

This Chapter discusses the potential impacts that the proposed action and the alternatives may have on community infrastructure.

A. ALTERNATIVE 1: PROPOSED ACTION

Under this alternative, which involves placing the Nation's property into trust, no changes are proposed aside from reopening the temporarily closed LakeSide gaming facilities at the Nation's Seneca Falls and Union Springs properties. The decision to temporarily close the LakeSide gaming facilities was based on the threat of litigation from local municipalities. This was a decision of the Cayuga Nation and not the BIA.

No changes are proposed to existing infrastructure, as described in Section 3.9, "Community Infrastructure." Under this alternative, the property would continue to be used as it is now and there would be no changes to onsite or area water supply, wastewater, energy or solid waste. Under this alternative, the Nation will continue to pay for all utilities or negotiate agreements to provide them as necessary. The Nation will pay its appropriate share of expenses for any community services and utilities they use. Therefore, there would be no significant impacts to community infrastructure as a result of the Proposed Action.

B. ALTERNATIVE 2: NO ACTION

As with Alternative 1, under this alternative, no changes would occur to infrastructure, as described in Section 3.9, "Community Infrastructure." Under this alternative, the property would continue to be used as it is now and there would be no changes to onsite or area water supply, wastewater, energy or solid waste. Therefore, there would be no significant impacts to community infrastructure as a result of the No Action Alternative.

In the event the 'No Action' alternative is selected, the Nation may elect to reopen the facilities, and, if necessary, litigate its right to do so.

C. ALTERNATIVE 3: ENTERPRISE PROPERTIES INTO TRUST

Under Alternative 3, which would place the Nation's property in Seneca Falls and Union Springs into trust and reopen the temporarily closed LakeSide gaming facilities at these locations, no changes are proposed to existing infrastructure as described in Section 3.9, "Community Infrastructure." Under this alternative, the properties would continue to be used as they are now and there would be no changes to onsite or area water supply, wastewater, energy or solid waste. Under this alternative, the Nation will continue to pay for all utilities or negotiate agreements to provide them as necessary. The Nation will pay its appropriate share of expenses for any community services and utilities they use. Therefore, there would be no significant impacts to community infrastructure as a result of the Enterprise Properties into Trust Alternative.

D. CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

No cumulative impacts on community infrastructure 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 community infrastructure impacts 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 community infrastructure resulting from the proposal, and no other proposals impacting the same resources, no cumulative impacts are anticipated.