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CapNY Black-Owned Business Highlight: West Indies Natural Food and Grocery



Each week, ACE will visit one of the 200+ black owned businesses on our Capital Region list. First up is West Indies Natural Food and Grocery in Hudson, which offers homemade Jamaican foods and a wide range of specialty products.

Owner Paulette Clarke feels that much of the Warren Street boutique-and-gallery foot traffic bypasses her store, and wishes that people would come in to take a look. "I don't bite," she told us. Read on.

[Click here to meet West Indies Natural Food and Grocery](#)

Cap Region Black-Owned Business List -- 200 and Counting!



Thanks to [518BLK](#) and from you, our dear readers, there are now more than 200 Cap Region black-owned businesses on our map and list. You can make a difference by shopping, supporting, and learning more. Find them here and REACH OUT.

[Click here for the lists and map!](#)

CapNY Road Trips: Rural Rensselaer County

Rensselaer County has gorgeous hikes and vistas that stretch into Massachusetts and Vermont, and fantastic historic sites that include Uncle Sam's gravesite and Herman Melville's home. and more! Ever seen the Peace Pagoda? Had a beer beside a waterfall at Browns Brewing in Hoosick Falls? What are you waiting for? Read on!

[Rensselaer Road Trip itinerary here!](#)



CapNY Relocation Stories: NYC to Catskill



A wave of New Yorkers are arriving in the Capital Region, and we'll be interviewing these new arrivals to find out what brought them here. Charisse Bellante is an actress, bartender, Pilates instructor, and drummer. At the end of April, at the height of the COVID crisis, she decided to take the leap to start a new life in the village of Catskill.

[Read the interview here!](#)

CapNY Cocktails Video

Bartender / actress / instructor Charisse Bellante shares the recipe for her signature cocktail, "The Sunshine Kid." Infused with basil, this mix of lemon, pineapple, and Japanese whiskey is a perfect summer afternoon elixir. [Watch the video!](#)



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