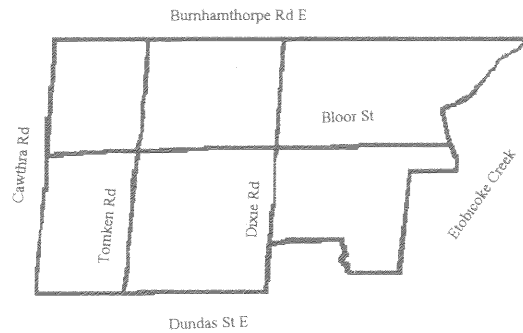
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**Community
Profile**

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Location

Applewood is located in the southeastern portion of Mississauga. Its boundaries and major streets are shown on the map below.



History

The earliest settlements in the Applewood District occurred in the villages of Dixie and Burnhamthorpe which were established during the mid 1800s. The village of Dixie was centred at Dundas Street and Cawthra Road, where Peel County's first church, the Union Chapel, was built in the early 1800s. The village of Burnhamthorpe was centred around the area of Burnhamthorpe Road and Dixie Road.

These villages developed as local service centres for the immediate rural areas, which were characterized by farms and orchards. By the late 1800s, Dixie was an established market gardening centre.

During the first half of the twentieth century, the villages of Dixie and Burnhamthorpe began to

decline as a result of improved access to larger centres such as Port Credit and Cooksville.

The Applewood District area remained predominantly rural until the mid 1950s when G.S. Shipp & Sons Ltd. began to develop the Applewood Heights subdivision on the former T.L. Kennedy homestead at the corner of Dundas Street and Tomken Road. Around the same time, the Dixie Industrial Area south of Dundas Street was being promoted for industrial development.

Today, Applewood is an established residential community, providing a variety of housing types including single and semi-detached dwellings, townhouses, apartments, and mobile homes. The District is served by a number of neighbourhood retail centres.

Demographic Profile

According to the 1991 Census, Applewood's population is approximately 37,000 people. The largest age category is the 20-29 years group, younger than the City's most common age category of 30-39 years. Projections indicate that the population of this area will begin to decline after 1996 and will ultimately be approximately 34,000 people due to a projected decrease in household size. There is limited opportunity for additional development in the District.

The average family income was approximately \$54,500 in 1991, which was lower than the City's average income of \$63,500. Fourteen percent of the families in Applewood are low income families

defined as those that require 70% of their income to meet the basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter. This compares with the City average of 10%.

Eighty percent of the households in Applewood are family households most of which (72%) are one-family households. Fourteen percent are lone-parent families predominantly headed by single mothers. Of the twenty percent non-family households, most consist of only one person.

Immigrants make up 44% of the population in Applewood. The predominant ethnic origins of the Applewood residents are British (23%), Canadian (10%), Polish (9%), Italian (7%), and East Indian (6%), among others. The remaining 45% consists of many varied ethnic cultures. The most commonly spoken language is English, followed by Polish, Italian, Portuguese, and Vietnamese.

Population

Percentage of Population by Age Group

