

SIZ's Incorporating Purpose vs. Current Purpose

SIZ was envisioned as an institution for public education with a founding purpose of “keeping and maintaining of the zoological, botanical, and other scientific collections, library, auditorium, research laboratories, classrooms, lecture rooms and necessary accessory rooms...open and free to [New Yorkers] at all times.” SIZ was not incorporated to “disseminate knowledge.” SIZ’s incorporating purpose was “instruction” not “inspirational.”

The juxtaposition of SIZ’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 BM-BIOAS and the other PEC institutions put in place are compliant [see [PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP](#), [PARK INSTITUTIONS](#) and [LAWS](#).]

Incorporating Purpose of the SIZ	Current Purpose of SIZ
<p>See: Chapter 712 of the Laws of 1935</p> <p>“Sec. 1 ... to provide for the erection of a suitable building or buildings thereon and adjacent spaces for the keeping and maintaining of the zoological, botanical and other scientific collections, library, auditorium, research laboratories, class rooms, lecture rooms and necessary accessory rooms ... [and the] building or buildings and grounds of the said Staten Island Zoological Society, Inc., shall be open and free to the public at all times ...” [emphasis added]</p>	<p>See: SIZ's 2018 IRS Form 990</p> <p>“To disseminate knowledge of Zoology and appreciation of animal life. Through exhibitory and educational programs to increase awareness and appreciation of plant and animal life...” [emphasis added]</p>