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Mr. Owen,

I understand that the Corps must acquire some land for the construction the new pump station on the 17th Street Canal and that this task is of the utmost importance. However, I ask that reason be used to limit the amount of land to be acquired so that Coconut Beach can continue to operate. I have personally enjoyed use of that complex for over 10 years, along with many friends and family members. While many public recreation facilities languish in disrepair for various reasons, Coconut Beach provides a much needed outlet for upwards of 4000 people annually, and is a symbol of rebuilding on the lakefront since the storm. In addition, the numerous tournaments hosted at that facility during the year raise countless dollars for charity, and Coconut Beach has a positive financial impact on other business in the area as well.

I ask that the Corps does not destroy such a much needed public resource. Thank you.

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