

**7.0 IDENTIFICATION OF IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE
COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES**

There are many resources, both natural and man-made, that would be expended in the construction and operation of the proposed schools. These resources include the use of land, funding, building materials, energy, and human effort required to develop, construct, and operate various elements of the proposed project. They are irretrievably committed because their reuse for some other purposed besides the project would be highly unlikely.

The land (including its development potential) that comprises the project site is the most basic resources that would be committed irretrievably. Since the project site consists of almost eight acres of vacant land, the proposed action would represent an irretrievable change in the site's land use. In addition, the project's funding is an irretrievable resource since it would no longer be available for investment in other projects.

The actual building materials used in the construction of the school (e.g., steel, concrete, glass, etc.) and the energy (in the form of gas and electricity) consumed during construction and by the school's various mechanical systems would also be committed irretrievably to this project.