

7.0 Identification of Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources

There are many resources, both natural and human-made, that would be expended in the construction and operation of the proposed project. 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 irreversibly and irretrievably committed because their reuse for some other purpose other than the project either is not possible or is highly unlikely.

The land (including its development potential) that comprises the project site is the most basic resource that would be committed irretrievably. 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 irretrievably committed to this project.