



Christine Clancy, P.E.
DPW Commissioner

TO: Eileen Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*
FROM: Christine Clancy, P.E., DPW Commissioner
DATE: June 18, 2020
RE: C. Elliott – Request City Manager Request New Owner of the Locks and Canals
Clean the Floating Debris at all Gates on the Canals throughout the City

The City of Lowell has met with the new owner of the Locks and Canals, Central River Powers to discuss how both the City and Central River Powers can collaborate on cleaning up the canals by specifically removing debris and litter from the canals. Central River Powers will be completing cleanup of areas of the canals beginning in July with the assistance of the City of Lowell Department of Public Works. As pictured below, much of the floating debris gathers at gates, bridges, or other structures. In this collaborative effort, Central River Powers will remove floating debris from canals where accessible and the City of Lowell Department of Public Works will assist with hauling and disposing of the removed debris and litter.

The City of Lowell is also coordinating with Central River Powers for the rehabilitation of the Central Street Bridge. The initial phase of this project requires dewatering of the Upper Pawtucket Canal and this is anticipated to begin July 15. This dewatering effort will allow Central River Powers and the City of Lowell to remove some debris from portions of the canal bottom in addition to the efforts to remove floating debris within other areas of the City.



Floating Debris in Western Canal (picture taken on Suffolk Street)