



Figure 13-38: *Reseda lutea* occurs particularly on clay layers laying along the excavated profiles

e. Landscape/ Aesthetics

The study site is between the urban and rural areas. This structure helps to create a diverse landscape which can be observed from the site. Landscape characteristics in the area were assessed according to four criteria: Scenic value; land use and ownership; biological effects and kinetic environmental conditions.

e.1 Scenic Value

According to Gold (1980), the basic criteria indicating this value are; size of the space, abundance of scenic components and their diversity and integrity.

The proposed site has a diverse scenic potential. In the south where the plain lies, cultivated fields, residences and a complex structure of the Adana urban space occur. In the north, rural elements together with foothills and the silhouette of the Taurus compose a harmonic panorama. The harmonic integrity of the cultural and natural components enhance the scenic value of the proposed site, although the natural vegetation has been replaced by actual land use activities and the original relief changed by excavations.

e.2 Land Use and Ownership

The proposed site is located at the urban development area of the city Adana. An extensive constructional structure is essential for the residential use in the general aspect, but intensive residential parcels on private owned lands are located at the south and east of the site. In addition to the private ownership, state owned lands also exist in the north and west of the area.