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Title: Oneida Nation shopping for Catskills site

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Article Text:

According to a classified advertisement in the Middletown Times Herald-Record that ran August 17, the Oneida Nation is searching for parcels of land between 500 and 1,000 acres.

According to an August 21 article in the Times Herald-Record, the Nation may be eyeing the Concord Resort. The article reported that a Westchester developer, Louis Cappelli, who is also the owner of the Concord, said a deal could be made within weeks.

Cappelli told the newspaper that a 1.5 billion project would include a \$650 million casino and a 1,100-room resort.

Nation spokesman Jerry Reed would not comment on Cappelli's statement, but did say the Oneida Nation has always had an interest in developing in the Catskill region.

"That would be the next step in the Nations' process and the Nation has never denied that it was looking there," said Reed. "There's nothing set in stone yet ... the Nation is just looking at what's available."

The ad doesn't directly identify the Oneida Nation, but does ask interested landowners to submit information to an address at the Ames Plaza in Oneida, where the Nation has its administrative offices. The ad said "Catskills Development Acreage Wanted."

During the annual meeting of the New York Gaming Summit in April, Nation representative Keller George expressed interest in expanding the Nation's enterprises into the Catskill region.

"No place has been settled on yet," said Reed. "The Nation is just looking at what might be viable."

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