

Section 22: Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitments of Resources

Like the Project as assessed in the 2006 FEIS, the Project would expend several resources, both natural and built, in its construction and operation. These resources include the building materials used in construction, energy in the form of gas and electricity consumed during construction and operation of the building, and the human effort (time and labor) required to develop, construct, and operate various components of the Project. These resources are considered irretrievably committed, because their reuse for some purpose other than the Project would be highly unlikely. However, the Project, like the Project as assessed in the 2006 FEIS, would involve the reuse of an existing historic building and the retention and restoration of the building exterior and portions of the interior. Thus, as identified in the 2006 FEIS, this aspect of the Project would reduce the amount of resources consumed during construction, as compared to the construction of a new train station.