



Rehabilitation of Lake Sebago within Harriman State Park

Fact Sheet

- **Project:** Rehabilitation of Lake Sebago within Harriman State Park
- **Applicant:** New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP)
- **Facility:** Lake Sebago - Harriman State Park - Seven Lakes Drive / Bear Mountain Circle, Ramapo, New York 10974
- **NYSDEC Application Number:** 3-9903-00135/00001 (P3S)
- **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 will rehabilitate the Lake Sebago beach, bathhouse, and ancillary elements within Harriman State Park to facilitate its reopening as a public recreational destination. To implement the proposed project, the applicant has submitted an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for Dams and Impoundment Structures, a 401 Water Quality Certification, and Individual SPDES and SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity (SPDES General Permit GP-0-20-001) permits to facilitate daylighting the stream and construct the necessary WWTP improvements to bring the WWTP back online and improve water quality. 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 NYSOPRHP need to obtain these permits?

NYSOPRHP is seeking to reopen the Lake Sebago beach, bathhouse, and picnic areas within Harriman State Park to reactivate this area which has been closed since 2011. Reopening this area will require some changes to the Park infrastructure to provide a safe and enjoyable recreational experience while promoting ecosystem health. Permits will be obtained to facilitate daylighting the stream and to construct the necessary WWTP improvements to bring the WWTP back online and improve water quality by setting water quality standards to be monitored.

How might the project affect the surrounding community?

Minimal, temporary impacts are anticipated during construction activities. At the completion of the project, no significant adverse impacts to the site or surrounding community are anticipated. Long term positive impacts are anticipated as the site is reactivated for public recreation – including outdoor swimming - and enjoyment. Long term positive impacts are also anticipated as the potential for flooding will be addressed and reduced by

the daylighted stream, and water quality impacts will be mitigated by upgrading the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant. The proposed project is meant to be a model of climate resilience and is designed with a long-term vision to a watershed scale. This includes mechanisms to better manage facility visitorship (reducing patron capacity to 4,500 from a historic 10,000), to improve visitor experience and environmental quality, prioritizing water quality, daylighting Stillwater Creek, and overall naturalization of the park landscape. This will result in sustained offsite impact reductions due to traffic, WWTP volumes, and noise.

How can I participate in the permit review process?

- Attend the upcoming virtual public meeting scheduled for **July 9th, 2025 at 6:30pm** to learn about the project, ask questions and/or express concerns about the project.
- Ask questions, express concerns, provide input or submit by 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://parks.ny.gov/parks/lakesebago/details.aspx> to obtain application materials, relevant documents, and information about the project.
- Contact Trevor Saksa by phone at: (845) 889-3851, by email at: Trevor.Saksa@parks.ny.gov or in writing at: 9 Old Post Road, Staatsburg, NY 12580 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 Division of Environmental Permits, 21 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561-1696 is responsible for reviewing and issuing the required permits. Tel: (718) 482-4997; email: DEP.R3@dec.ny.gov