



Cultural Resource Consultants

Memorandum

To: William Lee, Gowanus Environmental Remediation Trust #2

From: Michael Audin, RPA & Scott Warnasch, RPA

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RE: Memo # 17 - Results of Level 1 Cultural Resource Review
RTA-1A Dredging, Level 1 Monitoring
Gowanus Canal Remediation Project
Brooklyn, Kings County, NY

The purpose of this memorandum is to present the findings and recommendations of Archaeology & Historic Resource Services, LLC (AHRS) for items recovered from the canal during In-Situ Stabilization (ISS) activities and stored at the Citizens Site facility in Brooklyn, New York. These items were reviewed by an AHRS archaeologist at the Citizens Site on 1/10/22.

INTRODUCTION

On 12/10/2021, Cashman Dredging and Marine Contracting Co. (Cashman) was conducting ISS and during sampling activities associated with the ISS, a coin was discovered. During sieving of the sample at E-S-067, technicians noticed a coin was caught on top of the sieve. It was put aside for AHRS archaeologist to review. On 12/31/2021, debris was encountered during ISS work. This material was also put aside for the AHRS archaeologist to review at the Citizens Site.

RESULTS

AHRS archaeologist Scott Warnasch conducted a special site visit the Citizen Site on 1/10/22 to review items recovered from the canal and stored at the Citizens Site. The material under review consisted of a collection of bent metal strips (Photographs 1 and 2), a small unidentifiable rod (Photograph 2), and a Peso dated 1975 (Photograph 3).

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

AHRS concludes that after review on 1/10/22, the collection of metal had no historic/archaeological significance and may be disposed of. However, the coin may be considered an item of interest and may be retained.



Photograph 1 – View collection of metal.



Photograph 2 – Close up of collection of metal.



Photograph 3 – Peso dated 1975.