

The term “growth-inducing effects” generally refers to the potential for a project to trigger additional development in areas outside a Project Site that would otherwise not have such development without the Proposed Project. Growth inducement considers whether a Proposed Project could:

- Attract significant increases in local population by creating or relocating employment, or by providing support facilities or services (stores, public services, etc.), or
- Increase development potential of a local area (i.e., by the extension of roads, sewers, water mains, or other utilities).

As set forth in Chapter 1: “Project Description,” the goal of the Proposed Project is to retain and lengthen the stay of existing patrons, sustain and attract visitors into the future, and provide a broader spectrum of service choices and offerings for guests that can increase overall revenues from Race Course operations while preserving the historic landscape and character of the Saratoga Race Course. In addition, a portion of the proposed improvements are focused on enhancing operational efficiencies that benefit the racing participants such as upgrades to the stables and dormitories. The Proposed Project is not expected to lengthen the racing season and peak attendance and overall attendance volumes are not expected to increase substantially.

As noted in Chapter 14, “Economic Conditions” the Saratoga Race Course is a historically important anchor for tourism and an economic contributor to the City and region, supporting a wide range of off-site economic activities and local employment demand such as hotels, restaurants, and retail. However, the potential increase in demand for labor to support construction or permanent operations is relatively small and would be drawn from the existing local and regional labor force.

Therefore, while the Proposed Project is not expected to generate growth-inducing effects beyond sustaining the Race Course into the future, it is noted that the Proposed Project will help to strengthen and retain the vitality of this key economic sector. *