From: Chris Verdigets
To: MVN Environmental;
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Subject: Coconut Beach
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Mr. Owen,

I would like to express my concern that some or all of Coconut Beach will be consumed for the upcoming pumping station expansion. My family has been going to Coconut Beach to play volleyball, socialize, recreate, and just enjoy one of the consistently enjoyable areas of New Orleans for more than 12 years. I have watched the beach grow from a few nets and a shack to a complex that provides THOUSANDS of people from all age groups, sizes, shapes, colors,etc. the opportunity to be physically active in a safe, clean, healthy environment. Post-Katrina, Coconut Beach is one of the few beacons of light in the Lakeview area calling residents to return.

Nobody will argue that levees and adequate pumping capacity take priority over a sports complex. We only ask that Coconut Beach be allowed to co-exist with the pumping station in an manner that retains it's value to our community.

Thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Verdigets
Net 5, Thursday night league