Chapter 24: Growth Inducing Aspects of the Proposed Project

The term "growth-inducing aspects" generally refers to the potential for a proposed project to trigger additional development in areas outside the project site that would otherwise not have such development without the proposed project. The 2010 *City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Technical Manual* indicates that an analysis of the growth-inducing aspects of a proposed project is appropriate when the project:

- Adds substantial new land use, new residents, or new employment that could induce additional development of a similar kind or of support uses, such as retail establishments to serve new residential uses; and/or
- Introduces or greatly expands infrastructure capacity.

As described in Chapter 1, "Project Description," the proposed project, which is designed to accommodate space and programmatic needs of NYU, would be limited to new buildings and new publicly accessible open space within the Proposed Development Area, along with the potential for limited conversion of ground floor uses in existing buildings to retail use within a Commercial Overlay Area. As described in "Purpose and Need of the Proposed Actions" in Chapter 1, "Project Description," the two superblocks comprising the Proposed Development Area present the most significant opportunity for NYU to accommodate future growth on its own land, thereby avoiding disruption, demolition and dislocation in the surrounding neighborhood.

As stated in Chapter 3, "Socioeconomic Conditions," the proposed project would introduce substantial new development on NYU properties that are central to NYU's core campus. However, the new development within the Proposed Development Area and Commercial Overlay Area would not introduce new economic activities, and would not substantially alter existing economic patterns in the study area. The study area already has prominent and well-established institutional, commercial and residential uses; the proposed project would not create the critical mass of uses or populations that would induce additional development.

The proposed project would not include the introduction of new infrastructure or an expansion of infrastructure capacity that would result in indirect development.

Therefore, the proposed projects would not induce significant new growth in the surrounding area. ✷