

BBG's Incorporating Purpose vs. BBGC's Current Purpose

As a BIOAS entity and as a stand-alone botanic garden, BBG was legislated to provide “instruction,” “entertainment,” and “recreation” to New Yorkers. Today, BBGC touts its purpose as **“fostering delight and curiosity while inspiring an appreciation and sense of stewardship of the environment ...”** [see [HISTORY OF BIOAS](#)].

The juxtaposition of BBG's initial purpose versus its current purpose makes clear that New York City's Office of the Mayor must have controlling laws and contracts codified so that the City's oversight agencies can ensure that the policies and practices that BBG and the other PEC institutions put in place are compliant [see [PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP](#), [PEC INSTITUTIONS](#) and [LAWS](#).]

Incorporating Purpose of <i>BBG</i>	Current Purpose of <i>BBGC</i>
<p>See: Chapter 509 of the Laws of the State of New York 1897 regarding the “botanic garden” specifically [p. 76].</p> <p>“Sec. 1 ... for the establishing and maintaining thereon of a botanic garden and arboretum for the collection and culture of plants, flowers, shrubs and trees, the advancement of botanical science and knowledge, and the prosecution of original researches therein and in kindred subjects; for affording instruction in the same, and for the prosecution and exhibition of ornamental and decorative horticulture and gardening, and for the entertainment, recreation and instruction of the people.” [emphasis added]</p> <p>Chapter 509 was amended by Chapter 618 of the Laws of 1906 [p. 77] and Chapter 178 of the Laws of 1911 [p. 80], but the initial incorporating purpose was unamended.</p> <p>See: Chapter 87 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1934, amending Chapter 172 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1890 regarding BIOAS:</p> <p>“Sec. 2 ... establishment and maintenance of museum and libraries of art and science, botanical gardens, the encouragement of the study of the arts and sciences and their application to the practical wants of man, the advancement of knowledge in science and art, and in general to provide the means for popular instruction and enjoyment through collections, libraries, lectures, musical and other performances.” [emphasis added]</p>	<p>See: Schedule 0 of BBGC's 2018 IRS Form 990</p> <p>“An urban botanic garden that connects people to the world of plants, fostering delight and curiosity while inspiring an appreciation and sense of stewardship of the environment.”</p>