
Among the issues detailed in PlaNYC, the open space initiative, while visionary and important, fails to address one crucial problem – park financing. This thesis focuses on developing a decision-making framework for analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of alternative park financing mechanisms. Using a qualitative approach to multiple criteria evaluation, I analyzed the strengths and weaknesses of financing mechanisms applicable to parks. As a demonstration of this method, I applied the finance mechanism matrix to the High Line Park. The findings have implications for city park administrators who could utilize this innovative method for evaluating finance mechanisms.