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George M. Strain
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 4970
Jacksonville, Florida 32201

Subject: Supporting Package for Award of a Beneficial Reuse Program Grant for the
Cockroach Bay Restoration Project (Tampa Bay, Florida)

Dear Mr. Strain:

Per instructions from Joe Tavares of your staff, enclosed with this cover letter are the following backing documents in support of our proposed grant to the Cockroach Bay restoration project from your Beneficial Reuse of Dredged Materials Program:

1. Letter of intent from the District
2. Letters of support from the Tampa Bay environmental community

If I can be of assistance to you or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at the above address or at 800-836-0797/813-985-7481 ext. 2202.

Sincerely,

Brandt F. Henningsen, Ph.D.
Sr. Environmental Scientist
Surface Water Improvement and
Management (SWIM) Department

cc: Michael J. Perry, Director, SWIM Dept., SWFWMD
COBRA members
Joe Tavares, USACE, Jacksonville, Florida

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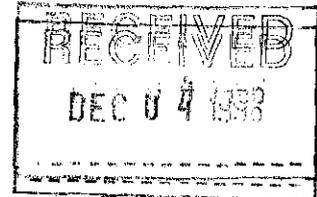


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George M. Strain, Acting Chief
Planning Division
Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 4970
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Dear Mr. Strain:

This is in reference to efforts underway to obtain funds provided by Section 204 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (WRDA) for the beneficial use of dredged material at Hillsborough County's Cockroach Bay Environmental Lands Acquisition and Preservation Program (ELAPP) site on the eastern shores of Tampa Bay. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) as a member of the Cockroach Bay Restoration Alliance (COBRA), a multi-agency coalition dedicated to the restoration of the Cockroach Bay ELAPP site, is actively involved with the on-going restoration of over 650 acres of lands previously altered by shell mining and agricultural activities. In that capacity, in addition to our responsibilities as the primary Federal steward of the Nation's living marine resources, the NMFS strongly supports the efforts of the Southwest Florida Water Management District to secure necessary funding and dredged material from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for beneficial uses at the Cockroach Bay ELAPP site.

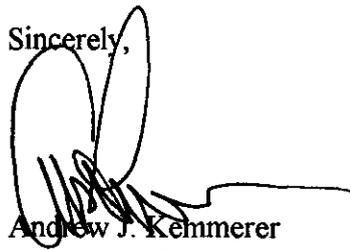
Currently there are three abandoned shell pits at the Cockroach Bay site that were created in areas that supported valuable fishery habitats. COBRA has designed a restoration plan that calls for the raising of the bottom elevations of these pits up to the photic zone. The pits would be interconnected and shallow littoral shelves would support submergent and emergent vegetation across a range of salinities. This plan includes the establishment of oligohaline habitats which have been extensively lost in the Tampa Bay estuary system. The restoration of valuable habitats within these pits, in association with the overall restoration plan at the Cockroach Bay site, is important to restoring and maintaining production of viable commercial and recreational fisheries in Tampa Bay.

To date, funding and material has only been identified for restoration of one of the three pits. The various funding avenues available in the WRDA in addition to on-going navigation improvement and maintenance projects in Tampa Bay provide the Corps of Engineers with a variety of opportunities to be an integral partner in the restoration of Tampa Bay habitats. This letter is to serve as NMFS's support and offer of assistance, as feasible, in association with these efforts as they are pursued.



Comments or questions regarding the Cockroach Bay ELAPP site or the restoration plan should be directed to Mr. David N. Dale of our Habitat Conservation Division. He may be contacted at 813/570-5317.

Sincerely,

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Andrew J. Kemmerer
Regional Administrator



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December 13, 1996

George M. Strain
Acting Chief - Planning Division
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Subject: Supporting Letter for Award of a Beneficial Reuse Program Grant for the Cockroach Bay Restoration Project (Tampa Bay, Florida)

Dear Mr. Strain:

On behalf of the Cockroach Bay Restoration Alliance (COBRA), please let this letter serve as our wholehearted support for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to award a grant to the Cockroach Bay (Tampa Bay) reclamation project from your Beneficial Reuse of Dredged Materials Program. COBRA represents 17 various federal, county, municipal, and private groups cooperating in the planning and implementation of the multiphased restoration of the 651 acre Cockroach Bay tract. Beginning with Hillsborough County's purchase of the tract during 1991, COBRA has met monthly to guide the restoration effort for one of the most important components of Tampa Bay. As noted from the enclosed COBRA roster, a diverse group of dedicated parties has spent significant time, energy, and funds to bring the project to where it is today. With the completion of Phases 1A-B (projected for summer 1996), COBRA continues to turn its attention to Phases 1C and 1D, the phases proposed for partial funding by your reuse program.

