

L. Potential Growth Inducing Aspects

There are potential growth producing aspects of the project, but none that are significant. Throughout this DEIS it has been discussed that 396 new residential townhomes will be constructed. This is likely to bring a permanent population increase of 810 people to the Village of Bloomingburg.

During construction there will be temporary employment created. Some of those employed may be coming from outside the immediate surroundings. There is likely to be a short term growth associated with the local increased spending on the project materials, spending on local labor and the effects of outside laborers purchasing goods and services within the community. It is expected that this economic activity will not be permanent. It is not expected that this activity will result in any demand for housing.

The establishment of the new Villages of Chestnut Ridge will provide a permanent increase in wages and income to the locale. It is expected that this income will have a multiplier effect on the local economy. However, the order of magnitude of the development is not expected to produce any substantial establishment of new commercial entities. It is expected that the existing local economy will absorb the economic activity utilizing existing businesses and existing underutilized capacity.

No adverse effects are expected in the short term or long term from the project with respect to growth inducement. Except as outlined with the repairs to the wastewater treatment plant, there will be no significant effect on existing utility system capacity. No major roadway improvements are planned as a part of the project which would trigger changes in transportation access to the area.