From: Michael Woods
To: MVN Environmental;
Subject: Coconut Beach Volleyball complex
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I am writing you today in regards to the recent news articles about the USACE needed to use 10-100 % of the Coconut Beach Volleyball complex at Mickey Retief Playground near the temporary 17th street canal pumping station.
To be blunt, the USACE should be able to provide stakeholders in this matter a better estimate of scope of what the land use will be than the current 10-100%. Moreover, they should also be able to provide specifics of what the land will be used for.
The complex is home to nightly beach volleyball leagues, as well as many weekend tournaments, hosting more than 4,000 players. Its the largest complex within the US.
I understand that the protection of citizens and property should be placed ahead of any recreational venues. All I am requesting is that we know how and what the land will be used for and what alternatives are being looked at to ensure the least impact.
Any assistance you can provide in this matter would be greatly appreciated.
Ref: http://www.neworleanscitybusiness.com/UpToTheMinute.cfm?recID=24738
Respectfully,
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