

COMMENTS

Attention: DESI Comments, Cayuga Indian
Nation of New York Trust Acquisition Project,

I Michele Barr opposes Land – into Trust application of Cayuga Indian Nation. I feel that, taking the subject land into trust would render it sovereign territory and therefore exempt from property taxes, special districts charges and other fees, thus reducing the revenue of relevant counties, towns, villages, and school, fire, water, and sewer districts.

The DEIS acknowledges that the property in question is on the “ancestral land” and therefore not on a current reservation, thus the CIN application is being treated improperly as an “on-reservation” rather than an “off-reservation” application.

I ask that you would take these comments under great consideration for Seneca and Cayuga Counties. Thank you for your consideration.

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RESPONSES

Form Letter 1: Multiple Commenters

The following is a form letter submitted by multiple individuals. Please refer the Table of Contents for the complete list of people who submitted this letter. Each letter is available on the enclosed CD.

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Your comment is noted.

Please refer to Common Response 4: Cayuga Indian Nation.
Please refer to Common Response 7: Real Estate Taxes and Economic Effects.

Please refer to Common Response 8: Sales Taxes.

Please refer to Common Response 15: Community Services and Infrastructure.

The land-into-trust process is intended to provide Indian Tribes with sovereignty to support and protect their cultural values, economic stability, and self-determination. The validity of the land-into-trust process is a matter under the purview of Congress and not within the scope of this FEIS.

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Please refer to Common Response 4: Cayuga Indian Nation. Under the Treaty of Canandaigua, signed by President George Washington in 1794, the Cayuga Indian Nation was guaranteed approximately 64,000 acres of land as reservation land in central New York, which encompasses the subject properties of the Proposed Action. Therefore, the approximately 125 acres subject to the land-into-trust application, purchased by the Nation from willing sellers, are part of a larger existing reservation.

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