

## 9 GROWTH INDUCING IMPACTS

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Although the development of the proposed Project in and of itself is not considered to be growth inducing, there are potential beneficial aspects of the project which could have the effect of promoting the economic growth in the local community:

- The Project will continue to employ a significant local labor force at the landfill. It will also employ additional individuals who transport the waste, who will provide and transport construction materials (liner and piping materials and soils), and who may be associated with the ancillary landfill operation activities such as the leachate treatment facilities.
- The Project will also create economic benefit to local vendors and suppliers utilized by the employees (i.e., groceries, restaurants, vehicles, gasoline, banking, etc.).
- The Project, through the utilization of LFG to energy technology will provide a beneficial use of LFG by creating saleable energy. As presented in Section 2 of this DGEIS, resulting lower energy costs creates the potential for additional development in the area as a result of having a readily available, cost competitive energy source. The Project would also help meet the demand for renewable energy resources in the State.
- By developing the expanded facility at a site that already exists, SMI is taking advantage of the infrastructure and systems that are in place and functioning. This is a positive aspect of the project, and can be viewed as a benefit and cost savings to the community, as opposed to the development of new infrastructure and systems at another location, potentially causing both additional environmental and economic impacts and burdens.
- Fees to be paid to the Towns of Seneca Falls and Waterloo can be used by the towns to help keep down local property tax rates through at least the year 2023. Any agreements that replace or succeed the agreement that currently exists, will extend the ability of the towns to promote economic growth by providing additional services or maintaining a low tax rate.