

Police Academy – College Point, Queens
CHAPTER 21: IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE
COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES

There are a number of resources, both natural and man-made, that would be expended in the construction and operation of the proposed public facility. These resources include the materials (including concrete, wood, metal, glass and asphalt) used in construction of the proposed Police Academy; energy in the form of gas and electricity consumed during construction and operation of the proposed development by various mechanical and processing systems; and the human effort (time and labor) required to develop, construct, and operate various components of the proposed development. They are considered irretrievably committed because their reuse for some purpose would be highly unlikely.

The land use changes associated with the development of the proposed Academy site may also be considered a resource loss. The proposed development constitutes an irreversible and irretrievable commitment of the development site for a public facility use, thereby rendering the use of this land for other purposes infeasible. Further, funds committed to the design, construction, and operations of the proposed development are not available for other projects.

The public services provided in connection with the proposed development under the Proposed Action (e.g., police training and community protection) also constitute resource commitments that might otherwise be used for other programs or projects.

Despite the commitments identified above, the proposed Police Academy would result in a public benefit, due to the expansion of recruit and in-service training capabilities within the City.