



## Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Association

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Hon. Damian McShane, Chairman  
Community Board 8  
5676 Riverdale Ave., Suite 100  
Bronx, New York 10471

Dear Chairman McShane:

The Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Association (FIPNA) is a community association of homeowners, tenants, and cooperators who live in and around Giles and Cannon Place, Sedgwick Avenue, West 238th Street, and Fort Independence Street in the Bronx, located near Van Cortlandt Park. We are volunteer community activists dedicated to preserving and improving the quality of life for residents of our historic community.

We would like to express our whole-hearted support for the construction of a pedestrian bridge to connect the Croton Woods and Shandler Recreation Area/Mosholu Golf Center segments of Van Cortlandt Park.

We agree that any of the preferred alternatives described in the Draft Final Report are viable options and that they should be further explored and a final option be chosen with public input.

We also expect that the issues of open space (Section 4.5 in the Draft Final Report), architectural and archaeological resources (Sec. 4.7), visual resources (Sec. 4.8), natural resources (Sec. 4.10), hazardous materials (Sec.4.11), will be subjected to the more detailed analysis called for in the Draft Final Report.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. We look forward to the time when these two sections are finally re-united.

Yours truly,

***Lynn Schwarz***

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FIPNA Vice President