

8.0 Fish and Wildlife Resources Impact Analysis

The purpose of the Fish and Wildlife Resources Impact Analysis (FWRIA) is to identify actual or potential impacts to fish and wildlife resources from Current Site contaminants of ecological concern. There are no ecological resources on the Current Site due to the presence of buildings and pavement that cover the majority of the area. The nearest potential ecological resource to the Current Site is the adjacent Gowanus Canal. Migration of MGP-related groundwater or NAPL impacts to the Gowanus Canal represents a potential ecological exposure pathway for the Current Site. The Gowanus Canal is a NYSDEC Class D (SD) water body (the most degraded saline water body classification) and is also a Superfund Site. The USEPA has recently issued a ROD for the Gowanus Canal. Therefore, a FWRIA of the Current Site is not necessary. Future remedial alternative evaluations for the Current Site will be consistent with the USEPA selected remedy and will address the potential MGP-related NAPL migration to the canal.