We respectfully encourage you and the USACE to pursue with vigor the award of grant dollars for Phases 1C-D. This project is of regional, state, and national importance and merit and is worthy of support. If I or any other COBRA member can be of assistance to you or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. I can be reached at the above address or at 800-836-0797/813-985-7481 ext. 2202.

Sincerely,

Brandt F. Henningsen, Ph.D.
(Chairman, Cockroach Bay Restoration Alliance)
Sr. Environmental Scientist
Surface Water Improvement and
Management (SWIM) Department

cc: Michael J. Perry, Director, SWIM Dept., SWFWMD
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November 25, 1996

Mr. George M. Strain
Acting Chief - Planning Division
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SUBJECT: BENEFICIAL RE-USE OF DREDGE SPOIL MATERIALS

Dear Mr. Strain:

As Executive Director of the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County (EPC), I will lend this agency's strong support to the beneficial re-use of appropriate dredge spoil materials to projects within the Tampa Bay area. The re-use of such materials, particularly within the context of an environmental restoration project, reduces the need to deposit the dredge materials off-shore or onshore upon existing upland areas. Beneficial re-use will also increase the life span of existing spoil disposal sites, potentially limiting expansion into adjacent upland and wetland areas.

My staff has been involved from the beginning (early 1991), as one of the original members of the Cockroach Bay Restoration Alliance (COBRA), on the development of plans to restore wetland and upland habitat to the 650 acre Cockroach Bay tract. It is my understanding that proposed phases of the restoration plan will require a considerable amount of clean fill to shallow up existing shell pits and create planted littoral shelves. I will request consideration for the re-use of spoil material from planned projects in Manatee County (the Port of Manatee's Turning Basin) and Hillsborough County (the widening of the Big Bend Channel) in the on-going Cockroach Bay habitat restoration projects.

If I can be of any help or assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at (813) 272-5960.

Sincerely,

Roger P. Stewart
Executive Director
Environmental Protection Commission
of Hillsborough County

cc: Brandt Henningsen, SWFWMD

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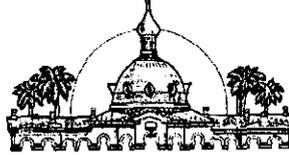
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December 2, 1996

George M. Strain
Acting Chief, Planning Division
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Subject: Beneficial Reuse Program for the Cockroach Bay Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Strain:

On November 19, 1996, the Cockroach Bay Restoration Alliance (COBRA) discussed the cooperative effort plans for habitat restoration at Cockroach Bay. Discussion included the potential collaboration between the South West Florida Water Management District, Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Department and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The collaboration involves the dredging project at Port Manatee and the beneficial reuse of the dredged material at the Cockroach Bay Restoration Project (Tampa Bay, Florida). After reviewing the information, it is apparent the beneficial reuse program will benefit phases 1C and 1D of the Cockroach Bay Restoration Project.

This letter is in support of the beneficial reuse program for Cockroach Bay which involves the use of dredged material from the Port Manatee project for phases 1C and 1D of the Cockroach Bay Restoration Project.

Thank you for your efforts and interest in the Cockroach Bay Restoration Project.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Toth, Manager
Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve
Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation, Resource Management Team

cc: Rob Heath, Environmental Supervisor, Hills Co. Parks and Rec, Resource Mgt Team



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December 3, 1996

George M. Strain
Acting Chief, Planning Division
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Re: Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Program

Dear Mr. Strain:

The purpose of this letter is to encourage you to contribute substantially to the restoration efforts at Cockroach Bay by including the site in the Corps' beneficial reuse program. One of the major goals of this large restoration project is to shallow several large shell pits and to connect them to the bay to enhance fish and wildlife habitats. Currently, two of the pits (phases 1C and 1D) do not have cost effective sources of fill to realize this goal. However, participation by the Corps in placing dredge spoil in these pits would allow accomplishment of the restoration plan.

