

GOWANUS LOWLANDS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Gowanus Lowlands planning process for the public realm builds upon Bridging Gowanus, PLACES and multiple clean-up processes to develop a community based vision for the emerging network of parks and public spaces centered on the Gowanus Canal and connected to the surrounding watershed.

OUTREACH TO DATE

2015 HELD 6 COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKSHOPS

- Organized in partnership with diverse neighborhood organizations, in order to reach a broad range of stakeholders.
- Informed the Gowanus Lowlands Blueprint, launched in 2016 in partnership with SCAPE Landscape Architecture.

2017 FORMED STEERING COMMITTEE

- Comprised of Gowanus residents, stakeholders, and community group representatives, the Steering Committee helps guide design, implementation, and outreach strategy.

2018 HELD 7 COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKSHOPS

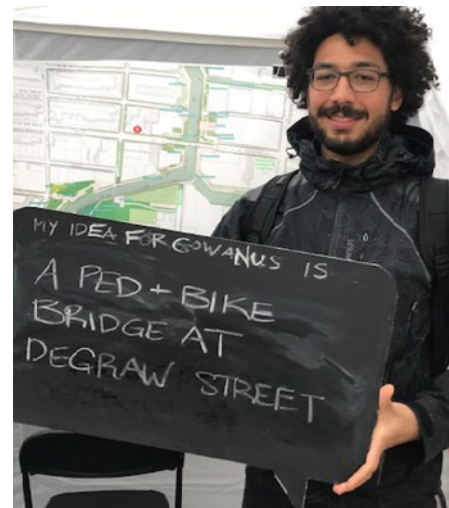
- Arts Focus
- Youth, Education, and Community Focus
- Design and Planning Focus
- Recreation and Access Focus
- North Gowanus
- Park Slope
- Lower Gowanus



2015
Gowanus Houses



2018
The Dredgers Boat House

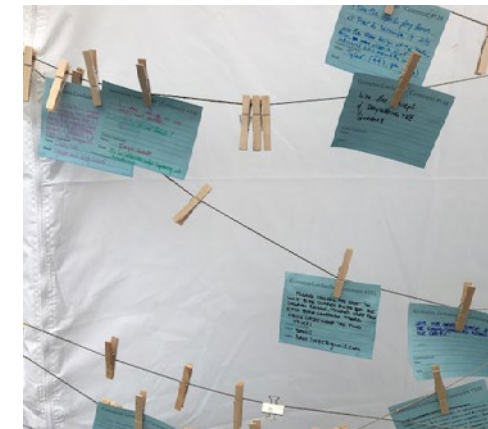


2018
EXPO Gowanus

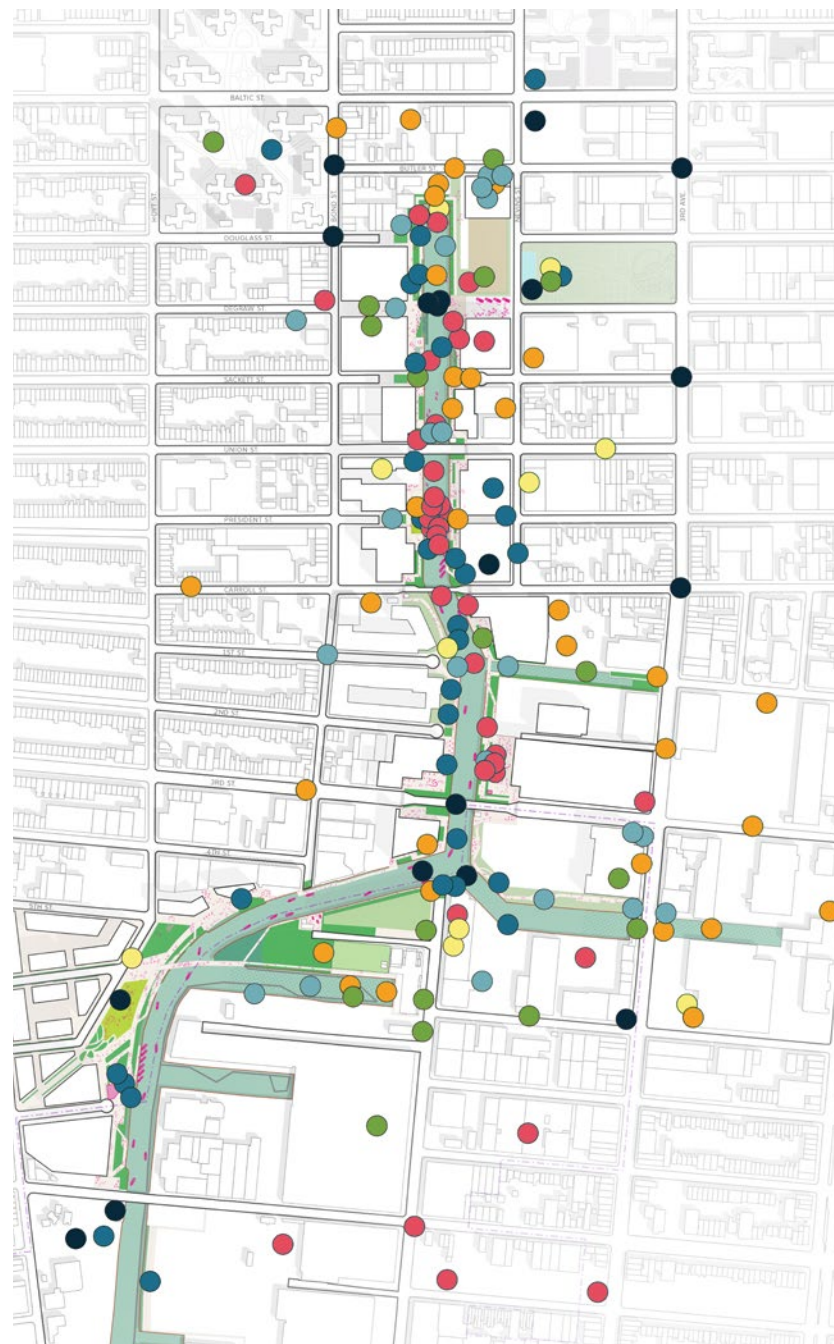
2018 OUTREACH WORKSHOPS - MAJOR TAKEAWAYS



534 PLAN COMMENTS



436 MOOD BOARD COMMENTS



- AESTHETICS**
 - Preserve historic and industrial Gowanus
 - Create a vibrant and wild place
- ART**
 - Provide inclusive arts programming
 - Provide performance/performing arts spaces
 - Support local artists through spaces for art making and viewing
- CIRCULATION + ACCESS**
 - Provide additional pedestrian bridges
 - Improve access at key points (Head of Canal, 9th St, connection to Red Hook)
- HISTORY**
 - Interprete history through materials, artifacts, wayfinding, and building preservation
- RECREATION + PROGRAMMING**
 - Enhance water access and boating along canal
 - Provide active spaces: play space, dog run, basketball, skate park, swings
 - Indoor programming and community space
- GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE + ECOLOGY**
 - Build green infrastructure along streets, public spaces and buildings
 - Provide soft edges and salt marsh restoration
 - Preserve wild feel and use native plants
- BUSINESSES**
 - Require active ground floors throughout Gowanus
 - Support Industrial Business Zone with investment in critical infrastructure and public space