

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, the subject properties would be placed into federal trust, and the Nation would continue to use them as per the baseline environmental conditions, including reopening the temporarily closed LakeSide gaming facilities at the Nation's Seneca Falls and Union Springs properties. As a result, there would be no changes no changes are proposed aside from

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 utility services or negotiate agreements to provide them as necessary. The Nation will pay its appropriate share of expenses for any community infrastructure services and utilities they use, and use levels would be expected to be the same as under the environmental baseline conditions at the time of the fee-to-trust application. Therefore, there would be no significant impacts to community infrastructure 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. The BIA would assume that the Nation would continue to pay property taxes; however, the Nation would have to determine whether or not it would do so. In addition, 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 or area water supply, wastewater, energy or solid waste, and no changes would occur to infrastructure, as described in Section 3.9, "Community Infrastructure". The Nation would continue to pay its appropriate share of expenses for any community infrastructure services and utilities they use, and use levels would be expected to be the same as under the environmental baseline conditions at the time of the fee-to-trust application. Therefore, there would be no significant impacts to community infrastructure as a result of the No Action Alternative.

C. ALTERNATIVE 3: ENTERPRISE PROPERTIES INTO TRUST

Alternative 3 would place the Nation's contiguous properties in Seneca Falls and Union Springs into trust, including the reopening of the temporarily closed LakeSide gaming facilities at these locations as under the environmental baseline condition. Therefore, as with Alternative 1: The Proposed Action, no changes are expected to affect 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 infrastructure 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.