GOWANUS STREET TYPOLOGIES

The street network in Gowanus can be organized into five typologies listed below and mapped at right. These typologies provide a framework in which we can discuss goals, issues, potential visions and tools for the street.
Mix of industrial and commercial uses
- Unconventional, industrial-specific use of streets and sidewalks (loading, goods storage, automotive repairs)
- Moderate traffic volumes
- High parking utilization rate

Secondary Corridors
- Local corridors, mostly residential with some commercial
- Narrow, one-way streets
- Neighborhood slow zones
- Moderate traffic volumes from all modes
- Bicycle lanes

Canal Crossings
- Critical, infrequent connectors across Canal
- Heavy traffic volumes from all modes
- Moderate width
- Sample streets: Union Street, Carroll Street, 3rd Street

Side Streets: Slow Streets
- Primarily residential with some industrial
- Low traffic volumes except for pedestrians and bicycles
- Moderate road width
- One-way streets

Side Streets: Mixed Streets
- Streets that “dead end” at the Canal
- Mainly industrial uses
- Often are two-way with parking lanes
- Low traffic volumes for all modes (half are trucks)
- High parking utilization rate

North-South Corridors
- Important local and regional corridors
- Truck routes
- Wide roadways
- High traffic volumes
- Sample streets: 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue

Street Ends
- Streets that “dead end” at the Canal
- Mainly industrial uses
- Often are two-way with parking lanes
- Low traffic volumes for all modes (half are trucks)
- High parking utilization rate