

6.0 Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources

6.1 Natural Resources Consumed, Converted, or Made Unavailable for Future Use

Some areas of existing undeveloped land will be committed to development of residences, roads, and landscaped areas. Some existing soils will be altered and replaced with paving. Some wildlife habitat, as it presently exists, will be irretrievably lost or altered. The existing natural resources which could be made unavailable for future use include forest areas, streams, and wetland areas.

6.2 Manmade Resources Consumed, Converted of Made Unavailable for Future Use

Resources consumed during reconstruction of the site, including fossil fuels and construction materials, will be committed for the life of the project.

Non-renewable fossil fuels will be irretrievably lost through the use of gasoline and diesel powered construction equipment during demolition and construction. Development of the site will generate an increased demand for electricity and natural gas.

Increased commitments will be made for the use of municipal water, sanitary sewage disposal, solid waste disposal and municipal services such as police and fire protection.

Commitments will also be made for the use of renewable and/or recyclable resources such as construction and building materials including timber, steel, concrete, and glass. The need for construction jobs and related service-oriented industries will be an irretrievable commitment of labor resources.