

GrowOnUs

FLOATING LANDSCAPE
GOWANUS CANAL



An experiment
to clean water, desalinate water, and collect
rain water to grow productive floating gardens.

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inhabitants:

mummichog, silversides, flounder, mussels,
jellyfish, ducks, gulls, geese, squirrels,
raccoons, and humans.

stratified history:

150 year worth of heavy metals,
tar and trash.

trash:

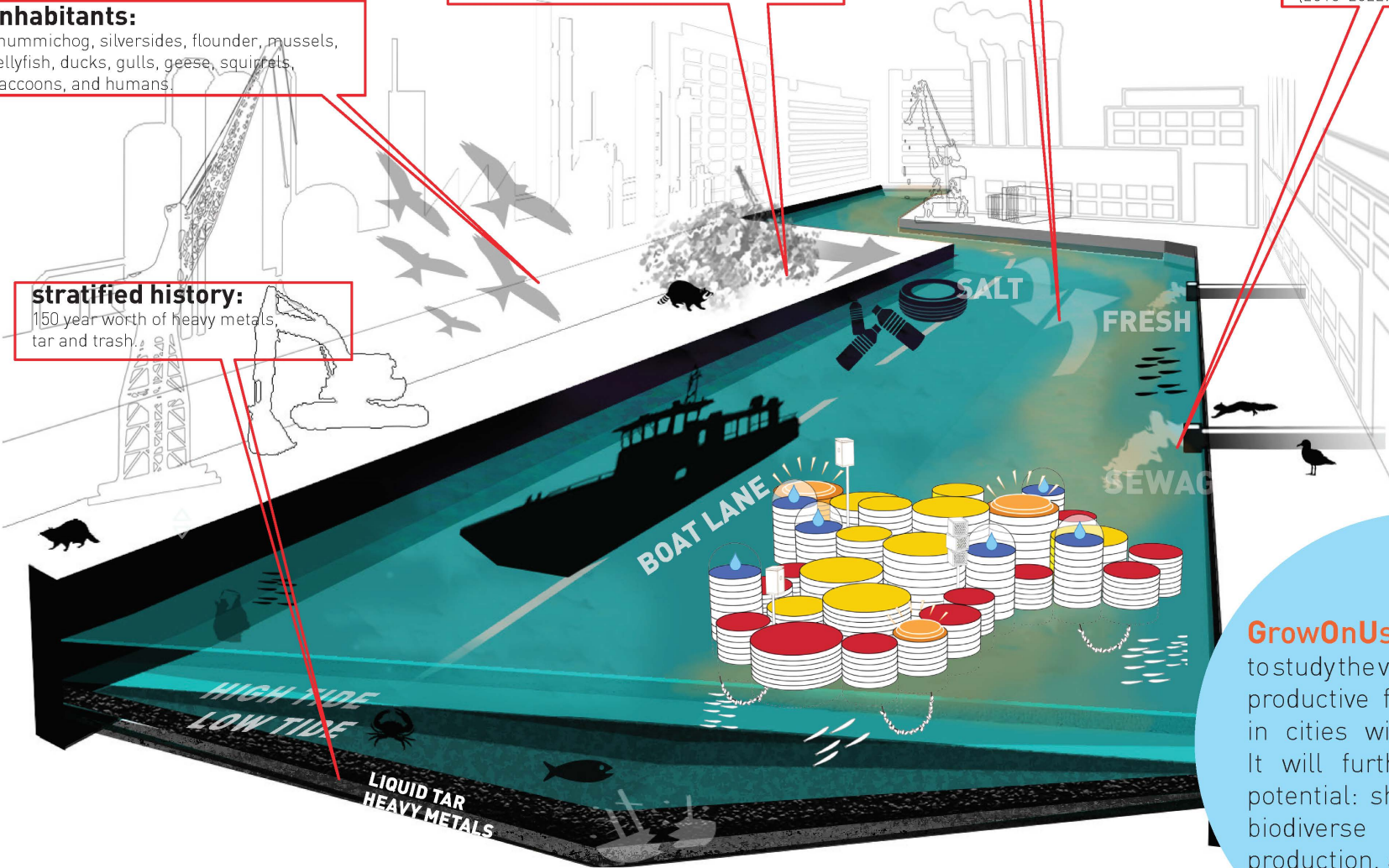
during heavy storms Combined Sewer
Overflows (CSOs) bring untreated human and
industrial waste, toxic materials, and debris.

water ecology :

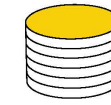
salt water and nutrients brought by tides
ranging from 2 to 6 ft.

superfund site:

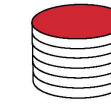
dredging, removing and capping the contam-
inated bottom and updating the sewer system
[2016-2022.]



