

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Applicant:

Village of Nyack
9 North Broadway
Nyack, NY 10960



Facility:

Nyack Water Treatment Plant
230 NY-59, West Nyack, NY 10994

NYSDEC Application Number:

3-3920-00248/00003

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List of Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
CP-29	Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting
NOCA	Notice of Complete Application
NYSDEC	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
PEJA	Potential Environmental Justice Area
PPP	Public Participation Plan
SPDES	State Pollution Discharges Elimination System

I. INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVE

This Public Participation Plan (PPP) has been prepared by H2M architects + engineers on behalf of the Village of Nyack (hereinafter referred to as “applicant”) to fulfill and comply with the requirements of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation **Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)** for their proposed re-authorization of the Village of Nyack’s Water Treatment Plant State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit which has been determined by NYSDEC to potentially impact one or more potential environmental justice area (PEJA) (See Figure 1).

This PPP has been developed in accordance with the procedures established in CP-29 Section V.D and it aims to help ensure meaningful and effective public participation throughout the NYSDEC environmental permit review process. Public participation in the NYSDEC environmental permit review process means a program of activities that provides opportunities for stakeholders to be informed about and involved during the review of a proposed action.

The objective of this PPP is to outline and describe the program of activities that the applicant will implement to actively seek and enhance public participation during the application review process.

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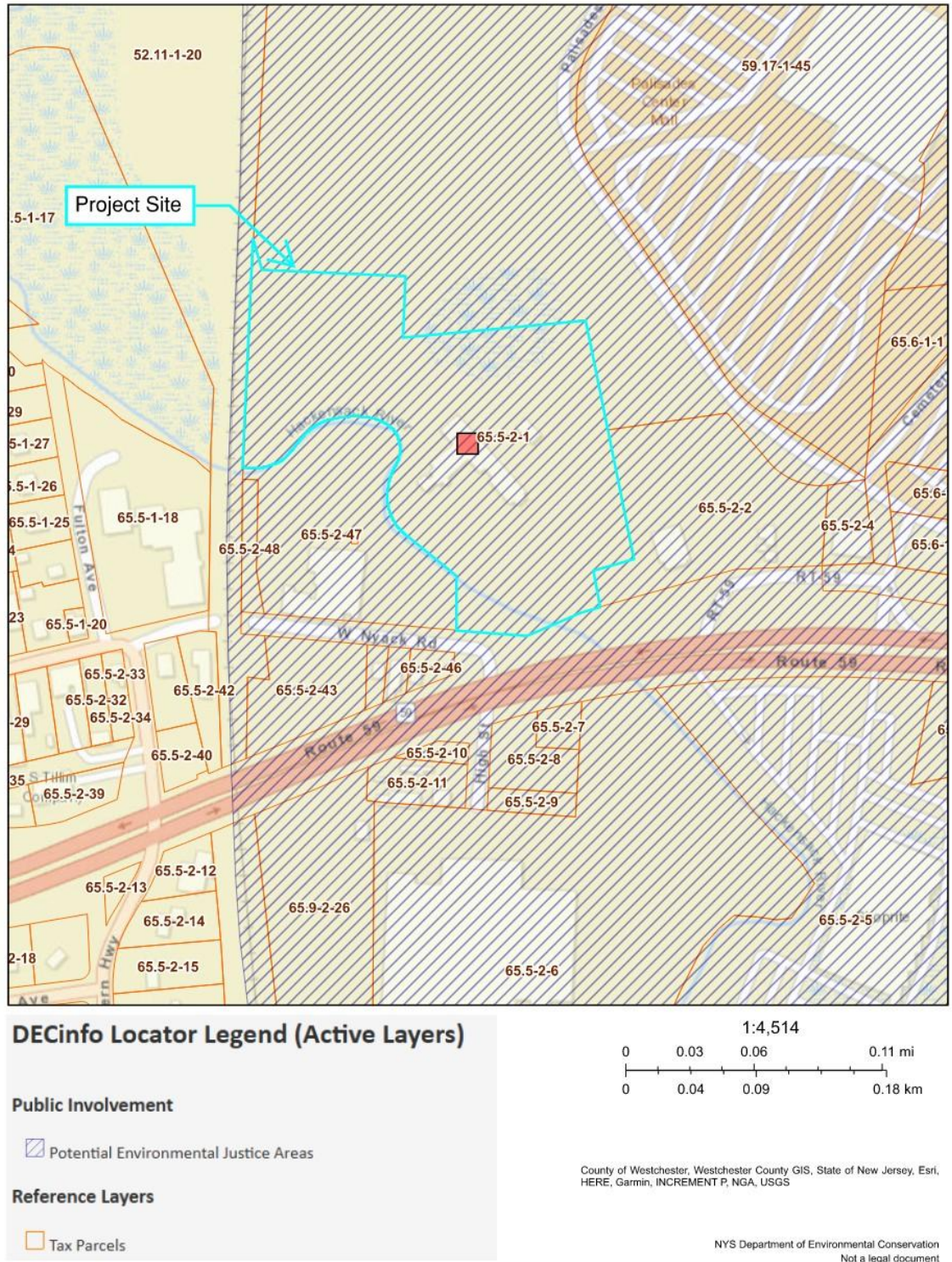


