



GOWANUS CANAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)

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The following CAG resolution requests formal consideration by the indicated parties to conduct activities related to the Gowanus Canal Cleanup with regard to the concerns and interests of the Gowanus community.

TITLE: Community Visioning Process at the North End of the Gowanus Canal

TO: Honorable Stephen Levin, Council Member, District 33
Honorable Eric Adams, Brooklyn Borough President

DATE: March 27, 2018

Resolved, the Gowanus Canal Community Advisory Group (CAG) requests that our elected officials, city agencies, and community representatives immediately initiate, secure funds for, and lead an active community-engagement and visioning process with the CAG and community that gathers input, at a minimum, on the following:

- Impact of this project on local businesses and residents,
- Removal of Thomas Greene Park pool and coal-tar remediation,
- Design and construction of a temporary pool,
- Long-term disposition of the staging area,
- Taking advantage of the CSO facility construction to increase parkland in an underserved neighborhood,
- Design and construction of the portion of Thomas Greene Park that will be replaced,
- Retention and restoration of historic structures,
- Visual and safe physical access to the waterfront, and
- Design of the CSO facility.

Background:

New York City (City) is pursuing ULURP application C180065 PCK for the site selection and acquisition of properties located at 242 Nevins Street, 234 Butler Street, and 270 Nevins Street for a combined sewer overflow (CSO) control facility at the northern edge of the Gowanus Canal, to meet requirements under the EPA Superfund program;

The construction and operation of the facility creates potential adverse impacts on residents, businesses, and historic structures;

The City will propose a framework this year for the potential rezoning of the Gowanus Canal neighborhood, including the above-referenced sites and adjacent properties;



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The Thomas Greene Park pool will be removed for purposes of subsurface coal-tar remediation, thus necessitating the construction of a temporary community and pool facility in the immediate vicinity; and

The CSO facility may be located in Thomas Greene Park if the above-referenced properties are not acquired by the City by April 2020.

Cc:

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Honorable Velmanette Montgomery, State Senator, 25th District

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