**The Gowanus Superfund Community Advisory Group (Gowanus CAG) Statement To The EPA**

The Gowanus Superfund Community Advisory Group (Gowanus CAG) would like to thank the US EPA Gowanus team at Region 2 for their leadership, transparency, timeliness and their ability to listen to the many & varied concerns, wants, desires and needs of the greater Gowanus community.  Their ability to synthesize the various statements into a coherent PRAP indicates their commitment to this project.

The  CAG would like to remind EPA of the resolution passed unanimously by the full group in 2012. The CAG wants to make certain that the Record of Decision for the Gowanus cleanup gives the EPA sufficient authority to meet the goals of the April 25, 2012 CSO Resolution

"The Gowanus Superfund Community Advisory Group fully supports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in its finding that New York City's Combined Sevier Overflows are a significant contributor of harmful sediment and Superfund regulated PAHs and metals to the canal. The CAG takes the position that the total elimination of CSOs into the Gowanus Canal is the only acceptable solution to the problem.  The CAG asks that the EPA, under their Superfund authority, take the necessary measures that will ensure protection of the proposed remedy from ongoing CSO sediment solids deposits and the release of PAHs and other toxins."

The CAG requests the inclusion of the entire 5th Street Basin in the EPA Superfund Remediation Plan.