

Camp Oraysa Expansion Fact Sheet

- **Project:** Camp Oraysa Expansion
- **Applicant:** Oraysa Sewage-Works Corp.
- **Facility:** Camp Oraysa (sponsored by Congregation Oraysa - f/k/a Camp Ohr Shalom and a/k/a Camp Oraysa), 228 Todd Road, Woodbourne, New York 12788
- **NYSDEC Application Number:** # 3-4828-00304/00001
- **A Public Participation Plan (PPP) has been developed in accordance with Environmental Justice Siting Law (EJSL)**

What is the Proposed Project?

The Proposed Project will expand Camp Oraysa's existing sewage treatment plant's capacity 8,000 gallons per day (gpd) to 48,000 gpd to serve up to five additional bunkhouses for campers and staff. To implement the proposed project, Congregation Oraysa has applied for a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to expand its existing sewage treatment plant; the application will also reauthorize the existing discharge from the permit that expired in 2023. The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform the public about the proposed project and to involve the community during the NYSDEC permit application review process.

Why does Congregation Oraysa need to expand the sewage treatment plant's capacity and construct additional bunkhouses at Camp Oraysa?

Congregation Oraysa is constructing additional bunkhouses and expanding the capacity of its existing sewage treatment plant to support expanded camp operations. The current capacity is 594 campers and staff. The additional bunkhouses will increase the camp's lodging capacity by approximately 326 campers and staff.

How might the project affect the surrounding community?

Construction of both projects will use small crews for labor and any heavy and diesel-powered equipment will be used for limited periods of time. Most traffic in the area occurs on larger regional and local roadway corridors, including State Route 42 and State Route 52.

The increased volume in wastewater being treated will be treated to the same high standard it is being treated to now, the discharges will only occur for 2 months a year when camp is in session, and the location of the outfalls from the sewage treatment plant are 0.2 miles away from the nearest camp facility or residential property.

How can I participate in the permit review process?

- Attend the upcoming virtual public meeting scheduled for October 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm to learn about the project, ask questions and/or express concerns about the project.
- Ask questions, express concerns, provide input or submit comments in writing, by phone or email to the project contact person identified below.

Where can I get more information about the proposed project?

- Visit the online document repository at: <https://www.darchei.org/oraysa/ppp/> to obtain application materials, relevant documents, and information about the project.
- Contact Deanne Braveman by phone at: (413) 297-3454, by email at: deanne.braveman@omc.com or in writing at: 228 Todd Rd, Woodbourne, New York 12788 for information on the project, instructions on how to attend the upcoming virtual public meeting, or to find out about the status of the permit application and public comment period.

Who is responsible for reviewing the Permit Application?

- NYSDEC Region 3 Headquarters, 21 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, Ny 12561, is responsible for reviewing and issuing the required permits. Tel: (845) 256-3054; email: DEP.R3@dec.ny.gov