



BROOKLYN

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December 12, 2019

Mark Klotz, Director
Division of Water, NYS DEC
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233

Re: Gowanus Canal Water Quality Reclassification

Dear Mr. Klotz:

I am writing to advise you that Brooklyn Community Board 6, during its December 11th, 2019, General Board Meeting, took action on a recommendation from our Environmental Protection Committee that:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation reclassify the water quality requirements of the Gowanus Canal so that it is appropriate for current, and future, uses.

This recommendation was unanimously approved with a vote of twenty-nine votes in favor, zero in opposition, and zero in abstention.

Brooklyn Community Board 6 believes that an accurate classification for the canal will improve the human and environmental, health of our community for years to come.

This vote should serve as support of the Gowanus Community Advisory Group's petition for reclassification as well as reinforcement of our, also unanimous, May 2012 vote for water quality reclassification. The existing classification(SD) does not correspond to the best near-term future use of the Canal, which will see substantial water quality improvements through the Superfund Clean-up, as well as increased access and residential population growth at the waterfront through the pending rezoning process.

We hope that your agency takes action on this request as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Fleming
Chairperson