From: Dan S
To: MVN Environmental;
Subject: Seventeenth Street Canal Pumping Station
Date: Friday, May 15, 2009 1:53:48 PM

Mr. Owen or To Whom It May Concern,

I have recently been advised that the Corps of Engineers is considering taking part or all of the Coconut Beach Volleyball Complex to build the permanent pumping station for the Seventeenth Street Canal.

First, let me express my thanks for the relentless efforts by the Corps of Engineering since Hurricane Katrina. Making our city safe from future disasters is everyone's highest priority.

Secondly, and the purpose of this letter, is to implore you to reconsider putting the pumping station in another location. Coconut Beach is one of the finest sand volleyball complexes in the southeast U. S. It is also one of the only beacons of family fun in the entire area. While the nightly leagues primarily cater to adults, there are also leagues and tournaments for teens and free play that allows people of all ages to participate in a fun and wholesome activity. I have played regularly in leagues for the last 10+ years and have joined my family members and friends to play on many weekends.

In short, it would be a great loss for thousands of regular users of the complex and the entire New Orleans area if it were to be significantly affected by the building of the pumping station.

Thanks for your attention,

Dan Stauder

1804 Richland Ave.

Metairie, La 70001

504-833-9789