

SECTION 7.0
IRREVERSIBLE & IRRETRIEVABLE
COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES

Construction of the Eastern Expansion and related facilities and infrastructure would require building materials, equipment, energy, and human resources. In the short term, these resources are readily available. For landfills, land may be the single most important resource that will be permanently committed to the project in its current state.

The Eastern Expansion design maximizes the use of the existing landfill (referred to as overfill) and previously disturbed lands (access road, recycling building, etc.), limiting the disturbance of natural areas to approximately 13 acres. This land will be converted from forested wetland and upland to landfill. The commitment of this land will irreversibly eliminate the existing ecology but will be mitigated through the Habitat Restoration, Enhancement & Mitigation Plan by converting the mobile home park to stream corridor, wetland and pine barrens. Ultimately, upon landfill closure, the Expansion Area will be converted to pine barrens.