

## **CHAPTER IX: IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES**

Although development of the project will bring benefits to the Town of Greece and surrounding communities, some non-renewable, natural, or man-made resources will be consumed or committed during the construction and lifetime of the proposed project. These resources are considered to be irretrievably and irreversibly committed since their re-use for purposes other than the proposed development is either impossible or highly impractical.

The land that makes up the project site is the most basic resource irretrievably committed. Construction of the project will commit a total of approximately 80 acres of the site to development. Once developed for the proposed Project, a portion of the land could no longer be used for other purposes.

The materials and energy consumed in the anticipated construction are irreversible and irretrievable commitments. Included in this category are the steel, concrete, asphalt, brick, glass, and other construction materials used to build the stores and related site improvements for this project. The fossil fuel used by the construction equipment will also be a resource lost as will the energy consumed by the different land uses and the operation and maintenance of the individual businesses and projects.

The human effort involved in constructing and maintaining a proposed project, along with the capital expended, are also irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources. None of these impacts are considered significant