

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, 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 maintenance regime. That is, any land management activities, such as mowing, clearing, and agricultural uses, would continue to be subject to all applicable federal environmental regulations.

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, 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). Under this alternative, the Nation may elect to return the subject properties to the environmental baseline conditions by reopening its temporarily closed gaming facilities, in which case, no changes from the environmental baseline would occur. Under this alternative, there would be no changes to onsite geology, topography, or soils, and no changes would occur to land resources, as described in Section 3.1, "Land Resources." 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

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 maintenance regime. That is, any land management activities, such as mowing, clearing, and agricultural uses, would continue to be subject to all applicable federal environmental regulations. 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 fee-to-trust 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 land resources resulting from the proposal, and no other proposals impacting the same resources, no cumulative impacts are anticipated.