



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 #6- Summary of CleanEarth Visit, August 8, 2024

Activities on August 8, 2024

On August 8, 2024, Mr. Ed Button, Field Director for Chronicle Heritage, was on site at the CleanEarth Facility in Jersey City, NJ to inspect the materials dredged from the Gowanus Canal for potential objects of historic interest. The material was removed by Cashman from Turning Basins 6 and 7 (per Chris Sheedy, Project Manager, Cashman). The material was transported to CleanEarth on one barge:

- H-5-WM "SPANKY"; delivered on August 7, 2024

The purpose of this memorandum is to document the Level 2 inspection of dredged materials by Chronicle Heritage.

METHODOLOGY

The dredged material had previously been through a shaker (screener) with 4-inch grating and set aside in a pile on a paved/gravel surface for inspection by an archaeologist on August 7, 2024 (Photograph 1). The inspection process utilized a Komatsu PC 360 excavator to draw material from the pile and spread it out over the surface for closer inspection (Photograph 2).

RESULTS

The inspected material was largely splintered canal timbers, automobile tires, tarps with handles typically used in refuse removal from job sites, and a crushed grocery cart. The inspected material was damp, with dirt and clay adhesion. No objects of interest were identified.



Photograph 1. Material from Gowanus Canal, Turning Basin 6 Cleanup (Chronicle Heritage, August 8, 2024).



Photograph 2. An excavator was utilized to spread material out for inspection. Note high frequency of canal timbers and automotive tires. A crushed shopping cart (post 1965) is in the foreground (Chronicle Heritage, August 8, 2024).

RECOMMENDATIONS

Chronicle Heritage did not identify any objects of local interest during the inspection conducted August 8 by Chronicle Heritage of dredged materials removed from Turning Basins 6 and 7 and delivered to CleanEarth on mini barge H-5-WM "SPANKY" on August 7, 2024.