

Appendix D
Existing
Environmental
Conditions Figures

D7- Landscape Composition

3.6 SIGNIFICANT VIEWS

A photographic record of views along the entire corridor is included in Appendix B.

One of the most significant vistas within the Study Area consists of the view looking southward along Highway 6 towards Lake Ontario. Similarly, the view looking northward along Highway 6 towards the cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment is significant.



View south along Highway 6 towards Lake Ontario.



View north along Highway 6 towards the cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment.

Likewise, views to and from the Bruce Trail should be taken into consideration.



View of Bruce Trail stairway from Highway 6



View of Highway 6 from Bruce Trail, looking southeast

Views from nearby residential and commercial areas, as shown in Figure 6 below, are generally blocked by berms and noise attenuation walls, with the exception of views from Plains Road and York Road, where close proximity and a lack of vegetation result in full views of the highways. These views are not considered to be significant.



View of Highway 6 from Atkinson Road.



View of Highway 6 from Plains Road W, looking south



View of Highway 403 from York Road, looking south

Generally, views of the Highway 403-Highway 6 interchange from the adjacent Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG), Hendrie Valley Sanctuary, Beth Jacob Cemetery and Columbia International College Northcliffe Campus are not possible owing to surrounding bermlandforms and existing vegetation.



View of slope to RBG from Highway 403



View of Highway 403 from Beth Jacob Cemetery



View of berm separating Highway 6-Highway 403 ramp from Columbia International College