CHAPTER 14: UNAVOIDABLE ADVERSE IMPACTS

A. INTRODUCTION

Unavoidable significant adverse impacts occur when a proposed action would: (a) result in significant adverse impacts for which there are no reasonably practicable mitigation measures to eliminate the impact; and (b) for which there are no reasonable alternatives to the Proposed Action that would meet the purpose and need for the action, eliminate the impact, and not cause other or similar significant adverse impacts.

As described in Chapter 12, "Mitigation," the potential direct impact to historic architectural resources would not be fully mitigated.

B. HISTORIC (ARCHITECTURAL) RESOURCS

As described in Chapter 5, "Historic Resources," the building on the Proposed Development Site is identified as a contributing structure to the Sugar Hill Historic District listed on State and National Registers of Historic Places (S/NRs). Construction of the Proposed Development would necessitate demolition of this structure, which would constitute a significant adverse impact on architectural resources. As described in Chapter 12, "Mitigation," measures to partially mitigate the impact of the demolition of this historic resource – which include archival photographic documentation and the possible removal of decorative exterior terra cotta elements on the existing building to be incorporated into the design of the Proposed Development or utilized in the interior public spaces of the new building (if feasible) – have been developed in consultation with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), and will be refined between the DEIS and FEIS. However, despite the measures described here and further outlined in Chapter 12, this impact would not be completely eliminated. Therefore, it would constitute an unavoidable significant adverse impact on this historic resource as a result of the Proposed Action.