New York City Fails to Protect New Yorkers' PPP/PEC Rights Yet City Leaders Hand Over Nearly \$1 BILLION Annually To the PPP/PEC Institutions with a Wink-and-a-Nod

CPZ/NYZS-WCS, PPZ/NYZS-WCS and QZ/NYCS-WCS are owned by DPR. DPR retained NYZS [not WCS] to manage and operate these facilities. In response to FA's FOIL request, DPR produced approximately 4,000 pages of documents, one of which was an October 12, 1981, contract, between DPR and NYZS [not WCS] on behalf of PPZ. This treasure trove reveals that the DPR and NYZS 1980 Agreement is valid only when it meets certain Conditions. Below, find evidence that DPR does not meet the controlling Conditions at least, when failing to enforce Chapter 435 of the Laws of the State of New York 1895, amended by Chapter 383 of the Laws of the State of New York City's failed oversight is reported in LIST OF REFERENCES – PPZ/NYZS-WCS Section E. 9. to 13. below.

The Facts of the PPP

See: October 12, 1981, Agreement between DPR, on behalf of New York City, and NYZS:

"SECTION 1. Conditions of Agreement.

(a) ...this Agreement shall become legally binding upon the City and NYZS only upon the occurrence, ... of all of the following events:

the City <u>secures the approval of this Agreement and</u> the transactions contemplates thereby from the <u>following:</u>

D. any other governmental official or entity whose consent or approval is required by law" [emphasis added].

NOTE: DPR did not produce evidence that NYZS, as party to the 1981 Agreement, was Amended to show the Wildlife Conservation Society [WCS] as party.

The Failure of DPR's Oversight

PPZ/NYZS-WCS should provide free access to all New Yorkers according to New York State laws. Nonetheless, the 1980 Agreement identifies only seniors and school children as cohorts of New Yorkers who should receive admission advantages. However, the provisions are ambiguous:.

"SECTION 18. Zoo Rules and Regulations.

- [a] NYZS shall establish and promulgate rules and regulations ...
- [b] with respect to admissions, NYZS shall give consideration to the needs of the elderly and of school children." [emphasis added]

And, because PPZ/NYZS-WCS does not provide free access to all New Yorkers, PPZ/NYZS-WCS denies to New Yorkers who cannot afford to pay an admission fee the following:

"During the term. NYZS shall hold, use, operate and manage the Zoo:

"... [ii] ... for the purpose ... including, but not limited to, the promotion, advancement, improvement and encouragement of zoology and related subjects and the knowledge and understanding thereof; the education, instruction and recreation of the public in zoology and the enjoyment and understanding thereof..." [emphasis added]

New Yorkers subsidize the PEC institutions in an amount approximating \$1 BILLION annually, yet <u>DPR is seemingly derelict</u> in protecting New Yorkers' "free" rights to an enviable and uniquely American legacy [see <u>PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP</u> and <u>FINANCIAL ANALYSIS</u>].