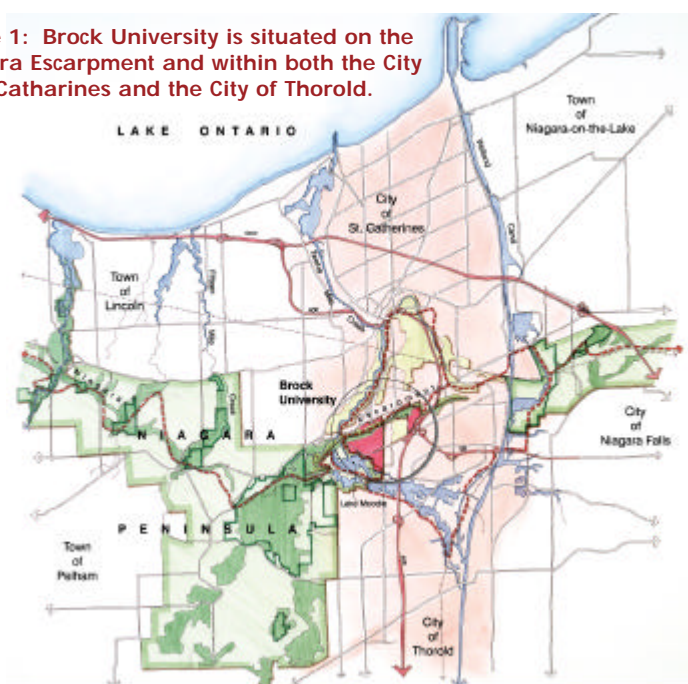


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The campus of Brock University is one of the most dramatic in Canada. Situated on the summit of the Niagara Escarpment² and within a *UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve*, Brock University enjoys a visually stunning and internationally recognized setting. The unique agricultural lands and the historic hydro and waterway infrastructure of the Niagara Region surrounding the campus provide an interesting contrast between the natural environment and that created by human intervention and activity. The pastoral setting these elements form is in contrast to the architecture of the University's buildings, which is bold and dramatic. Together, the location, setting and quality of the campus have defined its character and established a strong foundation for its distinct identity as an intimate and inspiring place.

Figure 1: Brock University is situated on the Niagara Escarpment and within both the City of St. Catharines and the City of Thorold.



Founded in 1964 as a primarily undergraduate institution, Brock University is recognized for its emphasis on student-centred learning through small seminars, labs and lectures. The University is moving in new and exciting directions as it continues to evolve as a comprehensive educational and research institution, offering a full range of innovative graduate, professional and undergraduate programs, including specialized programming and involving significant research activity. In addition, the University is working to expand existing co-op and internship programs that allow stu-

