

NYers for Parks 2009 Candidate Survey

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 incentive financing (TIF), zoning benefits and public private partnerships to supplement maintenance and operating costs? **Yes**
- b. Would you support dedicating revenue earned through park concessions to parks maintenance and operations? **Yes**
 - i. If so, would you also support revising the Major Concessions Rules to include all significant private uses on public property (including parks) to community/borough review? **Yes**
- c. Will you support establishing the tracking of spending and staffing on a park by park basis? **Yes**
- d. When a capital project is not fully funded will you support diversifying funding sources to ensure their completion? **Yes. I support using city, state, and federal dollars for capital projects and have myself dedicated capital money to parks throughout the borough. Since taking office as Borough President, I have allocated \$15,405,000 to Parks projects in all neighborhoods of the Borough. A small sample includes:**
 - \$600,000 to Bennett Park;
 - \$600,000 to Marcus Garvey Park;
 - \$700,000 to Tompkins Square Park;
 - \$90,000 to Friends of Laguardia Place;
 - \$75,000 to Carl Schurz park; and
 - \$1,000,000 to the Highline park.
- 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? **As Borough President, I chair a monthly Borough Service Cabinet meeting with community board District Managers and agency representatives to discuss service delivery matters. I have and will continue to use this meeting as a forum to address concerns regarding inadequate conditions in Manhattan's parks with the Parks dept. Through this forum and my office's constituent services work, I have successfully worked with the Parks Dept. to improve conditions at several parks throughout the Borough. One such example is concerning the Bleeker Street Playground in Greenwich Village. In 2006, my office wrote the Parks**