

Chapter 26 : IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENTS OF RESOURCES

There are several resources, both natural and built, that would be expended in the construction and operation of any development that may result of the Proposed Action. These resources include the building materials used in construction of the project; energy in the form of natural gas, petroleum products, and electricity consumed during construction and operation of the building; and the human effort required to develop, construct, and operate various components of any potential development. They are considered irretrievably committed because their reuse for some other purpose would be impossible or highly unlikely.

As described in Chapter 1, Project Description, and Chapter 2, Analytical Framework, the Proposed Action is a “Generic Action” and there are no specific development sites at this time. The Proposed Action itself is not expected to induce development on sites where development would not have otherwise been possible (with the exception of one component allowing as-of-right development over certain existing parking lots for affordable senior housing, and is discussed in this document), however, more development is expected to occur as a result citywide which would require consumption of resources.

The Proposed Action constitutes an irreversible and irretrievable commitment of potential development sites as a land resource, thereby rendering land use for other purposes infeasible.