

Chapter 18: Growth Inducing Aspects of the Proposed Project

The term “growth-inducing aspects” refers to the potential for a proposed project to trigger additional development in areas outside the project site that would not have such development absent the proposed project. The 2014 *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.

The proposed project and related actions are specific to the project site only. While the proposed project would result in improvements to the existing cultural, educational, and scientific uses on the project site, the American Museum of Natural History has been one of the top visitor destinations in New York City for decades, and Museum visitors already frequent businesses in the study area. Aside from the surrounding park land, the area is heavily developed, with the level of development controlled by zoning, including contextual regulations. Any development in the surrounding historic district would also require review and approval by the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission. Therefore, the proposed project would not be expected to induce new growth in the study area.

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

Therefore, the proposed project would not induce significant new growth in the surrounding area. *