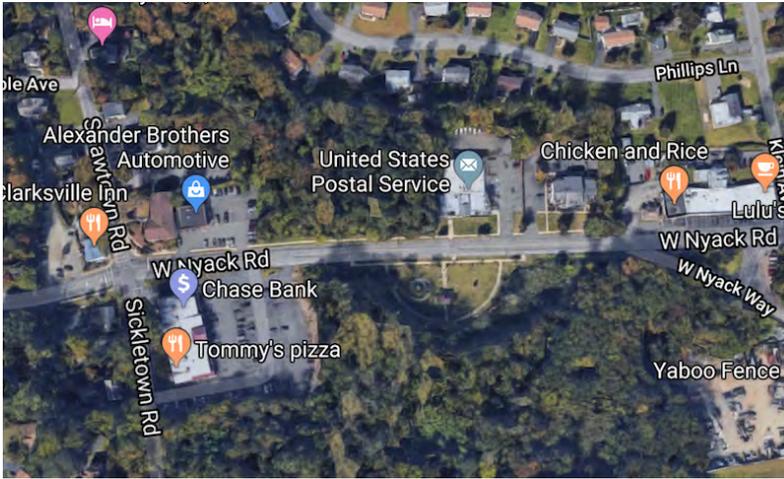




## WEST NYACK HAMLET CENTER



### LOCATION

West Nyack has a population of 3439 as recorded in the 2010 census. The hamlet center is currently situated in the shadow of the Palisades Mall. The location was historically isolated by the Great Swamp, a name given to the flood plains of the Hackensack River, and currently the location of much of the village center. The small hamlet center is composed mainly of a strip mall design. Along the Hackensack there is a wetland area that holds a small pocket park with a gazebo for celebrations and gatherings. In the image below the wetland area is visible as the phragmites plants bordering the park edge.

### PROPOSAL

For a decade West Nyack has discussed the need of a hamlet revitalization project. Park upgrades have occurred and drainage issues have improved. Some ideas that have been proposed for the area include reconfiguring the intersection of Klein Ave./West Nyack Rd. by Lulu's Cafe to improve traffic flow by installing a normal four way intersection; preserve historic stone walls in the area and basically reinforce the historic feel and community charm of the hamlet. Funds have been secured, and completion is expected summer 2020, for a Green Revitalization grant for this location to restore the degraded wetland and install a porous pavement parking lot at the adjacent town center.



### HISTORY

The hamlet was first established as a resting point between the riverfront community of Nyack and the mines and foundries up in the Suffern/Sloatsburg area that time it was called Oblenis Corners. In 1847 the hamlet was renamed Clarksville, and then quickly Mont Moo name that remains on the African American Cemetery between the hamlet center and the Palisades Mall. (The cemetery was established in 1949 and is the burial place of many black veterans of earlier wars.) In 1891 the village was renamed once again as West Nyack. Clarksville Inn has been a landmark at the West Nyack/Strawtown Rd Intersection since it was first built in 1840 by Thomas Warren as a place for patrons to stop and rest at the top of the hill before heading up to Suffern. The retail shop beside the inn were once a blacksmith shop.



# WEST NYACK HAMLET REVITALIZATION

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