

Learning Places Fall 2017

SITE REPORT #2

Gowanus Canal Conservancy Walk



This is a painting that was on the ground around the Canal & it displays the care that people have the Gowanus and its future.

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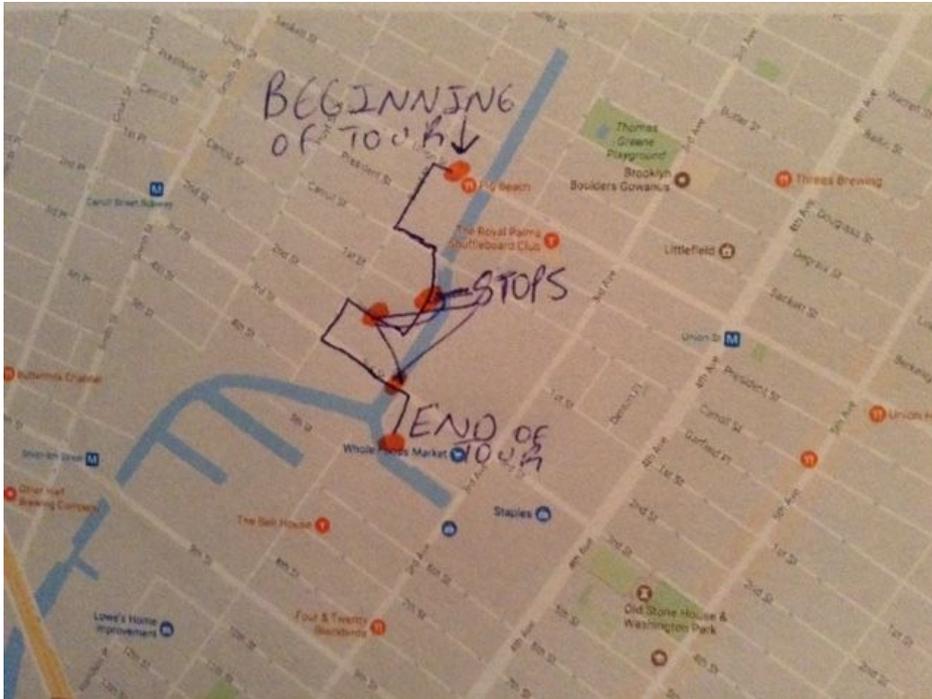
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INTRODUCTION AND PRE-VISIT REFLECTIONS

I was looking forward to seeing the Canal this time being that I knew exactly where to go, compared to last time when I had such a hard time finding the area. I also knew that we would have a guide that was apart of the Superfund to inform us more about what they are doing for the Gowanus and also their plans to clean up the Gowanus. Based off of the very first time I visited the Gowanus I knew that it was extremely polluted and not much has been done to clean it, up until recently.

SITE DOCUMENTATION:

- (1) MAP OF AREA OF INVESTIGATION



(2) PHOTOS AND SKETCHES:

A building right behind Whole Foods of where our walk ended.



The residents have the ability to go Kayaking within the neighborhood.



ANALYSIS:

During our walk, this time we met with our guide, her name was Christine Petro who was the Educational Director and informed us all about Superfund and how it will work to clean up the Gowanus. She explained that the cleanup will cost approximately 500,000,000 dollars and was supposed to be complete in 2022 but has now been postponed until 2030. One of the major issues that the Gowanus is experiencing is the sewage overflow that goes to the canal from the sewer. To fix the problem the Superfund created a Sponge Park. The purpose of the Sponge Park is to be able to help reduce pollution levels within the Gowanus which is extremely polluted.

Superfund is part of the United States Protection Agency and are the people who will be responsible for the cleanup of the Gowanus. During our walk with Christine, I learned that many business owners used the canal in order to transport their goods, they will be active in the cleanup of the Gowanus as well as the City, Federal and State funds.

KEYWORDS/ VOCABULARY

1. Cleanup
2. Superfund
3. Run-off
4. Sponge Parks
5. Green Infrastructure

QUESTIONS for FURTHER RESEARCH:

1. How far has the Gowanus Conservancy gotten with the cleanup of the Gowanus?
2. How have the residents reacted/feel about the cleanup of the Gowanus?
3. How many delays have been experienced with the plan for the Gowanus?