

Table 2-1
Historical Documents Observations
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Year and Media	Observations:
1766 Historical map	The historical map shows the geography on the Gowanus Creek in 1766 showing a tidal marshland area that spanned from the canal to the area east of 2nd Avenue.
1847 Historical map	The historical map shows the plan for the drainage of the Gowanus Canal.
1848 Historical map	The historical map shows the different basins and drainage plan for the Gowanus canal in 1848. The southern most basin is located near the present day Metro site. Note that this plan is not believed to have been the approved plan for drainage of the upland area of the Gowanus Creek.
1880 Historical map (2)	The historical map doesn't show any structures present within the Site boundary.
1882 Historical Newspaper Article	
1882 Historical Photograph	
1886 Sanborn map	The sanborn map shows the current Block 1007 as Metropolitan Gas Light Company present to the north of 12th Street. Structures depicted include a Gasometer, an office, a coal shed, retorts, and a half dozen one-story buildings within the footprint of the Site. There is a note that the facility was used for storage only. To the south of 12th Street, the current Block 1025, there are vacant lots, dwellings, lumber yards, a lime shed, and a brick and cement shed. The current configuration of the 11th Street basin is shown to extend north to 10th Street parallel to the canal with a strip of land in between.
1887 Brown's Directory	No listing available.
1890 Brown's Directory	The annual gas production of 165,000,000. Process was the Coal & Tessie du Motay.
1891 Brown's Directory	The annual gas production of 240,000,000. Process was the Coal & Tessie du Motay.
1892 Historical map	The historical map shows the drainage plan for the Gowanus Canal
1892 Brown's Directory	The annual gas production of 240,000,000. Process was the Coal & Tessie du Motay.
1893 Brown's Directory	The annual gas production of 325,000,000. Process was the Wilkinson.
1894 Brown's Directory	The annual gas production of 325,000,000. Process was the Wilkinson.
1899 Brown's Directory	Annual gas production of 4,000,000,000 and service area production of 1,198,000 that included the consolidation of: Brooklyn Gas Light Co., Citizens Gas Co., Fulton Municipal Gas Co., Metropolitan Gas Light Co., Nassau Gas Light Co., Peoples Gas Light Co., and Williamsburg Gas Light Co.
1904 Sanborn map	The Sanborn map shows the property to the north of 12th Street as the Metropolitan Works Branch of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company with Gas Holders No. 1, 2, and 3 Identified, along with associated structures relating the operation of the MGP that included retorts, fuel oil tanks, condensers, purifiers, etc. South of 12th Street includes a vacant and dilapidated building and vacant lots.
1906 Historical photograph	The historical photograph shows a view looking northeast from the western edge of the canal of what is believed to be Gas Holder No. 1 in the background behind the coal storage building located along the canal.
December 21, 1914 Historical BUG drawing	The BUG drawing #7-B-19 shows the diagrams of holders showing heights determined by guide framing under requirements of proposed building code. The Holder No. 5 from the Metropolitan Site is depicted as a modified holder from 5 million cubic foot to 2.06 million cubic foot. The holder is shown to be 2 feet and 1 and 1/2 inches below grade surface.
February 15, 1915 Historical BUG drawing	The BUG drawing #7-B-27 shows the diagrams of holders of maximum capacity with tanks located as now in regard to depth below the curb. The Holder No. 5 from the Metropolitan Site is depicted as a modified holder (2.58 million cubic feet-about). The holder is shown to be 2 feet and 1 and 1/2 inches below grade surface.
1915 Sanborn map	The Sanborn map shows similar structures identified in the 1904 Sanborn map including three oil storage tanks located in the northeastern corner of the Site with the addition of development to the south of 12th Street. Structures shown include the Holder No. 5 (5 million cubic foot), coal storage yard, and the Brooklyn Alcatraz Asphalt Company is located between the Holder No. 5 and the Gowanus Canal.
1938 Historical Photograph	The historical photograph shows the Red Hook Playground looking east towards the Gowanus Canal with what is believed to be the Holder No. 5 in the background. The photograph was published in the Brooklyn Eagle.
1938 Sanborn map	The Sanborn map shows all of the MGP operation has ceased. Remaining structures include a coal bunker, boiler house, an unmarked building. The three gas holders are not present. To the south of 12th Street. Structures shown include the Holder No. 5 (5 million cubic foot), coal storage yard, and the Brooklyn Alcatraz Asphalt Company is located between the Holder No. 5 and the Gowanus Canal.
1938 water color painting	The painting shows a view of Holder No. 5 from the western edge of the Gowanus Canal looking easterly towards the Brooklyn Alcatraz Asphalt Company.
1942 Historical Photograph	The historical photograph is looking north up the Gowanus Canal towards the Smith Street bridge. The Citizen's MGP site is observed in the background. The western edge of the former Metropolitan MGP Site is to the right, along the eastern edge of the Gowanus Canal.
1943 Aerial photograph	The aerial photograph shows no MGP site features. The current Block 1007 includes the former USPS facility and a building where the current Pathmark building is located. To the south of 12th Street, the Holder No. 5 is not shown and the Block 1025 appears vacant with some warehouse building to the east.
1950 Sanborn map	The Sanborn map shows the current Block 1007a shows the former USPS facility, parcel owned by the Brooklyn Union Gas Company with a boiler house, a coal bunker, a gas tank, and two small one-story buildings. Block 1025 shows a scrap iron yard, a couple small storage buildings, storage area for old electric cables on wood reels, Holder No. 5 (5 million cubic foot) with two associated valve houses along the northeastern and northwestern edge of the former holder.
