

Six Nations of the Grand River Territory

- ◆ The *Six Nations of the Grand River Territory* is the most populous First Nation in Canada; a total population of 22,994.
- ◆ It is home to six different First Nations – Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, and Tuscarora.

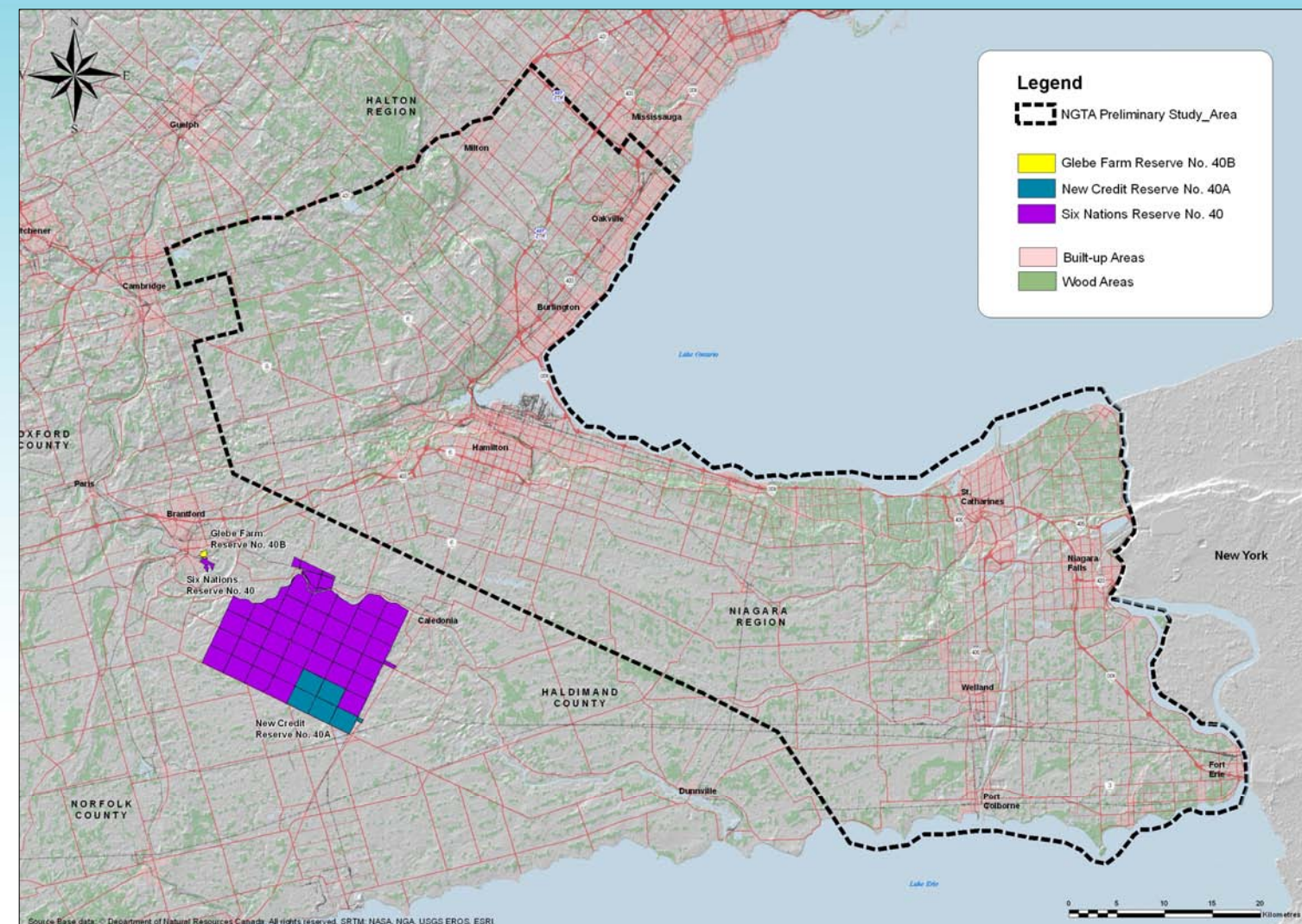
“The Ministry recognizes the value that Aboriginal people place on the environment. When making decisions that might significantly affect the environment, the ministry will provide opportunities for involvement of Aboriginal people whose interests may be affected by such decisions so that Aboriginal interests can be appropriately considered.”

MTO's Statement of Environmental Values (2005)

The study team is consulting with Six Nations of the Grand River Territory and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation regarding their interest in the Corridor Planning and EA Studies.

Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation

- ◆ *Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation* is a Mississauga Ojibwa First Nation with a total population of 1,792 people (May 2008).



- ◆ **During subsequent study stages, every effort will be made to avoid or minimize impacts to:**
 - ◆ Indian Reserves;
 - ◆ Sacred Grounds;
 - ◆ Burial Locations;
 - ◆ Archaeological and Cultural Resources;
 - ◆ Effects on Lands Used for Traditional Activities:
 - ✓ Hunting;
 - ✓ Fishing; and,
 - ✓ Harvesting of traditional foods and medicinal plants.
 - ◆ Outstanding Land Claims and Treaties and;
 - ◆ First Nations Industry.

First Nations' considerations have been considered in the development and evaluation of options for increasing transportation capacity in the Niagara to GTA study area.

- ◆ The potential effects of the transportation alternatives on areas of interest to First Nations have been an important consideration in this study.
- ◆ A comprehensive understanding of the factors which are of interest to the First Nations is necessary.
- ◆ The study team is preparing a *First Nations' Existing Conditions* document to summarize our understanding of these interests. The following general areas are currently being considered:
 - ◆ Land use / community;
 - ◆ First Nations' industry;
 - ◆ Traditional knowledge: hunting, fishing, harvesting of foods, medicinal plants and environmentally sensitive areas; and,
 - ◆ Cultural heritage: pre-historic and historic First Nation sites.
- ◆ Working with First Nations communities is essential.
- ◆ The study team will continue to engage First Nations to ensure that the appropriate sources of information, knowledge and values are incorporated into the NGTA EA Study.