

Responsible Agency: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Cooperating Agencies: Oneida Indian Nation of New York, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Oneida County, New York and Madison County, New York

Title of the Action: Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Oneida Nation of New York Conveyance of Lands into Trust, November, 2006

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Abstract: *The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), serving as lead agency, with the cooperation of the Oneida Indian Nation of New York (the Nation), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Oneida County, New York and Madison County, New York, has gathered available information necessary for preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to evaluate the effects of and alternatives to, taking 17,370 acres of fee land currently owned by the Nation in Oneida and Madison Counties, New York into federal trust status. The purpose of the proposed action is to help ensure the Nation's cultural preservation, self-determination, self-sufficiency and economic independence as a federally recognized Indian tribe by securing the properties into a land base held in trust status. The Nation lands being considered for trust transfer include gaming and resort properties, including the Turning Stone Resort & Casino in Verona, New York, housing for Nation members, health care facilities, government offices, commercial enterprises such as marinas, service stations and convenience stores, vacant and undeveloped lands and lands used for traditional agricultural practices, for rearing of livestock and for hunting and fishing.*

Date by Which Comments on the Draft EIS Must be Received: January 8, 2007 at the address listed above.

It should be noted that the length of this document is in excess of the recommended length under the Code of Federal Regulations (40 C.F.R 1502.7 AND 1502.12) due to the large number of parcels and alternatives that are evaluated in this trust application.

