From: Richard T Marschner
To: MVN Environmental;
Subject: Save Coconut Beach
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Dear Mr. Owen,

My name is Richard Marschner and I am writing to implore you to not destroy one of the greatest assets in the city. I moved to New Orleans from Louisville, KY about 16 months ago and have been playing at Coconut Beach for just over a year now. With New Orleans having so much to offer it is no small statement when I say that it really is my favorite place in the entire city. In a city and state that is consistently one of the unhealthiest in the nation it would be a shame to take away such a wonderful public recreation facility. I play twice a week in leagues and on Sunday's with friends that I met through Coconut Beach. On Sunday's there are consistently upwards of 60 people playing at any given time just for the enjoyment of being outdoors and with friends.

I won't take too much of your time but will leave you with this. I am also the diving coach at UNO and we ALWAYS use Coconut Beach when recruiting potential student athletes from all over the country and world. We take the kids all around the city to the Quarter, Uptown, campus etc... but they consistently say that the night they spent playing beach volleyball at Coconut beach was one of their favorite things about the city and their visit. To put it simply, Coconut Beach has been a major reason why kids from Arizona, Washington, California, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, England, Holland, Iceland and numerous other states and countries have chosen to come to New Orleans for school and in the process they help to rebuild the city.

I hope that when building the pumping station you use as little of Coconut Beach as possible and if need be will relocate Coconut Beach to another location. Thanks for your time and consideration.

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