1952 Historical Photograph	The historical photograph shows Citizens Holder in the Background and the front end of Metro and a view of the Gowanus Canal with view to elevated Smith and Ninth Street subway station and Hamilton Avenue bridge. The photograph was published in the Brooklyn Eagle.

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1953 Aerial photograph	The aerial photograph and a vacant lot to the west along the Gowanus canal showing the USPS facility to the north of 12th Street. To the south of 12th Street Holder No. 5 is present with what appears to be a vacant lot used for storage.
1950's Historical Photograph	The historical photograph is looking west towards the Gowanus Canal showing the Holder No. 5 in the background near the recently constructed Brooklyn-Queens Expressway overpass
1966 Aerial photograph	The aerial photograph is similar to the 1953 aerial photograph with the exception that the Holder No. 5 is not present.
1969 Sanborn map	The Sanborn map shows the current Block 1007 lot 220 shows the former USPS facility. Block 1007 lot 219 shows a vacant, parking lot. Block 1007 lot 172 shows the current Pathmark building as a bottling facility. Block 1007 lot 269 shows the vacant lawn space. Block 1025 lots 18, 16, and 20 show vacant, trailer parking areas with three small one-story buildings along Hamilton Place with a truck repair shop and parking. Block 1031 lot 100 shows a vacant parcel and lot 26 shows a vacant lot along with the Holder No. 5 (5 million cubic foot) with two associated valve houses along the notheastern and northwestern edge of the former holder.
1975 Aerial Photograph	The aerial photograph shows no MGP site features. The current Block 1007 lot 220 shows the former USPS facility. Block 1007 lot 219 shows a vacant, parking lot. Block 1007 lot 172 shows the current Pathmark building. Block 1007 lot 269 shows the vacant lawn space. Block 1025 lots 18, 16, and 20 show vacant, parking lots. Block 1031 lot 100 shows a vacant parcel and lot 26 shows a vacant lot.
1977, 1979, 1980, and 1981 Sanborn map	The Sanborn map shows the current Block 1007 lot 220 shows the former USPS facility. Block 1007 lot 219 shows a vacant, parking lot. Block 1007 lot 172 shows the current Pathmark building as a bottling facility. Block 1007 lot 269 shows the vacant lawn space. Block 1025 lots 18, 16, and 20 show vacant, trailer parking areas with three small one-story buildings along Hamilton Place with a truck repair shop and parking. Block 1031 lot 100 shows a vacant parcel and lot 26 shows a vacant lot.
1982 Sanborn map	The Sanborn map shows the current Block 1007 lot 220 shows the former USPS facility. Block 1007 lot 219 shows a vacant, parking lot. Block 1007 lot 172 shows the current Pathmark building as a bottling facility. Block 1007 lot 269 shows the vacant lawn space. Block 1025 lots 18, 16, and 20 show vacant and parking areas. Block 1031 lot 100 shows a vacant parcel and lot 26 shows a vacant lot.
1984 Aerial photograph	The aerial photograph shows no MGP site features. The current Block 1007 lot 220 shows the former USPS facility. Block 1007 lot 219 shows a vacant, parking lot. Block 1007 lot 172 shows the current Pathmark building. Block 1007 lot 269 shows the vacant lawn space. Block 1025 lots 18, 16, and 20 show vacant, parking lots. Block 1031 lot 100 shows a vacant parcel and lot 26 shows a vacant lot.
1986, 1987, and 1988 Sanborn map	The Sanborn map shows the current Block 1007 lot 220 shows the former USPS facility. Block 1007 lot 219 shows a vacant, parking lot. Block 1007 lot 172 shows the current Pathmark building. Block 1007 lot 269 shows the vacant lawn space. Block 1025 lots 18, 16, and 20 show vacant, parking lots. Block 1031 lot 100 shows a vacant parcel and lot 26 shows a vacant lot.
1991 - 1992 Sanborn map	The Sanborn map shows the current Block 1007 lot 220 shows the former USPS facility. Block 1007 lot 219 shows a vacant, parking lot. Block 1007 lot 172 shows the current Pathmark building. Block 1007 lot 269 shows the vacant lawn space. Block 1025 lots 18, 16, and 20 show vacant, parking lots. Block 1031 lot 100 shows a vacant parcel and lot 26 shows a commercial warehouse building.
1993, 1995, and 1996 Sanborn map and 1994 Aerial photograph	The Sanborn map shows the current Block 1007 lot 220 shows the former USPS facility. Block 1007 lot 219 shows a vacant, parking lot. Block 1007 lot 172 shows the current Pathmark building. Block 1007 lot 269 shows the vacant lawn space. Block 1025 lots 18, 16, and 20 show vacant, parking lots. Block 1031 lot 100 shows a vacant parcel and lot 26 shows a NYC PS office of building services.
2006 Aerial Photograph	The aerial photograph indicate that the site is shown as it's current configuration as developed with parking lots and commercial buildings present. Block 1007 lot 220 shows the current Lowe's building. Block 1007 lot 219 shows a vacant, parking lot. Block 1007 lot 172 shows the current Pathmark building. Block 1007 lot 269 shows the vacant lawn space. Block 1025 lots 18, 16, and 20 show vacant, parking lots. Block 1031 lot 100 shows a vacant parcel and lot 26 shows a commercial warehouse facility.