

## **PARKS DEPT. TERMINOLOGY**

**POP** – Parks Opportunity Program worker, citywide employment program, workers that clean parks

**CSA** – City Seasonal Aide, seasonal workers who clean parks or provide security.

**CPW** – City Park Worker, general maintenance workers

**APSW** – Associate Park Service Worker, must have CDL and drives large vehicles like Garbage trucks and container trucks.

**PS1** (also sometimes referred to as a Tan Shirt)– Park Supervisor 1, first level Park supervisor, typically oversees 1 park district and all its staff

**PS2** (also sometimes referred to as a White Shirt) – Park Supervisor 2, promotion from PS1, more duties and responsibilities and covers a large sector that can have 2-3 districts.

**PRM** – Park and Recreation Manager, oversees 1 or more park districts.

**Regional Manager** – Oversees the parks in a region, like the Bronx River Corridor or South Bronx

**Park Administrator** – Head of a regional/flagship park that concentrates on all aspects of park management, advocacy, and fundraising. Working alongside Parks Maintenance & Operations, Administrators organize special events and public programming, coordinate volunteer efforts, and improve the landscape and/or preserve and protect natural areas.

**Deputy Chief of Operations** – Under the Chief of Operations: perform inspections, monitor vehicles & equipment, coordinate borough-wide resources. Park managers report to the Deputy Chief of Operations. Most boroughs have 2.

**Chief of Operations** – Under the Borough Commissioner, oversees the Parks of Parks & Recreation: the maintenance and operations of Parks infrastructure (buildings, pools, beaches, lamps, lawns, benches, &c), staff allocation

**Deputy Chief of Recreation** – Under Chief of Recreation: perform inspections, monitor center memberships, implement programming, coordinate borough-wide resources. Most boroughs have 2.

**Chief of Recreation** - Under the Borough Commissioner, oversees the Recreation of Parks & Recreation: development of recreation staff & programs (after-school,

educational, fitness, sports & more), work with Operations to maintain Recreation facilities

**Borough Commissioner** – Borough CEO, reporting to the Parks Commissioner. Oversees everything in the borough, including community relations and capital projects

**PEP** – Parks Enforcement Patrol, responsible for security in parks and can issue summonses.

**UPR** – Urban Park Rangers, connect NY'ers to their natural world parks through environmental education, recreation, and animal rescue.

**Packer** – garbage truck

**Mini Packer** – small garbage truck

**Wenger Wagon** – Portable stage

**Cherry Picker** – used by Forestry to cut down high sections of trees, it has a bucket to lift a person

**Beach Tractor** – tractor with a rake attachment used to clean sand

**UTV** – Utility Task Vehicle, larger type of ATV used to haul larger loads and more than 1 passenger. Examples: Gator or Toro

**Park Districts** correlate to Community Board boundaries, so Park District 1 covers all the parks in Community Board 1.

**Flagship parks** have their own assigned district number that does not correspond to a Community Board and its boundaries may be in more than one Community Board.

Examples of Flagships are Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx River, and Pelham Bay Park.

**Natural Areas** – undeveloped park land, forests, may have the designation Forever Wild

**Regional Park/Flagship** – a park that has users from all over the region or city, like Pelham Bay Park or Van Cortlandt Park or Central Park

### **Types of Parks Permits:**

**Special Event:** Any event of 20 people or more, from birthdays to weddings and more. \$25 application fee, needs to be submitted at least 21 days in advance

**Field & Court:** Reserve a field or court, but not a tennis court. An hourly fee may be required.

**Tennis:** Play tennis at any NYC Parks tennis court in any borough for the season. You can also reserve some courts in advance.

**Film & Photography:** If you want to shoot stills or video commercially in a city park. Not needed for casual photography.

**Research:** for conducting research on any NYC Parks property, may take 60 days to review/approve.

Bronx Permit Office:

Ranaqua

1 Bronx River Parkway

Bronx, NY 10462

(718) 430-1848/49 special events, (718) 430-1840 field & court and tennis

For Pelham Bay Park special events and film & photography permits, call (718) 430-1891

For questions about research permits: [Research.Permits@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:Research.Permits@parks.nyc.gov)

### **Various Types of Park Groups**

Please note that these group names (types) are sometimes used interchangeably. A group may call themselves an alliance or friends or coalition or conservancy and not follow the definition below. The definitions below are general information about groups.

**Public-Private Partnership** – A Public-Private Partnership (PPP) is a partnership between the public sector and the private sector for the purpose of delivering a project or a service traditionally provided by the public sector. They typically have a Park Administrator that also serves as the Executive Director of the private half.

Examples: Van Cortlandt Park Alliance, Alliance for Flushing Meadows Corona Park

**Friends of Parks Group** – Typically grass-roots, volunteer group composed of residents and/or businesses coming together to work toward improving their park. Friends of Park groups work closely with their Outreach Coordinator and Parks to do a variety of activities like host clean ups, plan and implement events and It's My Park! Day projects, fundraise, advocate for their park, plant, restore trails, etc. Often these groups are not non-profits and use a fiscal conduit for fund-raising purposes.

Example: Friends of Mosholu Parkland

Friends of Mosholu Parkland's mission is to engage the Bedford Park and Norwood communities to garden, grow and develop fostering practices of environmental sustainability, human, social and economic.

**Conservancy** – A group with a formalized structure, a board, a staff, and non-profit status. Typically, they have an MOU with Parks to maintain and program a specific park.

Example: The Central Park Conservancy

The Central Park Conservancy is a private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1980 that manages Central Park under a contract with the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation. The Conservancy provides 85% of Central Park's annual operating budget and is responsible for all basic care of the Park. To manage the Park, Conservancy crews aerate and seed lawns; rake leaves; prune and fertilize trees; plant shrubs and flowers; maintain ball fields and playgrounds; remove graffiti; conserve monuments, bridges, and buildings; and care for water bodies and woodlands.

Other examples include the Madison Square Park Conservancy & Battery Park City Parks Conservancy.

**Alliance** – A group with a formalized structure, a board and can have non-profit status. An alliance is formed when various organizations (community-based organizations, city agencies, non-profits, civic groups, friends of groups) come together to create an 'alliance' and work together on a specific park/project. They can be a non-profit or use of one their member organizations as a fiscal conduit. They can also have an MOU with Parks to maintain and staff a specific park. An Alliance can also be called a Coalition.

Example: The Bronx River Alliance

The Bronx River Alliance serves as a coordinated voice for the river and works in harmonious partnership to protect, improve, and restore the Bronx River corridor so that it can be a healthy ecological, recreational, educational, and economic resource for the communities through which the river flows. The Alliance works in close partnership with the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation to achieve these goals.

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