



**Battery Park
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**STATEMENT OF BPCA PRESIDENT & CEO RAJU MANN ON THE PASSING OF
ERIC T FLEISHER**

“T” Served as Battery Park City’s Director of Horticulture from 1992 to 2016

“We last saw T at our holiday party just a few short months ago, full of the charm that made him so beloved in a community he helped build. Three years after starting as a gardener in 1989 he became our first-ever Director of Horticulture, his talents not only shaping the neighborhood’s parks but the dedicated staff with whom he served – as well as parks across the city and country that sought his expertise.

“While we’re saddened by his passing we are also buoyed by his enduring legacy and the work he spent more than a quarter-century cultivating – making Battery Park City’s public spaces more beautiful and sustainable for generations to enjoy. Among all else, T was a longtime Battery Park City resident, an innovator, a scholar, a mentor, and a friend. Our thoughts remain with his family, his children, and his many colleagues and friends.”