

WH's Incorporating Purpose vs. Current Purpose

WH was envisioned as an education institution committed to the study, exhibition and history of plant life and plantings suitable to New York **not** "to explore human connections..." unless through investigation, demonstration and educational activities leading to publication.

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

Incorporating Purpose of WH	Current Purpose of WH
<p>See: Chapter 439 of the Law of the State of New York of 1965</p> <p>"...an arboretum to be known as the Perkins Garden devoted to the study and exhibition of plant life and plantings suitable to the City of New York with special reference to the problems affecting growers of plants under urban conditions, which shall act as a center for scientific investigations, demonstrations, publication and educational activities connected with the promotion of extensive and effective use of plants and which shall provide a place for rest and passive recreation and for such cultural activities as the commissioner shall in his discretion permit to be conducted" [emphasis added].</p>	<p>See: WH's Mission & History</p> <p>"To celebrate the artistry and legacy of its gardens and landscapes, to preserve its magnificent view, and to explore human connections to the world of nature through its program." [emphasis added]</p>