

**7.0 GROWTH-INDUCING ASPECTS**

As indicated in Chapter 3.8 of this DEIS, the proposed project would introduce a projected 1,137 persons including 121 school age children and 180 older adults to the Village and Town of Chester. The proposed development would generate a projected \$1,606,933 in annual property tax revenues to the Chester Central School District that is projected to offset costs to educate these additional school children.

The project would promote increased construction employment in the short-term and, on a cumulative basis, an increased long term demand for goods and services that would have a steady multiplier effect on growth in the project vicinity. It is anticipated that a substantial portion of the construction workers on the project would come from Orange County and nearby counties in the mid-Hudson region. During the construction phase, these workers would be expected to have a positive impact on existing local businesses that provide services or products, including restaurants, convenience stores, deli markets and service stations. Future residents would utilize area retail, personal services, and other commercial services. Businesses within the project vicinity, primarily located along the developed commercial corridor NYS Route 17M, would benefit from new resident expenditures.

It is anticipated that future residents would utilize existing area retail, personal service, and other commercial services. A portion of these expenditures would be made at local area restaurants, supermarkets, convenience stores, apparel and household goods stores, and service businesses such as gas stations and hair salons, especially those located in the adjacent Chester Mall and along Rte. 17M.