The Cockroach Bay project is an ambitious restoration that has involved many federal, state and local cooperators. The FDEP has supported this effort with time, energy and money through its development and implementation because we believe that it is a very desirable project. If you are not already familiar with the details of the Cockroach Bay restoration, we encourage you to come to Tampa Bay to see and hear more about it. We feel that once you do, you will want to participate through your beneficial reuse program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Allen Burdett
Environmental Manager

cc: Bob Stetler
Richard Garrity, Ph.D.



December 4, 1996

Mr. George M. Strain
Acting Chief- Planning Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 4970
Jacksonville, FL 32232

Dear Mr. Strain:

The Tampa Bay National Estuary Program (TBNEP) supports the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop and implement an ecosystem restoration project at Cockroach Bay, Hillsborough County under the authority provided by Section 204 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992.

The proposed ecosystem restoration project addresses two elements of the Tampa Bay Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan developed by TBNEP participants over the last five years. These are: beneficial uses of suitable dredged material in restoration projects, and the restoration of coastal habitats in impacted areas. The Cockroach Bay project has been supported by TBNEP since it's initiation, and the inclusion of the use of suitable dredged material to decrease depths in the NE and SE borrow pits or other appropriate locations would greatly benefit the project.

Sincerely,

Holly Greening
Senior Scientist

cc: Richard Eckenrod, TBNEP Director
Brandt Henningsen, SWFWMD-SWIM



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December 6, 1996

Mr. George M. Strain
Acting Chief - Planning Division
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Subject: Beneficial Reuse Program and Cockroach Bay Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Strain:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for receipt of dredge materials from the Beneficial Reuse Program for the Cockroach Bay restoration project. The restoration project will directly affect the water quality and habitat availability of the Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve. The aquatic preserve designation was given by the state legislature to preserve the area's exceptional biological, scientific and aesthetic values for future generations. Contributions from the Beneficial Reuse Program will greatly benefit both upland and submerged land habitat.

Cockroach Bay / Little Cockroach Bay are shallow embayments located on the eastern shore of Tampa Bay. Cockroach Bay as well as Tampa Bay as a whole have experienced improvements in water quality which in turn have resulted in an increase in seagrass growth. The Cockroach Bay restoration project will provide stormwater polishing of water received from an adjacent shell mine and agricultural lands located to the east. This stormwater treatment will aid in the continued improvement of water quality to the Bay.

The restoration project will also increase habitat availability for many fish and wildlife species that utilize the area. It will establish mesohaline and oligohaline marsh habitats which have experienced the greatest decrease in acreage over the last century than any other wetland habitat in Tampa Bay.

As the Cockroach Bay restoration project will greatly benefit both upland and submerged habitats, please give it your utmost consideration for participation in the Beneficial Reuse Program. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Shelly Allen, Manager
Tampa Bay Aquatic Preserves

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December 18, 1996



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- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- Florida Senate
- Florida House of Representatives
- Tampa Bay National Estuary Program
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Marine Research Institute
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission
- Southwest Florida Water Management District
- Florida Sea Grant
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- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Marine Fisheries Service
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- Tampa Port Authority
- Manatee Port Authority
- St. Petersburg Port Authority
- Hillsborough County
- Manatee County
- Pasco County
- Pinellas County
- City of Clearwater
- City of Oldsmar
- City of St. Petersburg
- City of Safety Harbor
- City of Tampa
- Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County
- Florida Power Corporation
- Tampa Electric Company
- Florida Conservation Association
- Organized Fishermen of Florida
- National Audubon Society
- Hillsborough Environmental Coalition
- University of South Florida
- Hillsborough Community College
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- Dames & Moore, Inc.
- Greiner, Inc.
- Tampa BayWatch
- Coastal Environmental, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Strain:

