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Dear Army Core of Engineers,

Please do not take over Coconut Beach volleyball space. I have been playing there off and on for 6 years. It is delightful, and there is no other place in the city like it. It is particularly wonderful in the urban landscape of New Orleans to have an outdoor athletic facility right by the lake. There is nothing nicer than going to play volleyball or hang out with other players in the evenings, watching the sun set and the pelicans just hanging out on the water. In addition, Coconut Beach's important to the lakefront community became very clear to me after Katrina. I grew up in a nearby neighborhood in the lakefront and was very aware of how slow the area came back (and continues to do so). However, even before grocery stores returned, Coconut Beach had resumed games, resuming its wonderful community activity. Thus, for the lakefront community, the New Orleans urban environment, and my personal benefit, once again please do not take over the Coconut Beach Volleyball area.

Thank you,

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