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Sincerely,

On behalf of the Staff and the Board of the Friends of Van Cortlandt Park, I would like to express our whole-hearted support for the construction of a pedestrian bridge to connect the Croton Woods and Shandler Recreation Area/Moshulu Golf Center segments of Van Cortlandt Park.

The Friends of Van Cortlandt Park is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation and improvement of Van Cortlandt Park through educational and stewardship programs. The Friends has recently completed a Trails Plan for the hiking trails of the Park and will be spending the next several years improve the trails for the general public. We feel that the addition of a pedestrian bridge to connect the Croton Aqueduct Trail and the Croton Extension Trail is vital to improving the hiking capabilities in Van Cortlandt Park while serving as an important connection for the various communities that surround the 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), 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.

The Friends of Van Cortlandt Park greatly look forward to the time when these two sections are finally re-united.

Dear Mr. McShane:

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