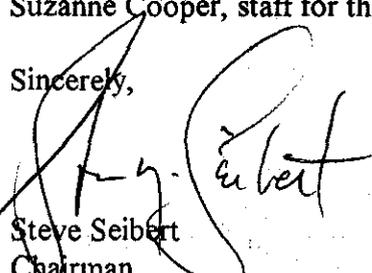
Re: Beneficial Reuse Program Grant for the Cockroach Bay Restoration Project

The Executive Steering Committee of the Agency on Bay Management voted at its December 12, 1996 meeting to send this letter of support for the funding of the above-referenced project through Section 204 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992. This restoration project is currently underway on Hillsborough County's Cockroach Bay Environmental Lands Acquisition and Preservation Program site, with plans to restore over 650 acres of land previously altered by shell mining and agricultural activities to a mosaic of upland and wetland habitat types. Designed by the Cockroach Bay Restoration Alliance (COBRA), of which the Agency on Bay Management is a member, the plan includes raising the bottom elevation of the shell pits to the photic zone to permit growth of submerged vegetation. The connection of the shell pits with Tampa Bay, accompanied by the creation of littoral shelves across a range of salinity regimes, will provide habitat important in the recovery of Tampa Bay, the goal of the Tampa Bay National Estuary Program.

State, federal and local participation, by way of funding as well as staff time and energy, have been provided for this effort. However, funding and materials have been obtained only for restoration of one of the three shell pits to-date. Dredged material is available from several navigation improvements and channel maintenance projects in Tampa Bay, much of it suitable for use in the Cockroach Bay project. Funding through the WRDA would make it possible to accomplish the goals of COBRA for Phases 1C-D of the project while allowing the Corps of Engineers to dispose of excess material.

The Executive Steering Committee of the Agency on Bay Management respectfully sends its full support for the award of Section 204 funding for the Cockroach Bay Restoration Project. If I or any member of the Agency can be of assistance, please call Suzanne Cooper, staff for the Agency, at (813)577-5151, Ext. 240.

Sincerely,


Steve Seibert
Chairman

cc: Mr. Brandt Henningsen
ABM members



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March 12, 1998

Mr. Bill Fonferek
Department of the Army
Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers
Post Office Box 4970
Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019

RE: Department of the Army - Scoping Letter - Seeking
Information Regarding Concerns, Resources and
Opportunities About Cockroach Bay Restoration -
Hillsborough County, Florida
SAI: FL9801280032C

Dear Mr. Fonferek:

The Florida State Clearinghouse, pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 12372, Gubernatorial Executive Order 95-359, the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451-1464, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321, 4331-4335, 4341-4347, as amended, has coordinated a review of the above-referenced project.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) notes two key issues of concern related to this proposal: the logistics of spoil transportation; and the quality of sediments to be deposited in the shell mine pits. The DEP requests that any future environmental documentation on this proposal specifically address these two issues. The DEP also requests that future documentation be routed through the State Clearinghouse to ensure that a comprehensive state agency review continue. Please refer to the enclosed DEP comments.

Based on the information contained in the scoping letter and the enclosed comments provided by our reviewing agencies, the state has determined that the above-referenced project is consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program. Comments received from the Tampa Bay Regional Council and Hillsborough County are also enclosed for your review.

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Mr. Bill Fonferek
March 12, 1998
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Thank you for the opportunity to review the scoping letter.
If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact
Ms. Cherie Trainor, Clearinghouse Coordinator, at (850) 922-5438.

Sincerely,

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Ralph Cantral, Executive Director
Florida Coastal Management Program

RC/cc

Enclosures

cc: Jim Wood, Department of Environmental Protection
John Meyer, Tampa Bay Regional Council
Gene Boles, Hillsborough County



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RE: COE/Scoping Letter, Cockroach Bay Restoration Project
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Dear Ms. Trainor:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has completed its review of the above-referenced scoping notice. Under the proposed activity, the Corps would participate in constructing Phase II of the Cockroach Bay restoration project through beneficial use of dredged material from other construction and/or maintenance dredging activities. The dredged material would be transported to the Cockroach Bay restoration site to fill existing shell mine pits to a level which will support emergent and submerged wetland species.

Among the intended benefits of these areas, following restoration, are improved water quality, an increased sheetflow to the estuary, and an enhanced natural system which provides areas of varying salinity to be used by fish at different life stages. The Department supports these goals. They are consistent with the management plan for the Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve, as well as the *Florida Water Plan* and DEP's *Ecosystem Management Implementation Strategy*.

