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A Public Apology to the People of the State of New York, Particularly Users of the Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park (SHP) Trail which is a facility under the jurisdiction of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation (State Parks)

I am a professional arborist and the owner of Potanovic and Sons, Inc., which also does business as Potanovic & Sons Professional Tree Care, Inc. In May 2005, I was hired by several Yonkers homeowners whose properties are next to the Old Croton Aqueduct SHP Trail on its east side. They hired me to improve their westward views toward the Hudson and Palisades by cutting the trees that were blocking those views.

In doing the work I trespassed onto State Parks' property, and, without permission, cut the tops off over 30 trees belonging to the citizens of New York. The Westchester County Supreme Court recently found that this illegal tree topping violated several New York State laws, and held me and my company liable.

I sincerely apologize to the People of New York State, to State Parks, and to all users of the Old Croton Aqueduct SHP Trail. My conduct was illegal and unprofessional. I promise that neither I nor my company will do it again and I encourage other tree companies to follow the law.

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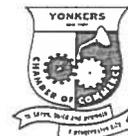
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