

A. INTRODUCTION

This Section describes the project alternatives. These alternatives are evaluated using a screening process that assesses potential benefits (project objectives) against potential environmental consequences and identifies those alternatives that were determined to meet project goals and objectives which are analyzed in this EIS.

B. PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

This DEIS considers three alternatives and evaluates their effects upon the quality of the human environment and on the objectives and needs of the Cayuga Indian nation. These alternatives include:

- The Proposed Action
- No Action
- Enterprise Properties into Trust

These alternatives are discussed below.

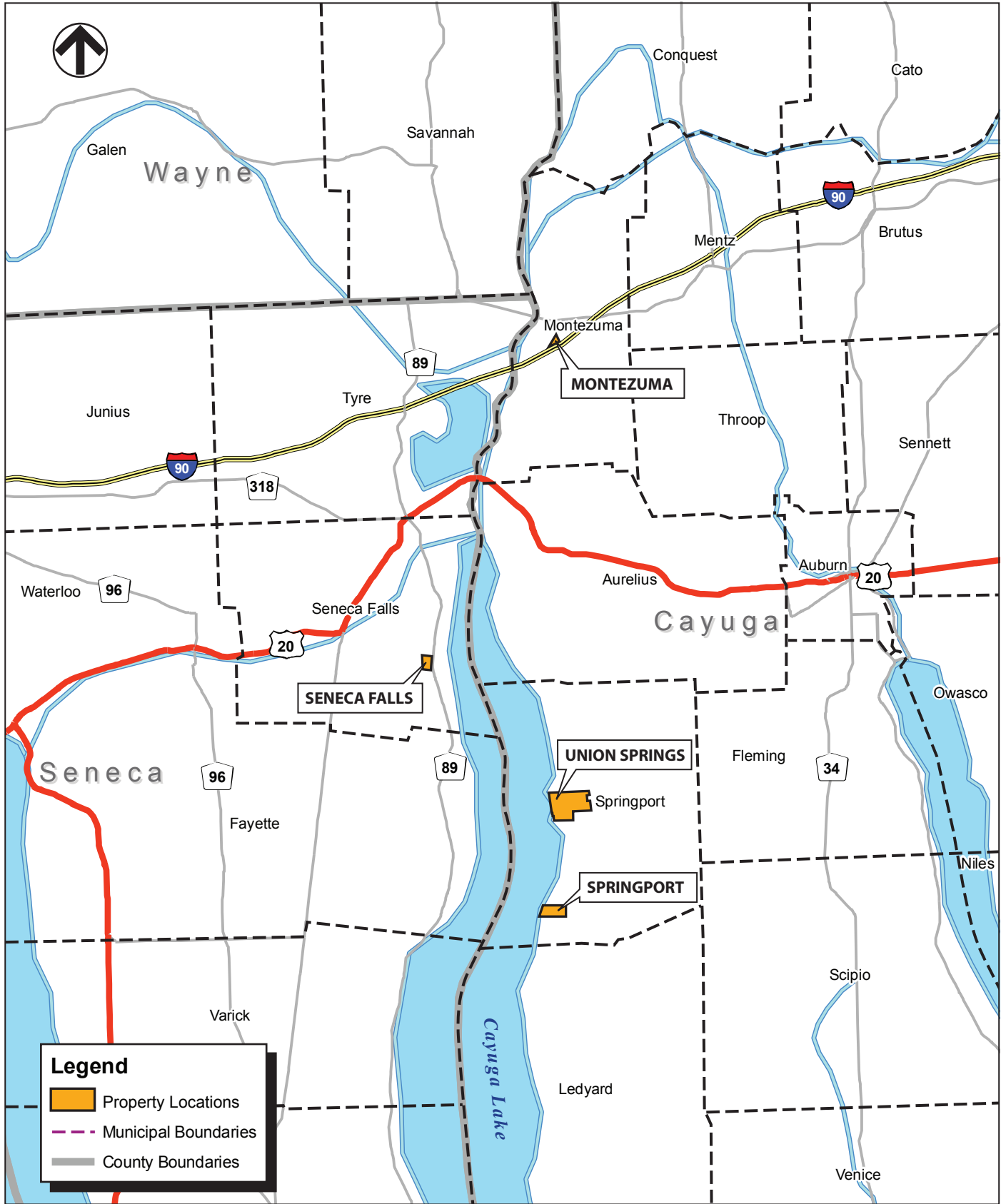
ALTERNATIVE 1: THE PROPOSED ACTION

Under this alternative, the seven parcels of land included in the Nation's Land Trust Application would be taken and held in trust by the United States. These parcels are located in the Village of Union Springs and the Towns of Springport and Montezuma, in Cayuga County, and in the Town of Seneca Falls, in Seneca County, New York. The subject properties are shown in Table 2-1 and Figure 2-1.