Nonetheless, staff from Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve have identified two key issues of concern related to this proposal:

1. the logistics of spoil transportation, including possible resource impacts and extended disruption of recreational use by transport pipeline; and
2. the quality of sediment to be deposited in the shell mine pits.

The Department requests that any future environmental documentation on this proposal specifically address these two issues. We also request that, as with the scoping notice, future documentation be routed through the State Clearinghouse to ensure that a comprehensive state agency review continues.

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March 9, 1998

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We appreciate the opportunity to comment at this stage. If I may be of further assistance, please contact me at (850) 487-2231.

Sincerely,

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Jim Wood
Environmental Specialist
Office of Intergovernmental Programs

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cc: Shelly Allen, Marine Resources, Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas

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The attached document requires a Coastal Zone Management Act/Florida Coastal Management Program consistency evaluation and is categorized as one of the following:

- Federal Assistance to State or Local Government (15 CFR 930, Subpart F). Agencies are required to evaluate the consistency of the activity.
- X Direct Federal Activity (15 CFR 930, Subpart C). Federal Agencies are required to furnish a consistency determination for the State's concurrence or objection.
- Outer Continental Shelf Exploration, Development or Production Activities (15 CFR 930, Subpart E). Operators are required to provide a consistency certification for state concurrence/objection.
- Federal Licensing or Permitting Activity (15 CFR 930, Subpart D). Such projects will only be evaluated for consistency when there is not an analogous state license or permit.

Project Description:

Department of the Army - Scoping Letter - Seeking information Regarding Concerns, Resources and Opportunities About Cockroach Bay Restoration - Hillsborough County, Florida.

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- No Comment
- Comments Attached
- Not Applicable

Federal Consistency

- No Comment/Consistent
- Consistent/Comments Attached
- Inconsistent/Comments Attached
- Not Applicable

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Reviewer: Lucy Schneider

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Subject: Department of the Army-Scoping Letter-Seeking Information Regarding
Concerns, Resources, and Opportunities about Cockroach Bay
Restoration-Hillsborough County, Florida
SAI#: FL9801280032C

Dear Ms. Akers:

The staff of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) has conducted a consistency evaluation for the referenced project. Consistency findings are divided into four categories and are based solely on the information provided in the subject application.

FINDING	CATEGORY
X	Consistent/No Comment
	Consistent/Comments Attached
	Inconsistent/Comments Attached
	Consistency Cannot be Determined Without an Environmental Assessment Report/Comments Attached

The District appreciates the opportunity to participate in the review of this application. Please be advised that our review does not constitute permit approval under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, or any rules promulgated thereunder, nor does it stand in lieu of normal permitting procedures in accordance with Florida Statutes and District rules.

If you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please contact me in the District's Planning Department.

Sincerely,

Trisha Neasman, AICP
Government Planning Coordinator

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Federal Assistance to State or Local Government (15 CFR 930, Subpart F). Agencies are required to evaluate the consistency of the activity.

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Federal Licensing or Permitting Activity (15 CFR 930, Subpart D). Such projects will only be evaluated for consistency when there is not an analogous state license or permit.

Project Description:

Department of the Army - Scoping Letter - Seeking Information Regarding Concerns, Resources and Opportunities About Cockroach Bay Restoration - Hillsborough County, Florida.

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Federal Consistency

- No Comment
- Comments Attached
- Not Applicable

- No Comment/Consistent
- Consistent/Comments Attached
- Inconsistent/Comments Attached
- Not Applicable

From:

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Carlione Johnson / Rick Smith

Date:

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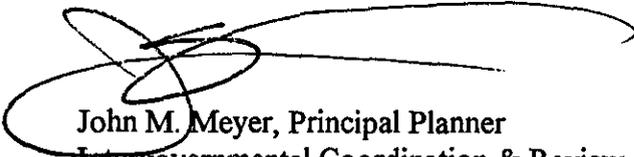
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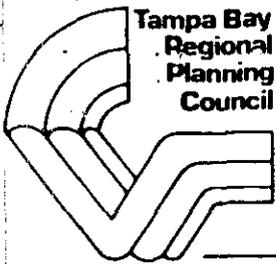
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cc: Mr. Bill Fonferek, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Committee adopted February 23, 1998.

