

## **Newtown Creek Superfund Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 | Virtual Meeting

### **Summary of Presentations and Discussion**

Following a short presentation on the history of Newtown Creek, Hagai Nassau and Brian Younkin introduced themselves as part of Skeo, an EPA support contractor that will be joining the project. Claire Marcusson, present at last month's CAG Steering Committee meeting, was unable to attend but will also be working with the CAG.

After these short updates, the following list of concerns were identified and discussed by the CAG. They placed emphasis on the exclusion of data regarding Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids (NAPLs), particularly in comparison to the studies conducted at the Gowanus Canal, a previous Superfund site in Brooklyn.

- The lack of NAPL data and its effect on remedy selection
- The lack of NAPL data in the proposed equilibrium model
- The Grand Street Bridge Replacement and its impacts on remedy
- The need for clarity on how the remedy will account for contamination from seeps and lateral groundwater flow
- Potential for recontamination of the remedy from seeps, lateral groundwater flow, surface runoff, and CSOs after construction
- The proposed cap design addressing impacts to itself from NAPL or other contaminants beneath so that its integrity remains in place for decades
- The need for sufficient subsurface sediment removal
- Sequencing of CSO remediation and interim impacts on the East Branch remedy
- Considering potential construction impacts to neighborhoods—Truck traffic, noise, hours of operations, monitoring, triggers for stopping work, air quality, water quality, etc.
- Considering post-remediation restoration planning to enhance access, wildlife, and green infrastructure to the extent possible

The CAG steering committee intends to meet September 5th, following the anticipated release of the Proposed Plan on or around August 28th. This will be followed by a public meeting during the 60-day public comment period on the Proposed Plan, on September 18th. The CAG meeting to review draft comments on the Proposed Plan will be scheduled by the Steering Committee once the Proposed Plan schedule is more clear.