

Chapter 25: Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources

Under the proposed project, both natural and man-made resources would be expended in the construction and implementation of the proposed Master Plan. These resources include the building materials used during construction; energy in the form of gas and electricity consumed during construction; and the human effort (time and labor) required to develop, construct, and operate various elements of the proposed action. These are considered irretrievably committed because their reuse for some purpose other than the proposed project would be highly unlikely.

The construction that would take place under the proposed project would also require the irreversible and irretrievable commitment of energy, construction materials, human effort, and funds. The proposed project would also result in increased energy consumption over the No Build condition (see Chapter 14, "Energy"). This, however, is not considered significant energy consumption or a significant impact, and the project is also committed to implementing sustainability goals.

These commitments of land resources and materials are weighed against the public purpose and benefits of the proposed development, which would accommodate both the existing activities on the Lincoln Center campus (which are not adequately housed in existing buildings) and the anticipated expansion of the University's programs over the next 25 years. The Master Plan creates an opportunity for Fordham to meet the increasing needs of New Yorkers who wish to take advantage of the University's educational programs, while simultaneously accommodating Fordham's students from across the country and around the globe. *