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Barbara B. Romano, Chair
Clearinghouse Review Committee

This project has been reviewed and determined to be consistent with the Council's adopted growth policy, *Future of the Region: A Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Tampa Bay Region*.

Local Comments Requested From:

Agency	Request Date
Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County	2/6/98
Manatee County Environmental Management Department	2/6/98
Hillsborough County Planning & Growth Management	2/6/98

PLEASE NOTE: The Committee's comments constitute compliance with Florida's Intergovernmental Coordination and Review process only.

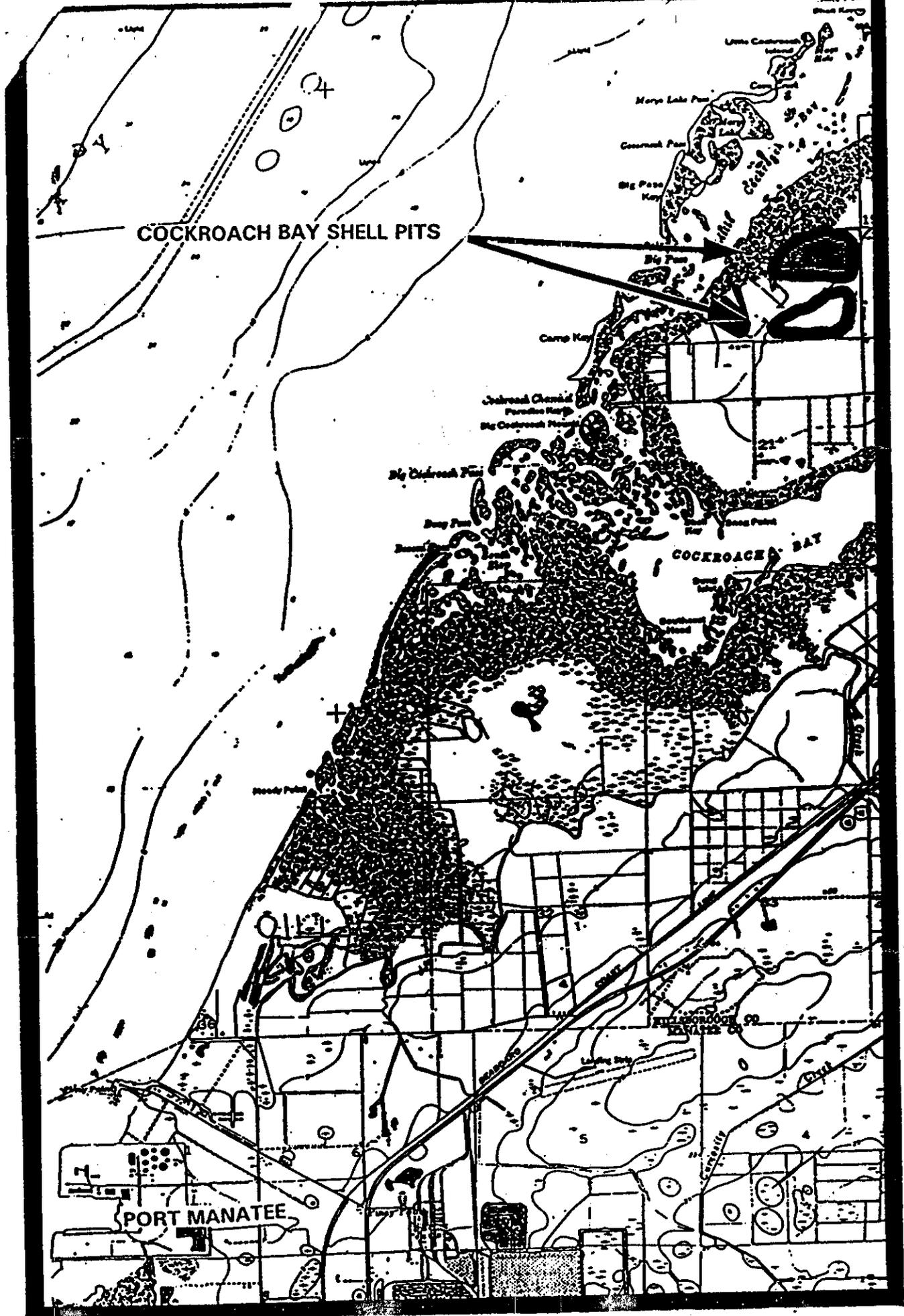


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February 23, 1998

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RE: IC&R #048-98, COCKROACH BAY RESTORATION STUDY, FSC SAI
#FL9801280032C, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Dear Mr. Meyer:

