



# 6. Aesthetics and Visual Quality

## Objectives

- Enhance visual quality
- Control noise levels
- Control air pollutants and odor

## Buffer functions

1. Enhance visual interest
2. Screen undesirable views
3. Screen undesirable noise
4. Filter air pollutants and odors
5. Separate human activities

Design Guidelines for Aesthetics and Visual Quality	Buffer Functions				
	Enhance visual interest	Screen views	Screen undesirable noise	Filter air pollutants and odors	Separate human activities
6.1 Rural-urban land use buffer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6.2 Windbreaks for odor control				✓	✓
6.3 Air quality buffers				✓	✓
6.4 Buffers for noise control				✓	✓
6.5 Developing an ecological aesthetic	✓				✓
6.6 Attractive roadside corridors	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6.7 Buffers for visual screening			✓		✓

Additional Design Guidelines that may Benefit Aesthetics and Visual Quality	Buffer Functions				
	Enhance visual interest	Screen views	Screen undesirable noise	Filter air pollutants and odors	Separate human activities
2.1 Matrix primer	✓				
2.3 Corridors and connectivity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2.9 Corridor width	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2.13 Roads and wildlife crossings	✓				✓
2.14 Roadside corridors	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3.2 Windbreaks for wind erosion	✓			✓	✓
3.3 Herbaceous wind barriers	✓			✓	✓
4.10 Greenways and property values	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5.1 Managing insect pests with buffers					✓
5.3 Buffers and spray drift				✓	✓
5.4 Weed control with buffers					✓
5.7 Managing drifting snow					✓
5.8 Windbreaks for livestock			✓	✓	✓