

This Section discusses the potential impacts that the proposed action and the alternatives may have on visual resources.

A. ALTERNATIVE 1: PROPOSED ACTION

This alternative involves placing the Nation's property into trust and the reopening of the temporarily closed LakeSide Entertainment gaming facilities at the Nation's Seneca Falls and Union Springs properties. Under this alternative, the properties would continue to be used as it is now and there would be no changes that would negatively impact any of the visual resources in the vicinity of the properties, identified in Section 3.13, "Visual Resources." Therefore, there would be no significant impacts to visual resources as a result of the Proposed Action.

B. ALTERNATIVE 2: NO ACTION

Under this alternative, in which the properties would not be placed into trust, no changes would occur. Under this alternative, the property would continue to be used as it is now and there would be no changes that would negatively impact any of the visual resources in the vicinity of the properties, identified in Section 3.13, "Visual Resources." Therefore, there would be no significant impacts to visual resources as a result of the No Action Alternative.

C. ALTERNATIVE 3: ENTERPRISE PROPERTIES INTO TRUST

Under Alternative 3, which the Nation's property in Seneca Falls and Union Springs would be taken into trust and the temporarily closed LakeSide Entertainment gaming facilities at these locations would be reopened. The Town of Springport and Montezuma properties would not be taken into trust. Under this alternative, the properties would continue to be used as they are now and there would be no changes that would negatively impact any of the visual resources in the vicinity of the properties, identified in Section 3.13, "Visual Resources." Therefore, there would be no significant impacts to visual resources as a result of the Enterprise Properties into Trust Alternative.

D. CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

No cumulative impacts on visual 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 impacts on visual resources from other proposals, if any, would be localized. Implementation of the Nation's proposal would return both Counties' conditions to those of the environmental baseline date of the Nation's application, which included the gaming operation. With no impacts on visual resources resulting from the proposal, and no other proposals impacting the same resources, no cumulative impacts are anticipated.