Figure 1. Project Location and Potential Environmental Justice Area(s)

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PROPOSED ACTION

Project Overview

The applicant proposes to renew the SPDES permit for the continued operation of the Village of Nyack Water Treatment Plant. The facility is located at 230 Route 59, West Nyack, Rockland County, NY 10944 and serves as a municipal drinking water treatment plant for the Village of Nyack. To implement the proposed action, the applicant has submitted an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for a SPDES permit to authorize the discharge of filter backwash water from the plant's lagoon to the Hackensack River via Outfall 001. This permitting action is necessary as the previously issued SPDES permit expired in 2020, and the facility has continued operating without valid permit coverage.

Nature of Proposed Project/Action and Purpose

The proposed action involves reissuing the SPDES permit for an existing municipal water treatment facility that produces potable drinking water. The plant uses a conventional treatment process consisting of aeration, flocculation, sedimentation, and sand filtration, with chemical dosing of potassium permanganate, polyaluminum chloride, soda ash, sodium hypochlorite, and powdered activated carbon as needed.

Wastewater generated during filter backwashing is directed to a 1.6-million-gallon lagoon for settling before being discharged through Outfall 001 to the Hackensack River. The discharge is regulated under the SPDES program to ensure compliance with state and federal water quality standards.

The scope of work and relevant project components include:

- Renewal of SPDES permit for Outfall 001.
- Continued operation of the existing water treatment plant and lagoon system.
- Compliance with monitoring and reporting requirements for effluent quality.
- Implementation of scheduled improvements, including:
 - Lagoon dredging and sludge removal (completed August 2025).
 - PFAS/PFOA treatment building installation (planned for December 2027).

The purpose of this project is to maintain regulatory compliance under the Clean Water Act and New York State Environmental Conservation Law. The SPDES permit renewal is essential to ensure proper management of wastewater discharges, protect water quality in the Hackensack River, and allow the Village of Nyack to continue providing safe drinking water to the community.

III. STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION & CONTACT LIST

A contact list consisting of the names, addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses of stakeholders to the proposed action is provided in Appendix A. The contact list includes individuals and organizations with a direct stake in the proposed action and people and individuals and organizations that have expressed interest in the proposed project or similar projects affecting the same neighborhood or community.

To develop a draft contact list, the applicant reached out to: residents/neighborhood groups who are near or adjacent to the proposed project and that will be or potentially will be affected by the operation; community boards, community leaders, local community, civic and recreational organizations, environmental and business groups to help identify stakeholders and develop an initial contact list.

The current contact list has been developed in consultation with NYSDEC by identifying stakeholders from the following categories: local government and elected officials; business owners, residents, and occupants; local civic, community, environmental and religious organizations; local news media; administrator/operator of any school or day care that live, work and/or represent a neighborhood or community within a ½ mile of the project area.

The applicant will utilize this contact list to communicate and disseminate information about the proposed project/action and permit application review process to the affected community and stakeholders. At minimum, this includes distribution of the written information and outreach materials described in Section V to inform the community about upcoming public meetings and opportunities for public participation.

The contact list will be reviewed periodically and updated as appropriate throughout the permit application review process. The applicant will update the contact list with any new stakeholders identified during the public meeting or execution of other PPP components. In addition, individuals and organizations will be added to the contact list upon request. Such requests should be submitted to the project liaison identified in Section IV. Other additions to the contact list may be made at the discretion of the applicant or, at the request of the NYSDEC project manager, in consultation with other NYSDEC staff, as appropriate.

IV. PROJECT LIAISON

A representative from the project team will be available during business hours at:

Thomas Lynch, Superintendent
845-358-0641
thomaslynch@nyack.gov
230 Route 59, West Nyack, New York 10944

Impacted residents and interested stakeholders can contact the project liaison listed above to provide input to the project team, discuss any issues or concerns and/or to ask

questions or request information. The project liaison shall respond in a timely manner and in the manner appropriate to question or information request received. The project liaison will be responsible for tracking and documenting public input, inquires, questions, and information requests received, along with responses provided.

V. PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The applicant will implement public outreach activities to facilitate participation, involvement, and direct communication with the affected community during the permit application review process. The applicant will implement the public outreach activities outlined below upon finalization and approval of this PPP by NYSDEC.