Under this alternative, the Nation would continue use of its properties for multiple purposes, involving the continuation of previous and existing uses, including convenience store and gas station operations, gaming facilities, a car wash and related activities. The Nation presently has no plans for further development of the subject properties.

As trust land, the Nation's property would not be subject to State or local taxation (including County property tax levies), it would be restricted against alienation, and the Nation would assert tribal sovereignty over the subject properties (civil and criminal jurisdiction is dependent on 18 U.S.C. 232, 233; and Federal laws will still apply).

This is the Proposed Action as reflected in the fee-to-trust application made by the Nation to the BIA.



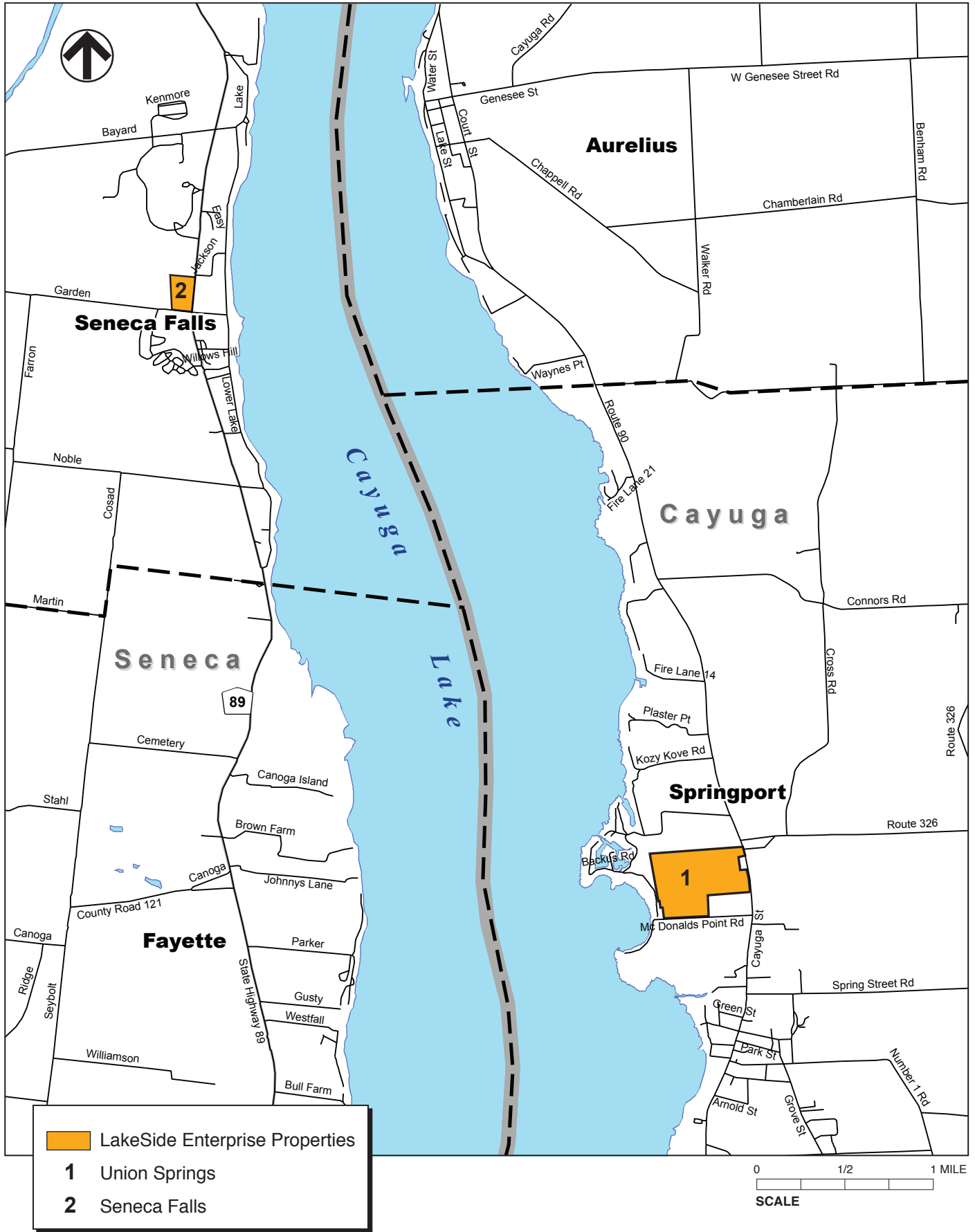


Table 2-1
Proposed Action – Seven Parcels into Trust per Land Trust Application

County/ Municipality	Parcel Address	Parcel Deed Reference	Tax Lot Designations of Parcel	Approx. Acreage	Use
Seneca County					
Town of Seneca Falls	3149 Garden Street Extension/Rt. 89	Book 702 at page 66	36-1-48.1 36-1-48.2	13.29	Former campground and boat repair shop; Nation's office use
	2552 Route 89	Book 674 at page 63	36-1-49	0.69	Gas station, convenience store, and gaming facility
Cayuga County					
Village of Union Springs	North Cayuga Street	Book 1208 at page 236	134.17-1-1.51	108.0	Vacant lot
	299 and 303 Cayuga Street	Book 1129 at page 222	134.17-1-1.21 134.17-1-1.121	1.98	Gas station, car wash, convenience store
	271 Cayuga Street	Book 1129 at page 225	141.05-1-3	1.48	Gaming facility
Town of Springport	Route 90	Book 1215 at page 291	150.00-1-29.1	3.70	Vacant lot
Town of Montezuma	High Street	Book 1215 at page 293	85.00-1-28.1	0.018	Vacant lot
<p>Sources: Tax Assessors' records and real property tax bills/Tax Collector's offices, Towns of Seneca Falls, Montezuma, and Springport (including Village of Union Springs).</p> <p>Note: The notice of intent published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2006 (71 FR 7568) cited the conveyance into federal trust of seven parcels comprising 125± acres of land. The records of the affected municipalities as shown in this table report the actual acreage of the seven parcels included in the Nation's Land Trust Application to be 129.16 acres.</p>					

