

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

A. ALTERNATIVE 1: PROPOSED ACTION

Under this alternative, the Nation's subject properties would be put into federal trust and the Nation would continue use of the subject properties for the multiple purposes in operation at the time of the fee-to-trust application, including gas stations and convenience stores, a car wash, and gaming facilities. The properties would otherwise be left undisturbed or managed under their current regime 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, the Nation's properties would not be placed into trust, and the Nation would continue to own the properties in fee. The Nation would continue use of its properties for the multiple purposes in operation at the time of the fee-to-trust application (e.g., gas stations and convenience stores, and a car wash). The Nation would also have to determine whether or not it would re-open its gaming facilities, in which case, no changes from the environmental baseline would occur. 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

Alternative 3 involves placing the Nation's Enterprise Properties in Seneca Falls and Union Springs into trust. The subject parcel in the Town of Springport would not be placed into federal trust. Under this alternative, the Nation would continue use of the subject properties for the multiple purposes in operation at the time of the fee-to-trust application, including gas stations and convenience stores, a car wash, and gaming facilities. The properties would otherwise be left undisturbed or managed under their current regime, 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

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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.