

What do you believe are the top priority park issues that need to be addressed in your district and citywide?

**Securing Adequate Funding / Maintenance for Parks**

a. Will you work towards securing long term funding for Parks?

**Yes**

*i. If so, would you consider exploring creative financial models such as Parks Improvement Districts (based on the BID model), tax increment financing (TIF), zoning benefits and public private partnerships to supplement maintenance and operating costs?*

**Fees - Yes – private vendor profits - NO**

b. Would you support dedicating revenue earned through park concessions to parks maintenance and operations?

**Fees – YES – private profits - NO**

*Is support revising the Major Concessions Rules to include all significant private uses on public property (including parks) to community/borough review?*

**Yes - Depending on issues**

c. Will you support establishing the tracking of spending and staffing on a park by park basis?

**Yes – with oversight. Security issues the same for all parks**

d. When a capital project is not fully funded will you support diversifying funding sources to ensure their completion? What would those sources be?

**There should be no shortage prior to beginning a project**

e. What specific actions would you take to ensure that every park in every neighborhood has properly working facilities such as ball-fields, educational facilities, restrooms, etc?

**It is a responsibility of Parks, not the Council**

*Will you support a “fix it first” policy for funding capital projects, so that resources are allocated to existing projects in need of repair*

**This should be a regular budgeting issue - Yes**

f. Will you support adequate staffing and funding to ensure that new and existing parks stay in a “state of good repair”?

**Yes**

*i. What funding/programs would you use to increase the full-time parks maintenance staff?*

**ii. That depends on your budget request**

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*ii. What can be done to improve the baseline services, or maintenance of effort, in our parks to ensure that partnerships don't need to replace poor, existing services or neglected services such as bench and fountain repairs?*

**This is a matter of proper functioning at Parks**

*iii. How would you fund the unique maintenance costs of waterfront parks (e.g. access, bulkheads, and piers)?*

**Again, a basic budgetary matter, not a Council function**

g. Will you support park ratings by borough and community board in addition to the citywide level in the Mayor's Management Report?

**Only if professionally done**

h. Will you support making the official Parks Department “property list” – that specifically delineates all 1,700 properties – available online?

**Yes**

**Protecting Parkland**

a. Will you support more laws that require public notification and input when a park will be used for non-park purposes, to afford parks the protection they need from development or use by other agencies?

**Yes**

i. *How would you require that professional sports organizations assist in maintaining and operating public parks near their facilities?*

ii. **This is a matter of negotiation with private business**

**b. Will you work to strengthen parkland alienation regulation by requiring Environmental Impact Statements before parkland alienation bill is filed by municipality?**

**Not sure**

**i. How will you do this?**

**c. Will you support mitigation for taking of parkland and ensure replacement of lost parkland for the community?**

**Yes**

**i. How will you do so?**

**Circumstances will dictate procedure**

**d. How would you prevent “pay to play” situations from arising at public and amateur sports facilities?**

**Regulations already exist – just enforce them**

**e. Will you support legislation that requires regular NYPD reports to the City Council on crime in parks (i.e. Intro. 470)?**

**Yes**

**f. Will you work towards making parkland part of the city’s CompStat system?**

**Not sure**

### **Expanding Park Use**

**a. Will you work toward creating, with significant community involvement, a comprehensive citywide master plan for parks and open spaces that will guide the overall acquisition, restoration, improvement, and maintenance of parks, natural areas, playgrounds and athletic facilities in the five boroughs?**

**The Council Committee handling that will have my support**

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ii. **What is your vision for some of the new parks?**

iii. **I will depend on planners with expertise**

**ii. How would you develop it?**

**b. Will you support extending Resolution No. 1033 which calls for the continued protection of community gardens and the rights of the community and gardeners?**

**Subject to the laws**

**c. What specific actions would you take to revitalize the recreational and amateur sports programs that have been decreased by this year’s budget cuts?**

**The budget will have to be my guideline**

**d. What specific actions would you take to enable a much higher level of collaboration among the Parks Dept. and other city agencies on issues such as stormwater management, greenways, and economic development projects?**

**There are currently plans to create teamwork between agencies and I will work towards implementation**

**e. How will you ensure that public spaces created as amenities/mitigation for large scale economic development projects such as Atlantic Yards, Hudson Yards, and Manhattanville are truly open to the public?**

**i. Large private communities don't belong on city-owned land and city streets are open to all and take care of that issue**

**Do you support mapping such public spaces as parkland?**  
**It will depend on the circumstances**

**National and Regional Parks**

**a. How will you support the creation of planned new regional waterfront parks like Fresh Kills, Hudson River Park, Governors Island and Brooklyn Bridge Park?**

**Via the budget**

**b. What are your plans to ensure that all citizens have equal access to these regional facilities?**  
**That is expressly understood – city land is open to all**

**c. What steps would you take to promote the use of and access to our city's national parks at Gateway National Recreation Area and the other National Parks of NY Harbor**

**Isn't the city doing enough publicity now and if not, make it a budget item**