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Hello Mr. Owen,

I am a resident of Rochester, NY and have recently had the pleasure of visiting Coconut beach for the first time. It has come to my attention that the Army Corps of Engineers is planning to use the Coconut Beach property for the construction of a new pumping station servicing the 17th Street Canal. I implore you to remove Coconut Beach from your list of prospective locations for the following reasons:

1. Coconut Beach is an important economic entity for the Greater New Orleans area. Consider I was one of sixty plus people from across the nation that attended a three day volleyball tournament in early April this year. I personally spent a couple thousand dollars on lodging, food and beverage for the five day trip. This is just one weekend of many that Coconut Beach hosts such events. We plan to make this as of now small event a yearly and much larger one. Now that is in jeopardy.
2. Coconut Beach is a fantastic facility for bringing people together and adding to Greater New Orleans' quality of life through sport. I have never visited an outdoor volleyball complex that was maintained with more pride. It is a perfect meeting place for locals as well as volleyball players from across the country. Coconut Beach and the staff are great ambassadors for New Orleans.
3. The local residents need a place to play volleyball, have fun and stay fit. Volleyball is a sport for all ages, from 8 to 80. Please do NOT destroy what the residents of Greater New Orleans have worked so hard to rebuild.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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