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### Garrison Station Parking Improvements Completed

#### *Gravel Lot Paved and Drainage Improved*

MTA Metro-North Railroad has completed improvements to the parking lot at the Garrison Station that improve safety, reduce maintenance costs and enhance the customer experience.

Improvements included paving the most heavily used areas including the gravel driveway loop, the handicapped access area and parking spaces, and the parking spaces next to the train tracks.

"This project has eliminated potholes and puddles and makes it easier to clean and plow the lot," said Phil Petillo, Metro-North's Assistant Director of Parking. "Customer reaction has been very positive."

Garrison Station, on the Upper Hudson Line in Putnam County, serves about 400 people each weekday.

Drainage enhancements also were installed. A new catch basin was added, existing catch basins were cleaned, the sedimentation tank grates were adjusted and in some cases rebuilt, and new curbs installed, all of which will improve the removal of water from the lot in rainy weather and snow melt periods.

In return for the nearly \$300,000 effort, Metro-North worked with Garrison Station Plaza, the owner of the lot, to extend its lease for 15 years until 2037.

The 291-space lot is managed for Metro-North by LAZ Parking, the railroad's private parking contractor. There are 195 permit spaces and 89 metered spaces as well as 7 handicapped spaces. There are no residency requirements for parking. In fact, permits are available.

The pedestrian walkway to the platforms directly in front of the Parking Pay Station also got a new crossing with a colorized stamped pattern to establish it as a pedestrian right-of-way. The Parking Pay Station takes cash, credit or debit cards. Payment also can be made by cell phone with a free app available at iTunes called "parkmobile."

All new signage is going in shortly, including space # signs. Construction was scheduled to last about six weeks, but was completed in four weeks, in time for Labor Day.