

Chapter 23: Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitments of Resources

Resources, both natural and man-made, would be expended in the construction and operation of the Proposed Project. Certain resources would be irreversibly and irretrievably committed to the Proposed Project, such as natural resources including wetlands removed to allow the construction of the Proposed Project and the materials dedicated to its construction. Energy in the form of gas and electricity consumed during construction and operation and the human effort (time and labor) required to develop, construct, and operate it would also be committed to the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project also constitutes a long-term commitment of land resources, thereby rendering use of the Project Site for purposes other than the Proposed Project highly unlikely in the foreseeable future. Furthermore, funds committed to the design, construction/renovation, and operation of the Proposed Project would not be available for other projects.

These commitments of resources and materials have been weighed against the Proposed Project's goal to redevelop an underutilized waterfront property for the purposes of generating income, while advancing a number of public goals such as providing economic benefits for western Staten Island and creating substantial new publicly accessible waterfront open space. For these reasons, it is concluded that the Proposed Project would not result in any significant adverse impacts with respect to the irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources to its construction and operation. *