In compliance with the requirements of CP-29, the applicant will prepare, distribute, and post written information and materials, including a meeting notice and fact sheet, to encourage dialogue and solicit input from interested stakeholders during the permit application review process. All public outreach materials and information will be prepared and presented in an easy-to-read, understandable format, using plain language free of legal terminology, and geared towards a non-technical audience.

The fact sheet will be made available and disseminated in English. In addition, the public can contact the project liaison regarding the availability of language assistance and to request that the notice and fact sheet are translated into another language for comprehension by non-English speaking or limited proficiency stakeholders.

Fact Sheet Preparation and Distribution

Factual information on the proposed project/action, including an overview, purpose statement, and potential impacts, is outlined in the reader-friendly fact sheet shown in Appendix B. In addition, the fact sheet outlines how interested stakeholders can: participate in the permit application review process; access the online document repository to review relevant application materials; and contact the project team to obtain additional information. The fact sheet has been prepared in English.

Once the PPP has been approved by NYSDEC the fact sheet will be posted and available in the online document repository described in Section VI of this document. To ensure visibility, distribution will be carried out by providing local civic, community, environmental, and religious centers with the fact sheet for posting. In addition, the fact sheet will be posted within the vicinity of the project site in locations visible to the public, such as bulletin boards in municipal buildings, libraries, schools, and community centers, as well as designated areas like streetlight lampposts near the facility.

VI. DOCUMENT REPOSITORY

An online document repository has been established for the community and interested stakeholders to access and review information about the project. The online repository available at <https://www.nyack.gov/departments/Water/state-pollutant-discharge->

elimination-system-spdes will provide information and documents relating to the project and permit application.

The repository will be updated throughout the application process with project-related information and written materials (i.e., application forms and supporting materials, draft permit, fact sheet, statement of basis (where applicable), the Notice of Complete Application [NOCA] provided by the NYSDEC, etc.).

VII. SUBMISSIONS

Final Summary Report and Written Certification

Upon completion of the enhanced public participation plan, the applicant will submit written certification to NYSDEC to certify that it has fully executed and complied with the approved PPP. The certification shall be signed by the applicant, or the applicant's agent, and submitted to NYSDEC prior to a final decision on the application.

As part of the certification, the applicant shall submit a final summary report documenting the implementation of this PPP. The report will summarize the activities that occurred in accordance with the PPP and will identify any substantive concerns raised by stakeholders throughout the permitting process and detail the applicant's response(s) to any such concerns or questions. The applicant will include, or append, any documentation that supports the final summary report, such as: a copy of the approved fact sheet in English and any translated language, proof of posting in the online document repository, a list of locations where the fact sheet was provided for posting at civic, community, environmental, and religious centers, and photos of posted fact sheets at public locations. In addition, the report will identify any changes or modifications to the proposed project that were made or considered by the applicant to address or reduce concerns surrounding the permit application.

The final summary report and written certification will become part of the application record and will be posted to the online document repository so that it is readily available to the public.

APPENDIX A

Contact List

Government Officials				
Name	Title	Mailing Address	Telephone	Email
Bill Weber	NYS Senator	163 Airport Executive Park, Nanuet, NY 10954	845-623-3627	weber@nysenate.gov
Patrick J. Carroll	NYS Assemblyman	151 N. Main St., Suite 204, New City, NY 10956	845-634-9791	carrollp@nyassembly.gov
Ed Day	Rockland County Executive	Allison-Parris County Office Building, 11 New Hempstead Rd, New City, NY 10956	845-638-5122	countyexec@co.rockland.ny.us
George Hoehmann	Clarkstown Town Supervisor	10 Maple Avenue, New City, NY 10956	845-639-2050	supervisor@clarkstown.gov

