



## Memorandum

To: William Lee, Gowanus Environmental Remediation Trust

From: Kathryn Whalen, Ph.D., RPA- Principal Investigator, and Ed Button, M.A., RPA- Field Director

Date: August 12, 2024

RE: Memo #5- Summary of visit to Cashman Yard, Staten Island, NY, on August 7, 2024

### **Activities on August 7, 2024**

On August 7, 2024, Mr. Ed Button, Field Director for Chronicle Heritage, was on site at the Cashman Yard at 3001 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY to inspect a piece of steel truss identified as an object for inspection during Level 1 monitoring of dredging within RTA-2 Gowanus Canal on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

Cashman dredging operators removed the steel truss section from Gowanus Canal in the vicinity of sonar target 31c – near 186 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (Whole Foods property) on August 1. Cashman photographed the truss section and contacted Chronicle Heritage (via email communication, Ben Romagnoli, Construction Manager II, GZA) to report the identified item for inspection (Photograph 1). Cashman handled the truss with care and placed it into a mini hopper in a viewable location, then transported the truss to the Cashman Yard on Staten Island to be inspected by Chronicle Heritage.

The truss is in a poor state of preservation, heavily twisted and corroded (Photograph 2 and 3). The truss appears to be four-foot tall and 18-inches wide, constructed using C-channels, I-beams, and iron/steel rivets. The truss segment is approximately 15-foot long. No markings or attached information plates were observed.



**Photograph 1. Steel Truss identified in Level 1 monitoring of dredging within TB-6 (Geosyntec Consultants/GZA, August 1, 2024).**



**Photograph 2. Steel Truss: Recovered in vicinity of sonar target 31c (Chronicle Heritage, August 7, 2024).**



**Photograph 3. Steel truss: Detail of angle iron and rivet construction (Chronicle Heritage, August 7, 2024).**

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chronicle Heritage does not recommend retention of the steel truss discussed in this memo as it is not an object of local interest or artifact. The constructed truss section is in very poor condition with unknown previous function. In its current damaged condition, it cannot be definitively placed in time or usage, and, therefore, has little research potential.