

NYZS-WCS's Incorporating Purpose vs. Current Purpose

[Chapter 435 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1895](#) legislated NYZS-WCS for the purpose of “encouraging and advancing the study of zoology” and for “**furnishing instruction and recreation**” to New Yorkers. [Chapter 146 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1902](#) amended and broadened Chapter 435's incorporating purpose by authorizing NYZS to “**expend funds for zoological research and publication ... [and to] form and cooperate with other associations with similar purposes**”

Surprisingly, therefore, was a legislated redo [whereby Chapter 924 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1969](#) restated NYZS's purpose to **exclude** [1] instruction and recreation of New Yorkers and [2] the undertaking to do zoological research and publication [see [Incorporating v. Current Purpose chart below](#)].

WCS boasts a “science” and “conservation” mission. Yet Chapter 924 of 1969 amended NYZS's purpose to stewardship and cooperation. DPR must ensure that WCS complies with New York State law. [All New York State legislation was held by New York State Division of Corporations and copies were provided to FA for a fee and are in our archive.]

The juxtaposition of NYZS-WCS'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 BZ/NYZS-WCS and the other PEC institutions put in place are compliant [see [PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP, PARK INSTITUTIONS](#) and [LAWS](#).]

Incorporating Purpose of the NYZS-WCS	Current Purpose of NYZS-WCS
<p>See: Chapter 435 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1895</p> <p>“... for the purpose of encouraging and advancing the study of zoology, original researches in the same kind of kindred subjects, and for furnishing instruction and recreation to the people, and hold animals, plants and specimen appropriate to the objects for which said corporation is created.” [emphasis added]</p> <p>Chapter 146 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1902 amended Chapter 435 as to its purpose as follows:</p> <p>“Said corporation shall have power to establish, maintain and control zoological parks, gardens or other collections for the promotion of zoology and kindred subjects, and for the instruction and recreation of the people. <i>Said corporation may collect, hold and expend funds for zoological</i></p>	<p>See: WCS 2018 IRS Form 990</p> <p>“WCS saves wildlife and wild places worldwide through science, conservation, education, and inspiring people to value nature.”</p>

research and publication, for the protection of wild animal life, and for kindred purposes, and may promote, form and cooperate with other associations with similar purposes and may purchase, sell or exchange animals, plants and specimens appropriate to the objects for which it was created' [emphasis added].

Chapter 924 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1969 amended again the purpose of Chapter 435 as follows:

Sec. 2. [Said corporation shall have power to establish, maintain and control zoological parks, gardens or other collections for the promotion of zoology and kindred subjects, and for the instruction and recreation of the people.] *The purposes of said corporation shall include the establishment, maintenance and control of zoological parks, gardens or other collections for the promotion, advancement, improvement and encouragement of zoology and related subject, and the protection and conservation of animals.* Said corporation may collect, hold and expend funds [for zoological research and publication, for the protection of wild animal life, and for kindred purposes, and] may promote, form and cooperate with other organizations and associations [with similar purpose] and persons, and may purchase, sell or exchange animals, plants and specimens [appropriate to the objects for which it was created] in furtherance of any of the above purpose or for purposes related thereto. **EXPLANATION:** *Matter in italics is new; matter in bracketed [] is old low to be omitted.* [emphasis in original]

NOTE: Chapter 924 of 1969 reshaped NYZS's purpose to exclude instruction and recreation of New Yorkers or to undertake to do zoological research and publication.