From: Brian Freese
To: MVN Environmental;
Subject: A concerned person
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Mr. Owen,

I'm sending this email out to you because I believe in the Coconut Beach Complex. As a Civil Engineer, I understand that this is required in order to better protect Metairie and New Orleans from flooding again however I believe that this decision will hurt those areas as well. You are looking at taking anywhere from 10% to 100% of the land. The beach is one of the great things this city has going for it. I believe that it is the 2nd largest sand complex in this country and I would love to keep it. If you've ever come out to the complex during the week you would be able to see how many people enjoy this complex. I've been going there for 10 years and find it unbelievable how many different states and countries are represented by the people who use the complex.

I normally don't get involved in this sort of thing but I truly believe that we need to keep Coconut Beach available to everyone. I am hoping that the Corps comes up with a more sensible alternative. Coconut Beach is host to thousands of people every week, raises money for a number of charities and gives people in this town a great place to have fun and make new friends. Please give alternative solutions to this community such as redesigning the pumping station, moving its location or allowing the complex to be moved somewhere else (The old parking lot next door, unused City Park golf course area or another large area).

Thanks for your time,

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