From: Wendt-Harris, Barbara
To: MVN Environmental;
Subject: Volleyball
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Dear Mr. Gib Owen:

I am writing to ask that the Army Core of Engineers PLEASE take as little as possible of the Coconut Beach property when they build their new pumping station.

I started playing volleyball at Coconut Beach to make adult friends in 2001 as I moved to the New Orleans area from the north and knew no one.

I now have hundreds of friends and several close friends due to volleyball.

Coconut Beach is a clean safe place in New Orleans to have fun.

People come with their children and dogs to socialize. Many people come on nights when they are not playing just to watch.

Coconut Beach is one of the places in New Orleans full of positive energy where all are welcome.

When I have out of town guest we always check out Coconut beach. It is an impressive complex and my guests are envious.

There must be a site in New Orleans to build a pumping station where you will not have to destroy one of the city's long lasting, fun, health promoting, feel good activities.

Thank you!

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