

## **Chapter 23: Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitments of Resources**

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There are several resources, both natural and built, that would be expended in the construction and operation of the proposed project. These resources include the building materials used in construction of the project, 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, Phase I of the proposed project involves the reuse of an existing historic building and the retention and restoration of the building exterior and portions of the interior. This aspect of the project would reduce the amount of resources consumed during construction. \*