Community Groups				
Organization Name	Contact Person/Title	Mailing Address	Telephone	Email
Scenic Hudson	Ned Sullivan - President	58 Parker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601	845-473-4440	nsullivan@scenichudson.org
Groundwork Hudson Valley	Oded Holzinger - Executive Director	22 Main Street, Yonkers, NY 10701	914-375-2153	
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Katrina Shindledecker - Executive	P.O. Box 226 Garrison, NY 10524	845-424-3358	katrina.shindledecker@hhlt.org
Riverkeeper	Tracy Brown - President and Hudson Riverkeeper	20 Secor Road, Ossining, New York 10562	800-217-4837	tbrown@riverkeeper.org
NY NJ Trail Conference	Melissa Cascini - Senior Program Coordinator	600 Ramapo Valley Rd, Mahwah, NJ 07430	201-512-9348	mcascini@nynjtc.org
Rockland Sierra Club (Lower Hudson Group)	George Klein	13 New Haven Avenue, Nanuet, NY 10954	914-772-3916	lowerhudson@gmail.com
Nyack NAACP	Nicole Hines - Mid-Hudson/Westchester Regional Director	P.O. Box 448, Nyack, NY 10960	845-572-1432	nyackbranchnaacp@gmail.com
League of Conservation Voters		30 Broad Street, 30th Floor, New York, NY 10004	212-361-6350	info@nylc.org
Cornell Cooperative Extension- Rockland County	Jody Addeo - Executive Director	10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, New York 10980	845-429-7085	jka64@cornell.edu
Palisades Interstate Park Commission	Joshua Laird - Executive Director	P.O. Box 155, Alpine, New Jersey 07620	201-768-1360	LairdJ@pic.org
Orange County Land Trust	Jim Delaune - Executive Director	PO Box 269, Mountainville, NY 10953	845-534-3690	jim@oclt.org
Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress	Adam Bosch - President & CEO	P.O. Box 425, Newburgh, NY 12551	845-565-4900	abosch@pfprogress.org
United Way Rockland County	Stephen M. Papas - President & CEO	M&T Bank Building, 2nd Floor, 135 Main Street Nyack, NY 10960	845-358-8929	spapas@uwrc.org
Keep Rockland Beautiful	Marisa Marrone - Executive Director	126 N Main St Suite 200, New City, NY 10956	845-708-9164	marisa@keeprocklandbeautiful.org
We ACT for Environmental Justice	Peggy Shepard - Co Founder & Executive Director	1854 Amsterdam Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10031	212-961-1000	PEGGY@weact.org
Nyack Library	Tracy Dunstan - Library Director	59 S Broadway, Nyack, NY 10960	845-358-3370	director@nyacklibrary.org

Media		
Organization Name	Website	Mailing Address
The Journal News	https://www.lohud.com/	1133 Westchester Avenue Suite N110, White Plains, New York 10604
Mid-Hudson News	https://midhudsonnews.com/	One Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie 12601
Rockland County Business Journal	https://rcbizjournal.com/	506 Mountainview Ave, Valley Cottage 10989

APPENDIX B
Virtual Public Meeting Notice
(N/A)

APPENDIX C

Fact Sheet

(English)

Village of Nyack Water Treatment Plant State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit Renewal Fact Sheet

- **Project:** Renewal of SPDES Permit for Village of Nyack Water Treatment Plant
- **Applicant:** Village of Nyack
- **Facility:** Nyack Water Treatment Plant, 230 Route 59, West Nyack, NY 10944
- **NYSDEC Application Number:** 3-3920-00248/00003
- **A Public Participation Plan (PPP) has been developed in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)**

What is the Proposed Project?

The Proposed Project involves renewing the SPDES permit for the continued operation of the Village of Nyack Water Treatment Plant. The facility is located at 230 Route 59, West Nyack, Rockland County, NY 10944 and serves as a municipal drinking water treatment plant for the Village of Nyack. To implement the proposed action, the applicant has submitted an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for a SPDES permit to authorize the discharge of filter backwash water from the plant's lagoon to the Hackensack River via Outfall 001. This permitting action is necessary as the previously issued SPDES permit expired in 2020, and the facility has continued operating without valid permit coverage. this

The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform the public about this proposed project and to involve the community during the NYSDEC permit application review process.

Why does the Village of Nyack need to renew its SPDES permit?

The previous SPDES permit expired in 2020, and renewal is required to maintain compliance with state and federal water quality regulations. The permit ensures proper management of wastewater discharges, protects water quality in the Hackensack River, and allows the Village to continue providing safe drinking water to the community.

How might the project affect the surrounding community?

The proposed action does not involve new construction or facility expansion, so no significant short-term environmental impacts are anticipated. Discharges will continue under SPDES permit conditions to ensure compliance with water quality standards. Planned improvements, including lagoon dredging (completed August 2025) and installation of a PFAS/PFOA treatment building (scheduled for December 2027), will enhance environmental protection. All activities occur within the existing facility footprint, and no adverse impacts to residential or commercial properties are expected.

How can I participate in the permit review process?

- Review project materials in the online document repository:
<https://www.nyack.gov/departments/Water/state-pollutant-discharge-elimination-system-spdes>
- Ask questions, express concerns, provide input or submit by comments in writing, by phone or email to the project contact person identified below.

Thomas Lynch, Superintendent
Phone: 845-358-0641
Email: thomaslynch@nyack.gov
Address: 230 Route 59, West Nyack, NY 10944

Where can I get more information about the proposed project?

- Visit the online document repository at:
<https://www.nyack.gov/departments/Water/state-pollutant-discharge-elimination-system-spdes> to obtain application materials, relevant documents, and information about the project.
- Contact Thomas Lynch by phone at: 845-358-0641, by email at:
thomaslynch@nyack.gov, or in writing at: 230 Route 59, West Nyack, NY 10944, for information on the project 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 12561-1696, is responsible for reviewing and issuing the required permits. Tel: (845) 256-3054; email: DEP.R3@dec.ny.gov