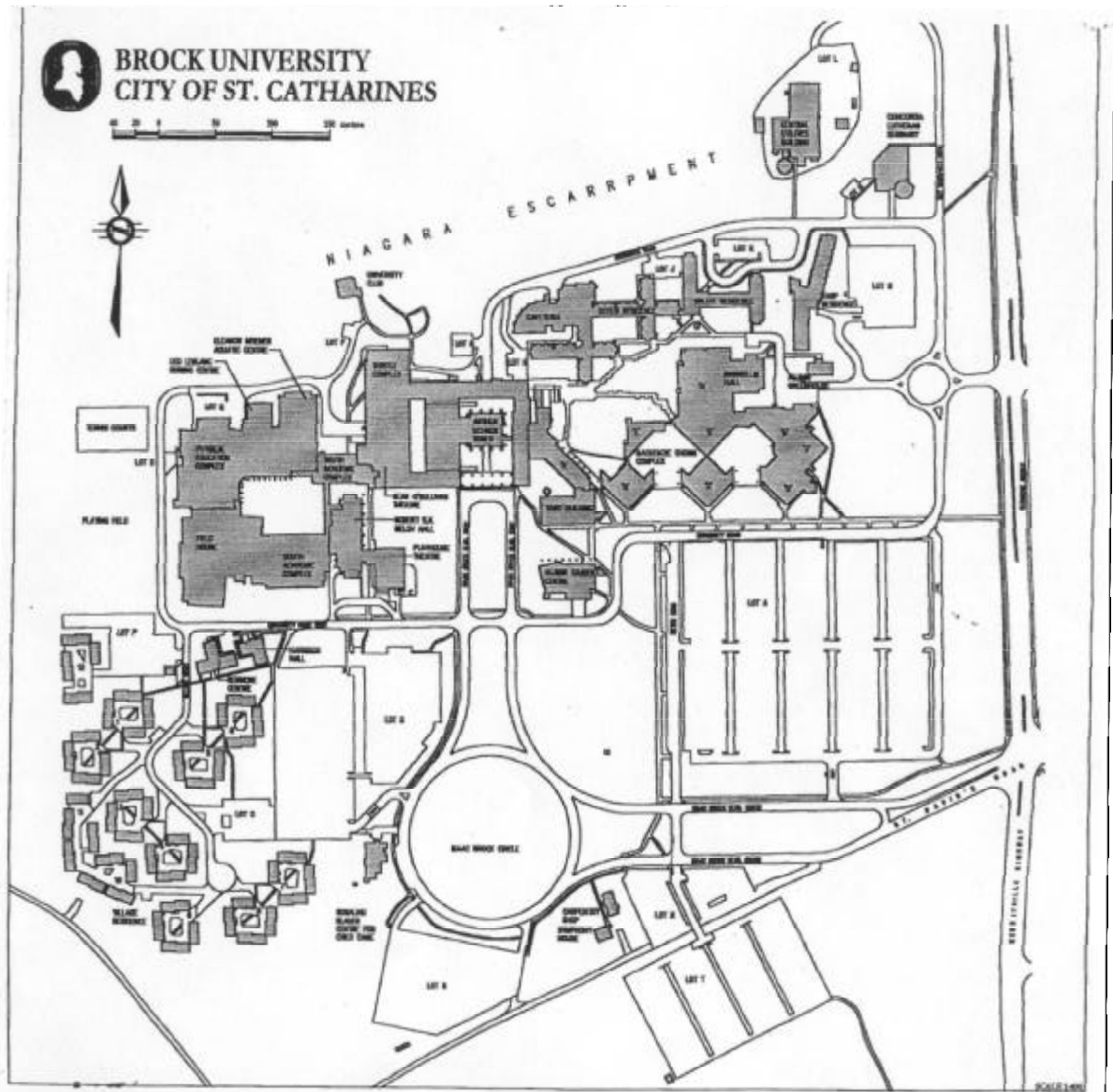
²The Niagara Escarpment Plan defines the Niagara Escarpment slope or face proper as the area between the brow and the toe of the Escarpment, usually characterized by a steep gradient. The brow is the uppermost point of the Escarpment slope or face, and at locations with a contiguous treed area extending beyond this point, the brow line is usually extended to include the entire treed area. The toe is the lowest point on the slope or face. The Campus Plan is in keeping with this definition and in fact extends the area at the toe to include all the land above the 125 metre contour line.



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The Brock University campus contains a wide variety of places, landscapes and building types.



The existing campus, 2003

dents to gain valuable "real world" experience through the course of their studies. It is exploring opportunities in continuing education and non-credit courses. As its academic mission continues to evolve and broaden, supporting the University's commitment to a rigorous intellectual climate, a fuller range of facilities will be required to accommodate academic, research, residential and supporting uses to ensure a high quality experience for the University community.

The only university in the Niagara Region, Brock University plays a special role in sustaining the high quality of life offered by the area. The University's academic and research programs, and its cultural and recreational amenities are regional assets. They draw the Niagara community to the campus throughout the year. From performing arts events to athletic programs for local schoolchildren, Brock University offers a range of activities designed to meet the needs and interests of the University com-

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munity as well as its neighbours. The University is also an important component of the regional system of parks and open spaces. The Niagara

Escarpment and the Bruce Trail pass through the northern and western edges of the campus. The former Glenridge Quarry Landfill to the east is currently being converted to a regional park. South of the campus are the Short Hills Provincial Park and the extensive environmental areas surrounding Lake Moodie and Lake Gibson.

The campus comprises 1,043.5 hectares (422.3 acres) and has over 40 buildings with a total of approximately 170,212 square metres (1,832,210 square feet) of floor space.

In 2002, approximately 8,470 full-time students attended Brock University, 241 of whom were pursuing graduate studies. Another 4,659 part-time students were enrolled throughout the academic year. There were approximately 435 faculty members and 625 staff at the University.

The Campus Plan anticipates a doubling of both the student population and the floor area of the campus over the next 30 years. Brock University is currently planning for an increase in enrolment resulting from the double cohort, which will enter the university system in the fall of 2003. This increase will impact the University for the coming years as these students pursue undergraduate studies and graduate studies, at both the Masters and Ph.D. levels. In addition, the plan responds to what is anticipated to be an overall demographic increase and significant growth in the population of the Niagara Region.



Brock Circle



Earp Residence



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