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: Public Place Remediation

TO: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
   Gowanus Canal Superfund Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)
   New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
   New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
   New York City Department of City Planning
   New York State Department of Health
   Congresswomen Nydia Velazquez
   Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon

DATE: November 10, 2020

Resolved:

Due to the recent announcement by the NYSDEC of changes to its remediation plan for Public Place, we ask EPA to review and comment on the changes and make a determination as to the effectiveness of such proposed changes in preventing the remaining Public Place site contamination from contaminating the surrounding neighborhood and the Gowanus Canal. The Gowanus Canal Community Advisory Group (CAG) strongly recommends that any clean up of Public Place prioritize the health and safety of the area’s present and future residents and aquatic life in the Gowanus Canal.

Be it further Resolved:

Since Public Place was and continues to be a major source of contamination to the Gowanus Canal, The Gowanus Canal Advisory Group (CAG), requests that the EPA use it’s technical expertise to advise the CAG if the current plan for the Public Place remediation put forth by the NYSDEC will meet the current and future needs of the community under the Record of Decision.

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