

**7.4M            Applying the Clear Zone Concept**

**7.4.1M        Roadside Slopes**

**7.4.1.1M      Clear Zone Application Heuristics: Parallel Slopes**

The TAC Subsection **7.4.1.1** is applicable to the Department's highways with the following elaboration:

The minimum unprotected side slope ratio for all functional classifications of roadways is to be 4:1.

Back slopes within the clear zone are to be a minimum of 3:1.

Median slopes of 6:1 or greater are required where a depressed median exists on a divided roadways to reduce the possibility of an unrecoverable vehicle becoming a hazard in the clear zone for both directions of traffic.