GrowOnUs will be monitored
to study the viability of large scale
productive floating landscapes
in cities with polluted rivers.
It will further explore urban
potential: shoreline protection,
biodiverse habitats, energy
production, and public space.



producers



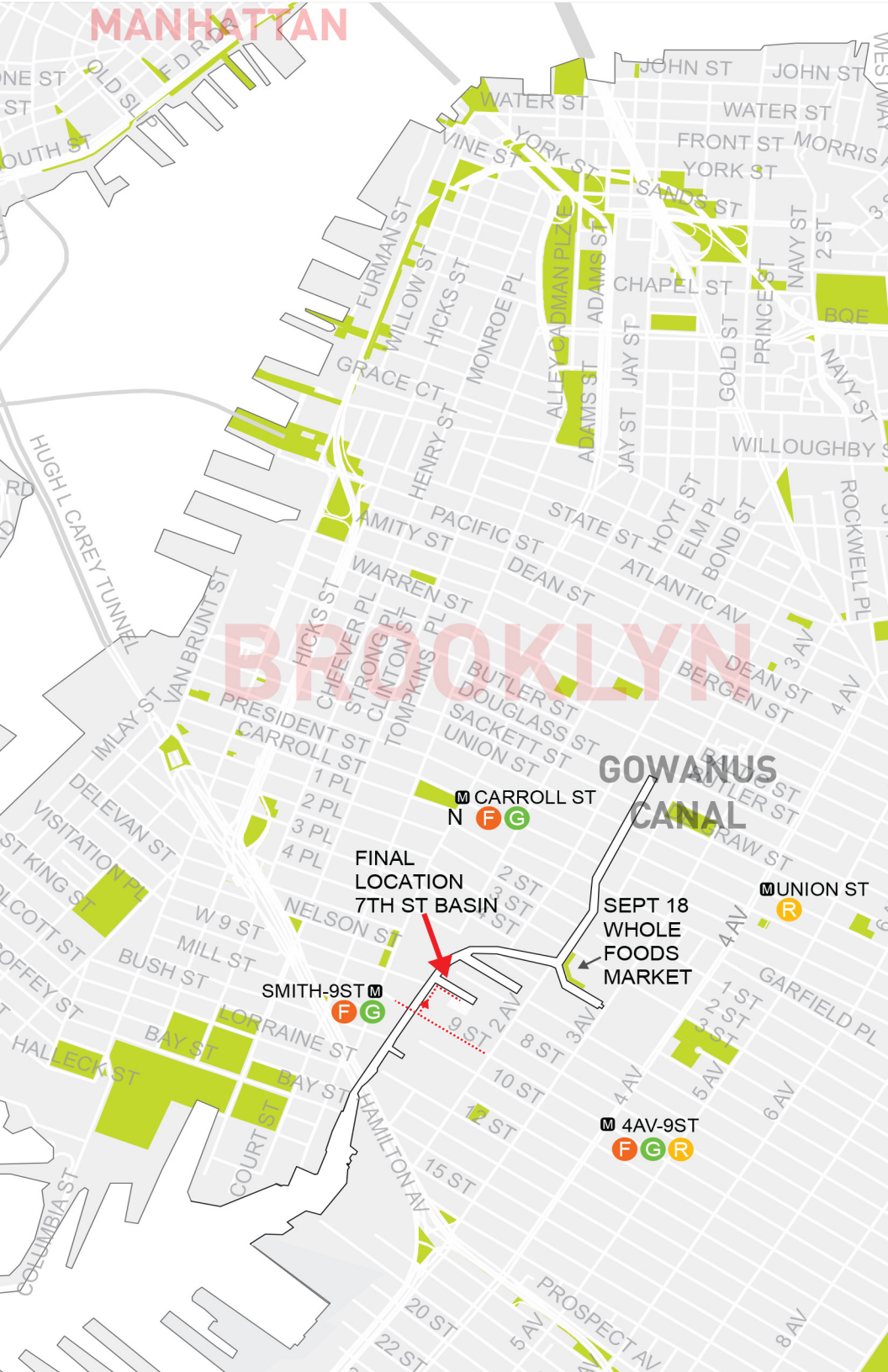
cleaners



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solar light



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GOWANUS CANAL

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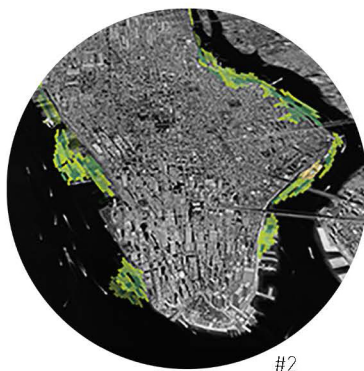
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#2



#3



#4

- #1 Robert Smithson's Floating Island to Travel Around Manhattan Island, 1970/2005 Produced by Minetta Brook in collaboration with the Whitney Museum. © Estate of Robert Smithson.
 #2 MOBisLE for The City of the Future, History Channel. with Joel Sanders Architect, 2006.
 #3 St Louis Riverfront Master Plan, with HOK and Consulmar, 2007.
 #4 Delaware Floating Island. with Penn Design, 2013, photo Mark Dye.

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Gowanus Canal

CONSERVANCY

The Gowanus Canal Conservancy is a community-based non-profit organization that serves as the environmental steward for the Gowanus Canal Watershed.
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