The following notes were collected by the Gowanus Dredgers on the date above to inform planners on opinions of those who use the Gowanus Canal waterway.

Agreement (in no order or ranking):
1. Working with developers is better than not participating
2. Canal should be cleaned and not re-contaminated by eliminating CSO discharge (EPA allows re-contamination after Superfund project)
3. A master plan / vision is positive but must be flexible
4. Incremental cleanup is OK - one brownfield cleaned ahead of another / before a master plan
5. Plans should give priority to waterfront needs
6. Property owners and businesses (like boathouse operators) should be included in planning
7. Access on to and from the water should be provided every 200 feet
8. Accommodate boat and bicycle storage in new development
9. Esplanades should be vibrant and filled with people and activity
10. Encourage mixed development at ground floor: makers, sellers and artists
11. Rezoning should mandate business retention on properties that are not currently parking lots
12. Ground floor/sidewalk level should have limits on parking or storage
13. New residents’ needs (schools, fire, libraries, police, etc) will exceed existing service capacity
14. Use low cost resources (like ghost creeks) before building infrastructure
15. Immediately fund sewer choke points to help City reduce sewage overflow
16. Fund homeowner and NYCHA incentive to replace toilets with dual-flush toilets
17. Redirect Laundromat water discharge to irrigate rear yards instead of overflow sewers
18. Develop an “overflow alert” bathroom nightlight to inform user the toilet water will drain to canal
19. Development should be sustainable and "green"
20. New Development under new codes will reduce flooding (not worsen) damage
21. Sewage detention should be allowed in NYC
22. Use Hamilton Avenue Bridge as a flood gate / flood balloon to block tide waters

Disagreement (in no order or ranking):
1. Tall buildings are inappropriate for a shoreline (existing M1-3 zoning has no height limit)
2. New development is needed to finance sewer upgrades
3. Federal Government should finance sewer upgrades (like LA River)
4. No use should be prohibited from development
5. Waterfront edge should be maritime bulkheads or should be soft edge for habitat
6. Majority vote can be flawed - less popular opinions & needs should be respected
7. If you don’t live, work or play in Gowanus, you should not be involved
8. Companies can’t relocate - rezoning and site cleanup means closure

Additional Information needed (in no order or ranking):
1. Existing sewer pipes can’t accommodate new development *(needs engineering)*
2. A Flood study is needed before further investment / construction occurs *(needs engineering)*
3. Old Gowanus structures should be preserved / protected *(depends on which building)*
A privately-owned but publicly accessible space in the form of an atrium at 101 Second Street. There is a coffee bar under the mezzanine area.

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