

## **VI. UNAVOIDABLE ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

The analysis of potential environmental impacts associated with projected future development for the project planning period indicates that certain impacts may not be avoided. Although some impacts may be ameliorated to some extent through the implementation of mitigation measures, they cannot totally be mitigated. This section identifies the above mentioned adverse environmental impacts which cannot be avoided.

### **A. LAND USE**

The current undeveloped nature of the project site will be altered as a result of projected future development. Open lands and active agricultural lands will be developed. Agriculture production will be lost.

### **B. VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE**

Future development in the project study area will facilitate the removal of existing vegetation which in turn may displace wildlife. Vegetation such as forest, brush, cropland, and pasture will be converted to residential, commercial and industrial uses.

While there have been no rare, threatened, or endangered animal species identified to date through contact with the NYSDEC Wildlife Resources Center in the study area, it is expected that common animal species will be displaced as a result of future development. It is anticipated that some of these species will be displaced to other undeveloped areas, some will be displaced outside the study area and some will die as a result of increased competition.

### **C. TRANSPORTATION**

Significant increases in traffic are expected in the project study area as a result of future development. While roadway improvements will reduce associated impacts, the overall volume of traffic will increase.

### **D. AESTHETICS**

Future development of currently undeveloped lands will change the aesthetic character of the study area. While mitigation in the form of landscaping, berms and architectural styles will reduce impacts they will not eliminate them.