

Chapter 22: Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources

As established under SEQRA, this chapter summarizes the irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources that would result from the Proposed Project. Certain resources, both natural and manmade, would be expended in the construction and operation of the Proposed Project. These resources include use of the land, building materials, energy, and the human effort (time and labor) required to develop, construct, and operate the Proposed Project. These resources are considered irretrievably committed because their reuse for some purpose other than the Proposed Project would be highly unlikely.

The entire property of the historic Saratoga Race Course has been actively used in running the facility for many years. The Proposed Project is intended to serve as a reinvestment in buildings and infrastructure in order to sustain the quality and operational efficiency of the Race Course and to improve the amenities and offerings to customers into the future. The new buildings and new infrastructure of the Proposed Project are located on already actively used areas of the property thereby taking advantage of land already dedicated for like uses.

The actual materials committed to the construction of the Proposed Project include:

- Land
- Raw Materials for construction (wood, steel, concrete, and glass, etc.)
- Energy and other utility capacities (gas, propane, and electricity consumed by construction equipment and various operational mechanical systems (heating, hot water and air conditioning))
- Police and fire protection

None of these impacts are considered significant. It is also anticipated that efforts will be made to conserve resources wherever possible throughout the development process including during materials selection, land clearing, disposal of debris, etc. *