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## City to Announce Plans to Construct New Pedestrian Bridge over Major Deegan to Improve Community Access to Van Cortlandt Park

### \$12 Million Pedestrian Bridge Part of Master Plan to Knit the Park Back Together and Restore the Natural Beauty Identified by Olmsted

DATE & TIME:  
Friday, May 8, 2015; 2pm

LOCATION:  
Shandler Ballfields Parking Lot  
3901 Jerome Avenue, between E. 233rd St. and Bainbridge Avenue  
Signs will be posted and staff will direct media where to park

WHAT:  
Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner, Emily Lloyd will join Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP, Department of Design and Construction (DDC) Commissioner Dr. Feniosky Peña- Mora, and several elected officials and community leaders to announce plans for a \$12 million pedestrian bridge that will span the Major Deegan Expressway and improve community access to Van Cortlandt Park by connecting the Croton Woods and the Allen Shandler Recreation areas in the northeast section of the park. DEP and Parks will each invest \$4 million to construct the bridge, and the remaining \$4 million will be paid for with state funds secured by State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz, and the Assembly Bronx Delegation, as well as State Senator Jeffrey Klein.

WHO:  
DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd, Parks Commissioner, Mitchell J. Silver, DDC Commissioner, Dr. Feniosky Peña- Mora, New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, New York State Senator Jeffrey Klein, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, New York State Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz, and New York City Council Member Andrew Cohen.

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