

This Chapter discusses the potential impacts that the proposed action and the alternatives may have on land resources.

A. ALTERNATIVE 1: PROPOSED ACTION

Under this alternative, which involves placing the Nation's property into trust, no changes are proposed to existing land resources, as described in Section 3.1, "Land Resources." Under this alternative, the property would continue to be used as it is now, and would result in the reopening of the existing but temporarily closed gaming facilities at the Seneca Falls and Union Springs properties.

No additional development or disturbance to the subject properties is anticipated to occur, and as a result of this alternative, there would be no changes to onsite geology, topography, or soils. Therefore, there would be no significant impacts to land resources as a result of the Proposed Action.

B. ALTERNATIVE 2: NO ACTION

Under this alternative, in which the Nation's property would not be placed into trust, no changes would occur to land resources, as described in Section 3.1, "Land Resources." Under this alternative, the property would continue to be used as it is now and there would be no changes to onsite geology, topography, or soils. Therefore, there would be no significant impacts to land resources as a result of the No Action Alternative.

C. ALTERNATIVE 3: ENTERPRISE PROPERTIES INTO TRUST

Under Alternative 3, which would place the Nation's Enterprise Properties in Seneca Falls and Union Springs into trust, no changes are proposed to existing land resources as described in Section 3.1, "Land Resources." Under this alternative, the property would continue to be used as it is now with the reopening of the two gaming facilities at the Seneca Falls and Union Springs sites. No additional development or disturbance to the subject properties is anticipated to occur, and as a result of this alternative, there would be no changes to onsite geology, topography, or soils. Therefore, there would be no significant impacts to land resources as a result of the Enterprise Properties into Trust Alternative.

D. CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

No cumulative impacts on land resources are anticipated for the proposed action under any of the analyzed alternatives. No other currently active proposals are similar to the proposal in either county. Tribal fee-to-trust applications in other New York counties are also not anticipated to produce statewide cumulative impacts, since any land resource impacts from other proposals, if any, would be localized. Implementation of the Nation's proposal would return both Counties'

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conditions to those of the environmental baseline date of the Nation's application, which included the gaming operation. With no impacts on land resources resulting from the proposal, and no other proposals impacting the same resources, no cumulative impacts are anticipated.