

THE TRUST FOR GOVERNORS ISLAND

Trust for Governors Island Issues Request for Expressions of Interest for New Parade Ground Athletic Field

New natural turf field for soccer, football and other sports and recreation uses available for the first time, from April 1-November 31

February 12, 2018. The Trust for Governors Island today issued a Request for Expressions of Interest ('RFEI') for sports and recreation uses at the Parade Ground Athletic Field on Governors Island. A former nine-hole golf course utilized by the US Coast Guard until the mid-nineties, the Parade Ground was recently restored by the Trust into a 500' by 250' flat, natural turf field, large enough to host a range of sporting events and practices, including soccer, football and more. The fields will be available to youth leagues, schools and adult leagues during daylight hours during the Trust's public season, which runs May 1 to October 31, as well as during the months of April and November.

"Governors Island is New York City's backyard, and we're delighted to expand places for New Yorkers to play sports and be active," said Michael Samuelian, President of The Trust for Governors Island. "The new Parade Ground Athletic Field offers an incredible setting for sports practices and matches, and we invite youth, adult and school leagues to help us bring this new resource to life."

The Parade Ground Athletic Field, a roughly 7.5 acre site located in the heart of Governors Island's Historic District, was recently regraded in 2017 to create a consistent level turf grass field large enough to host soccer, football, rugby, lacrosse and other sports matches and practices. The Trust envisions a range of athletic and recreational uses of the site by multiple organizations who will share access over the course of the Island's public season. Non-profit youth and public school leagues are especially encouraged to submit proposals.

The field is available from May 1 to October 31, 2018 subject to certain blackout periods necessary for turf maintenance and other events. The Trust also invites organizations to propose use of the field during the shoulder season months of April and November in 2018.

The fields will be delivered to selected respondents to this RFEI in its "as is" condition. In order for the Trust to understand the operational impacts of the proposal, respondents are encouraged to outline and describe in detail their needs for utilizing the site, including but not limited to additional equipment required such as goal posts and nets, line paint and temporary seating.

To submit a proposal for use of the field, organizations must respond to the RFEI found on the Trust's [website](#). Each submission must include a field usage plan, description of the organization's mission and impact, site needs and qualifications. An information session and site visit will be held on February 15, 2018 with a limited number of additional sessions available upon request. RFEI responses are due on March 6, 2018.

More information about the Island and the Parade Ground Athletic Field RFEI can be found at govisland.org. Images of the Parade Ground Athletic Field can be found [here](#).

Accessing Governors Island and the Parade Ground Athletic Field

The Parade Ground Athletic Field on Governors Island is located less than 10 minutes from all ferry landings. Governors Island is accessible only by ferry as follows:

From Lower Manhattan: Ferries run every day from the Battery Maritime Building in Lower Manhattan. On weekdays, ferries run once an hour, beginning at 10 AM.

On weekends, ferries run at 10 AM, 11 AM and then every half hour to and from the Island.

From Brooklyn: Ferries run from Brooklyn ONLY on Saturday and Sunday. Ferries run once an hour to and from Brooklyn Bridge Park Pier 6 beginning at 11 AM.

Via NYC Ferry: Governors Island is accessible via NYC Ferry citywide service on Saturday and Sunday during the season. Ferries stop at Governors Island's Pier 102 via the South Brooklyn and East River Routes.

Amenities and Services on Governors Island

Food and Water

Food is available for purchase on the Island and visitors can also bring their own food. Alcohol is available for purchase at select Island establishments, however visitors are not permitted to bring their own containers.

Water fountains are available on Governors Island and visitors are welcome to drink from the fountains or fill water bottles from them. Water is also available for purchase.

Bathrooms

Indoor bathrooms are located in Building 110 at Soissons Landing. There are also trailer bathrooms and port-a-sans located in the new park near the fields and throughout the Island.

Bikes

Visitors can bring their own bikes to the Island or rent one while visiting.

Security and Emergency Services

There are security and emergency services on Governors Island when it is open to the public. EMTs are available to respond to medical emergencies.

About The Trust for Governors Island

The Trust for Governors Island is the not-for-profit corporation created by the City of New York that is responsible for the redevelopment and operation of 150 acres of Governors Island. The Trust's mission is to transform Governors Island into a vibrant resource for New York City, making this island at the center of New York Harbor a destination with extraordinary public open space, as well as educational, not-for-profit and commercial facilities.

For more information, visit www.govisland.org.

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