

Gowanus Canal Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Facility

ULURP Site Selection and Acquisition 180065 PCK

New York City Council

Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting, and Maritime Uses March 12, 2018

Overview



- The Gowanus Canal was designated a Superfund site in 2010.
- The EPA has identified a number of potential responsible parties, including New York City and National Grid.
- The EPA has required the City to remediate chemical contaminants at the canal and reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) into the canal.



Project Description and Location



Construct two underground CSO tanks and associated headhouses to intercept and store CSOs during wet weather events.



ULURP Action



- DEP is currently pursuing Site Selection & Acquisition of the Head End Site.
- The application was certified into review 9/18/17.
- Community Board 6 approved the application with conditions on 11/8/17.
- Brooklyn Borough President's Office approved the application with recommendations on 12/27/17.
- City Planning Commission approved the application on 2/14/18.
- ULURP Anticipated Completion April 2018
- ULURP for the Owls Head Facility and two "paper street" demappings will be done separately.



Project Location – Related Parcels





Project Location – Surrounding Area





PLACES Neighborhood Planning Study



- Use of materials that reflect the neighborhood's built character
- Active frontages and open space that encourage informal gatherings that are welcoming and publicly accessible
- Ground floors and street design elements to enhance the pedestrian experience
- Open space that promotes an active, publicly accessible, and lively Canal front
- Opportunities to incorporate historic interpretation
- Environmental sustainability, clean energy, energy efficiency, and stormwater management
- Opportunities to incorporate green infrastructure



Conceptual Design





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Environmental Impact Statement



An assessment and disclosure of the potential adverse significant environmental impacts from the construction and operation of both CSO tank facilities

Identified

Impact: Historic & Cultural Resources

Temporary Impact: Construction Noise



Gowanus Canal CSO Facilities Final Environmental Impact Statement CEQR No. 17DEP040K



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Historic Resources: Architecture



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EXISTING SITE PLAN - CONTRIBUTING PROPERTIES

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128'

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Historic Resources: Architecture





270 Nevins Street



242-244 Nevins Street





234 Butler Street

Historic Resources: Archaeological



Potential Archaeological Resources and Recommendations for Future Analysis

Location within Project Sites	Potential Resource Type	Archaeological Research Value (if present)	Likely Integrity	Recommendation
Head End Site; Nevins Street	Prehistoric Site	High	Low	Archaeological Monitoring
Nevins Street	Tide Mill Complex	High	Low	Archaeological Monitoring
Owls Head Site; 2nd Ave; 7th Street	Battle of Brooklyn (Battle Action Corridor)	Low	Low	No further action ¹
7th Street	Battle of Brooklyn (Soldier Burials)	High	Low	Archaeological Monitoring
Head End Site; Owls Head Site	Gowanus Canal (bulkhead and cribbing)	Moderate	High	Archaeological Monitoring if affected
Head End Site; Owls Head Site	Industrial Sites	Low	High	No further action

Note:

¹ Although the likelihood of encountering Battle Action Corridor-related resources is low, an Unanticipated Discoveries Plan will be in effect during construction.

Sources:

Lee, et al. 2011 and Loorya and Dietrich 2012.

Construction: Noise





Milestone Schedule



Issue draft EIS: Complete

Certify ULURP: Complete

ULURP Anticipated Completion: April 2018

Design Completion: Fall 2019

Construction: 7 years; anticipated completion 2028

Facility Site Prep/Demolition: No later than April 2020; 9-month duration

National Grid Work: 12-month duration

Facility Excavation/Tank Construction: 48-month duration

Construction of Above-grade Structure: 24-month duration

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MARK GJONAJ COUNCIL MEMBER, 13TH DISTRICT, BRONX

March 12, 2018

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FOR THE RECORD

Council Member Adrienne Adams Chair, Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses Sub-Committee 250 Broadway, Suite 1877 New York, NY 10007

Madam Chair:

In a city that has played such a critical role in many events that have shaped history, I appreciate and champion the need to preserve locations and properties that embody the values and principles that have made New York City a symbol of hope and determination to so many around the world.

In the two homes that are being considered before the land use sub-committee today (95 Pell Place and 30 Centre Street), I don't believe that a compelling case has been made to why these properties should be designated as landmarks over the wishes of the property owners.

The Stafford "Osborn" House is a Sears-Roebuck and Company "mail order" house that was offered in catalogues from 1916 to 1929. While I agree with the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) that the single-family home at 95 Pell Place on City Island has been very well maintained by its owners, I disagree with the LPC's decision to designate this home - a mass-produced catalog structure – as a landmark. Especially considering that the homeowners have demonstrated a track record of valuing the home, respecting its history, and have stated that they are committed to its preservation. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to vote against landmark designation.

The Samuel H. and Mary T. Booth House is also a single-family home on City Island, located at 30 Centre Street. Landmark designation of this house would result in the need for additional approvals for alterations and enlargements, and could restrict the ways that the house could be improved. In this case, these burdens are not outweighed by the relatively minor historical value that the property has to New York City. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to vote against landmark designation for this property as well.

Thank you for attention and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Mark Gjonaj New York City Council Member 13th District, Bronx County

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