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The Parkway Belt West Plan

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2. Goals

The Parkway Belt is a major element of the Provincial design for development program contained in *Design for Development: The Toronto-Centred Region* (May, 1970).

The Parkway Belt as a whole has four major goals:

**2.1
Identification of
Urban Areas**

Separate and define the boundaries of urban areas, thus helping to provide the residents with a sense of community identification.

**2.2
Integration of
the System
of Urban Areas**

Link urban areas with each other and with areas outside the region by providing space for the movement of people, goods, energy, and information, without disrupting community integrity and function.

**2.3
Land Reserve for
Future Flexibility**

Provide a land reserve for future linear facilities and for unanticipated activities requiring sites of high accessibility and substantial land area.

**2.4
Linked Open Space
Framework**

Provide a system of open space and recreational facilities linked with each other, with nearby communities, and with other recreational areas.

3. Objectives

The following objectives are based on the four goals set out in Part 2. Each of the objectives is not necessarily related to only a single goal.

Because the Parkway Belt is multi-purpose in nature, not all the objectives are necessarily applicable in all areas covered by the Plan.

Part 5 establishes the specific objectives for each individual link.

Objectives Related Primarily To The Goal Of Identification Of Urban Areas.

3.1 Define urban areas by means of clear limits to urban physical development.

3.2 Separate urban areas by providing a break in the pattern of continuous urban land use and by minimizing the number of traffic routes connecting urban areas across the Parkway Belt.

3.3 Include in the Parkway Belt such natural features as ravines and river valleys, which provide physical, identifiable boundaries.

3.4 Include in the Parkway Belt such linear facilities as major transportation, communication, and utility facilities, which provide physical, identifiable boundaries.

3.5 Locate the major transportation, communication, and utility rights-of-way so that they do not cut through urban areas.

Objectives Related Primarily To The Goal Of Integration Of The System Of Urban Areas.

3.6 Place in one corridor as many as possible of the major transportation, communication, and utility facilities that link the system of urban areas to each other and connect them to areas beyond.

Objectives Related Primarily To The Goal Of Land Reserve For Future Flexibility.

3.7 Provide land reserves to accommodate future linear facilities whose nature, demand, or land needs cannot be set out specifically at the date of approval of the Plan.

3.8 Provide a land reserve for unspecified linear facilities which may also accommodate conventional facilities that may be needed but are not presently set out in action programs.

3.9 Provide extensive blocks of land as a reserve for unforeseen, compatible public and private activities that require substantial land area and locations readily accessible to the system of urban areas.

Objectives Related Primarily To The Goal Of Linked Open Space Framework.

3.10 Provide extensive areas of public and private open space and complementary uses in the Parkway Belt that, together with non-urban areas outside the Parkway Belt, will maintain a continuity of open space through the system of urban areas.

3.11 Set out major public and private open space that will provide opportunities for recreational activities that are accessible to the system of urban areas.

3.12 Link existing and proposed public open-space and recreation areas into a network extending through the Parkway Belt and connecting to areas beyond.

3.13 Preserve prominent natural features, such as river valleys and the Niagara Escarpment, and protect other features, such as wooded areas, watercourses, and other points of interest.