

Chapter 24: Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitments of Resources

Resources, both natural and built, would be expended in the construction and operation of the proposed project. These resources include the materials used in construction; energy in the form of fuel and electricity consumed during construction and operation of the Lambert Houses project; and the human effort (i.e., time and labor) required to develop, construct, and operate various components of the project.

The resources are considered irretrievably committed because their reuse for some purpose other than the proposed project would be highly unlikely. The proposed project constitutes an irreversible and irretrievable commitment of the Development Site as a land resource, thereby rendering land use for other purposes infeasible, at least in the near term.

These commitments of land resources and materials are weighed against the benefits of the proposed project. As described in Chapter 1, "Project Description," the proposed project is intended to improve the quality of life for current Lambert Houses residents while increasing the number of affordable housing units on the Development Site. By creating nearly 1,000 more affordable housing units than are currently located on the site, the proposed project would make a substantial contribution to the housing production goals of the Mayor's *Housing New York: A Five-Borough, Ten-Year Plan*. *