

## Department of City Planning

### SELECTED FACILITIES AND PROGRAM SITES DATABASE Release 2011.2

#### Introduction:

In January 2012 the Department of City Planning's *Selected Facilities and Program Sites in New York City* database was updated (release 2011.2) with new information on parklands and homeless services. The information in these files can be used for site planning, assessing service delivery patterns or preparing neighborhood land use plans.

Users can access the location, type, capacity and oversight agency of public and private educational, recreational, cultural, public safety, criminal justice, health, mental health, chemical dependency, developmental disabilities, day care, foster care, senior citizen, and homeless facilities and programs. These facilities or programs are, with few exceptions, operated, funded, licensed, or certified by a government agency. Each facility or program site is geocoded for tax block, tax lot, 2010 census tract, city council district, community district, school district, police precinct, health area, zip code, borough, and X and Y coordinates, provided by the Department of City Planning's Geosupport Information System (GIS). Parkland properties are coded for borough, community district, tax block, tax lot, and X and Y coordinates only.

The file layout, the data dictionary that describes the contents of each field, and the data source and date information can be found in the 'SelFac\_datainfo.pdf'.

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#### About the ASCII Delimited Text Files:

Exported from an Access database, these files include six main facility database files and six look-up files, with the first row of each file containing the field names of the file:

- **NYCfac.txt, MNfac.txt, BXfac.txt, BKfac.txt, QNfac.txt, SIfac.txt**

These are six main facility database files for New York City, Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island respectively, of which some fields are coded and their explanations are found in the look-up tables listed below. For field names and their descriptions please refer to the Data Dictionary.

Note: **Marble Hill** is legally within the borough of Manhattan but is serviced by the Bronx. Facilities and sites within Marble Hill therefore carry the Bronx Community District 8 code (included in BXfac.txt) and the "MN" borough code. Similarly, **Rikers Island** is legally within the borough of the Bronx but is serviced by Queens. Facilities on Rikers Island therefore carry the Queens Community District 1 code (included in QNfac.txt) and the "BX" borough code.

- **Factype.txt, Grouptype.txt, Subgroup.txt, Capttype.txt, Agoper.txt, Agoversi.txt**

These are six look-up files that describe the codes in selected fields of the main facility database files listed above. Example: the second field (labeled "CAPACITY\_TYPE\_DECODE") in look-up file named Capttype.txt contains an explanation of the capacity type code in the CAPACITY\_TYPE field in the main database files. Look-up files Factype.txt, Subgroup.txt, Capttype.txt, Agoper.txt, and Agoversi.txt also contain a third field labeled "DECODE\_FOR\_REPORT" that can be used to print abbreviated descriptions in a report.

In order to use the look-up files for report-writing, both the main database files and the look-up files should be imported into a relation database software format, such as the MS Access database. The first field of a look-up file serves as a linking field. The following table specifies the six look-up files and their corresponding fields in the database.

<b>Look-up File Name</b>	<b>Corresponding Field in Main Database</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Factype.txt	FACILITY_TYPE	specific facility type
Grouptype.txt	GROUP_TYPE	main group of facility types
Subgroup.txt	SUBGROUP_TYPE	subgroup of GROUP_TYPE
Capttype.txt	CAPACITY_TYPE	capacity type
Agoper.txt	AGENCY_OPERATING	operating agency name
Agoversi.txt	AGENCY_OVERSIGHT	oversight agency name

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### **Mapping Application:**

This database can also be used with mapping software and one or more geographic base map files to show the locations of selected facility types in a selected area (see example below). The database's address, geographic X and Y coordinates, and tax block/tax lot fields can be used for defining locations on a map.

DCPLION Single Line Street Base Map and Administrative and Political Districts Base Maps Files of New York City are geographic base map files which can be downloaded from the [BYTES of the BIG APPLE](#) page on the Department of City Planning's website. MapPLUTO, which contains extensive land use and geographic data at the tax lot level is a licensed product of the NYC Department of City Planning and may only be used through a license granted by the department. For information on this file call 212-720-3505.

Values in this database's X and Y Coordinate fields correspond to the New York-Long Island State Plane Coordinate system and are mostly derived from the centroids of the tax lots from Department of Finance's Digital Tax Map (DTM) file. Facility symbols can be mapped using these fields with the DCPLION Single Line Street Base Map, Political Districts Base Maps Files and MapPLUTO.

Approximately 3,300 records in this database that contain information on certain types of parkland properties (including transportation-related open spaces, former street properties, waterfront, or land under water) are not coded with tax block and tax lot numbers. The values in these records' X and Y coordinate fields are derived from a GIS layer of open space from the Department of Parks and Recreation. In addition, the four records for Hudson River Park are not coded with tax block and tax lot numbers. The values in the X and Y coordinate fields of these four records are derived from the approximate center points of the four respective sections. Certain parkland properties which are located on multiple tax lots or multiple parcels not coded with tax lots are listed as multiple records in the database with multiple X and Y coordinates.

Users should be aware that more than one facility or program may be located at the same address. In those cases, multiple records will contain identical values in the address, X,Y coordinates and tax block and tax lot number fields and will result in map symbols displayed on top of one another.

Certain records of properties along the water contain X and Y coordinates of tax lots that extend into the water. Symbols created using these X and Y coordinates may be placed in the water on the map.

Use of the DCPLION Base Map File and this database allows for maps as shown in the example below.