ALTERNATIVE 2: NO ACTION

Under this alternative, analysis of which is required under NEPA, the BIA would take no action, and the Nation's properties included in Table 2-1, above, would not be taken into trust by the United States.

Under this alternative, the Nation would continue use of its properties for multiple purposes, including the continuation of existing uses (e.g., convenience store and gas station operations, a car wash, and related activities).

ALTERNATIVE 3: ENTERPRISE PROPERTIES INTO TRUST

Under this alternative, the five parcels of land in Seneca Falls and Union Springs would be taken and held into by the United States. Under this alternative, the Nation’s LakeSide Trading commercial enterprises would continue to operate, and the Nation’s LakeSide Entertainment Class II gaming facilities would resume full operation.

Under this alternative, the Nation’s non-enterprise parcels in the Towns of Montezuma and Springport, in Cayuga County, would not be taken into Federal trust.

The analysis of Alternative 3 in this DEIS will document the potential environmental impacts of placing the parcels listed in Table 2-2 into trust. On the remaining non-enterprise parcels, the Nation would continue existing uses.

**Table 2-2
Alternative 3 – Enterprise Properties into Trust**

County/ Municipality	Parcel Address	Parcel Deed Reference	Tax Lot Designations of Parcel	Approx. Acreage	Use
Enterprise Properties in Seneca County					
Town of Seneca Falls	3149 Garden Street Extension/Rt. 89	Book 702 at page 66	36-1-48.1 36-1-48.2	13.29	Former campground and boat repair shop; Nation’s office use
	2552 Route 89	Book 674 at page 63	36-1-49	0.69	Gas station, convenience store, and gaming facility
Enterprise Properties in Cayuga County					
Village of Union Springs	North Cayuga Street	Book 1208 at page 236	134.17-1-1.51	108.0	Vacant lot
	299 and 303 Cayuga Street	Book 1129 at page 222	134.17-1-1.21 134.17-1-1.121	1.98	Gas station, car wash, convenience store
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Sources and Notes: As in Table 2-1, above.					