

**7.0 IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENTS OF RESOURCES**

The proposed annexation of approximately 507 acres of land (or in the alternative 164-acres) from one municipal jurisdiction to another would not irretrievably commit any natural resources, but would commit human resources of the Village of Kiryas Joel as municipal body to the stewardship of the land and care of its residents.

Without or with annexation, the annexation territory is anticipated to experience new development over time which will remove or alter existing elements -- mostly natural second growth woodland and habitats -- and replace those landscape elements with man-made elements, thereby committing the land to human use. Once the land is committed to residential or supporting types of development, it would be unavailable for other use for the foreseeable future.

Though not a direct result of the annexation action, natural resources would be irretrievably committed to the subject land through development, such as through the consumption of fossil fuels for construction activities in the short term and for energy to heat and cool buildings in the long term; and manufacture, transport and consumption of building materials including concrete, asphalt, lumber, plastic and metal products. Some of these materials would be recyclable in the future after their useful life.