

Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources (DEIS Section 6.0)

Comment 6.0-1-GP135: There is no quantitative discussion of Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources for the preferred alternative. The amount of undeveloped land committed to the development should be described. The wildlife habitat which will be lost should indicate the type of habitat, amount lost and species affected. If local sources of gravel will be utilized, how much is needed and how much can be supplied locally? How does that affect local capacity? [Greenplan, Inc., Letter, April 6, 2008, Comment #135, page 24]

Response 6.0-1-GP135: The discussion of Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources for the preferred alternative is generally similar to that for the Proposed Action in Section 6.0 of the DEIS. A discussion of the potential impacts to habitat is included in Appendix F, Habitat Management Plan. The project will aim to balance cut and fill onsite so that offsite transport of material to and from the site is minimized. Any use of local gravel materials will not interfere with its use for other purposes, but will eliminate the potential for secondary impacts of transporting this material from elsewhere.

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