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n. pl. glacis

1.

a. A gentle slope; an incline.

b. A slope extending down from a fortification.

2. A neutral area separating conflicting forces.

[French, from Old French, from *glacer*, to slide, from *glace*, ice, from Vulgar Latin **glacia*, from Latin *glaciēs*; see **gel-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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