## **Chapter 23:** Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources

There are a number of resources, both natural and built, that would be expended in the construction and operation of the proposed Flushing Commons and Macedonia Plaza projects. These resources include the materials used in construction, energy in the form of gas and electricity consumed during construction and operation, and the human effort (i.e., time and labor) required to develop, construct, and operate various components of the proposed project. They are considered irreversibly committed because their reuse for some purpose other than the proposed Flushing Commons and Macedonia Plaza projects is highly unlikely.