The Southwest Florida Water Management District is sponsoring a study to determine the Federal interest in constructing Phase II of the Cockroach Bay Restoration. Phase I has been completed. Phase II proposes to use dredged material from either the construction of Manatee Harbor Phase II maintenance project or the Tampa Harbor maintenance project to create estuarine habitat along Tampa Bay to allow for cleaning of freshwater surface water runoff, for intertidal exchange of aquatic organisms, and the creation of wildlife habitat. Tampa Bay Regional Council (TBRC) asked Planning and Growth Management Department (PGMD) to review information to determine the extent to which the project is consistent with or contributes to the fulfillment of locally adopted plans or the achievement of the Department's projects, programs, and objectives.

PGMD has no regulatory jurisdiction over the study being done or environmental permitting authority over the quality of dredge and fill material or resultant estuarine habitat. However, PGMD provides staff liaison to the Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve Management Advisory Team (CAPMAT), an entity established by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners as an ongoing means of better managing the resources of the Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve. Because of the location of the project to the aquatic preserve, PGMD staff is making the information available to CAPMAT membership which would respond directly to TBRC staff if they have comments. PGMD has no further comments. Thank you for informing us of the study.

Sincerely,

Gene Boles, AICP, Director
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cc: Daniel M. Blood, Manager, PGMD
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Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve Management Advisory Team

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Chief, Planning Division
PO Box 4970
Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019

March 3, 1998

Subject: Cockroach Bay Restoration

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve Management Advisory Team, I am responding to your office's January 26, 1998 request for public input on a proposal to use dredged material from Manatee Harbor or Tampa Harbor to fill shell mine pits in the vicinity of the Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve. The Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve Management Advisory Team (CAPMAT) was established by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners (the Board) in 1993 to advise the Board on issues affecting the preservation and management of the Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve. The 26 Board appointed members of CAPMAT represent a diverse group of environmental, governmental, civic, landowner, business, and recreational interests. CAPMAT has reviewed the proposal and offers the following comments:

- 1) CAPMAT supports habitat restoration through the beneficial reuse of dredge material. The reuse of dredge material as proposed eliminates the need to dispose of this material in a less environmentally beneficial manner (i.e. spoil islands). Therefore, CAPMAT is supportive of this conceptual proposal.
- 2) The membership does have concerns though about the logistics of transporting the dredge material to the subject shell pits. A pipeline would appear to be the logical mechanism through which to transport the fill to the site. If a pipeline is used, many questions remain about the route (overland or through coastal waters?) and the placement (under or above the surface?) of the pipeline. CAPMAT has serious concerns about any pipeline route or placement scenario that will cause the destruction of seagrass beds, mangroves and other natural areas. CAPMAT is also concerned about the degree to which a pipeline would impede access to currently accessible coastal areas. Therefore, a pipeline through coastal waters needs to be carefully sited and placed so as to not negatively impact natural areas and significantly impede access to these areas.

Through this project, shell mine pits with no current environmental or recreational value have the potential to be restored in a manner that will provide water quality and habitat benefits to the aquatic preserve. However, many details need to be worked out to ensure that this environmental benefit is not achieved through means that would cause unacceptable impacts to the existing natural resources of the aquatic preserve and to those who enjoy the use of this area. Therefore, I would request that CAPMAT be given an opportunity to provide additional input on this project as further details are developed.

Sincerely,



Rick Hager
Chairman, CAPMAT

cc: Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners

24 May 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Engineering Division
Chief, Planning Division
Chief, Real Estate Division

SUBJECT: Cockroach Bay Section 204 Ecosystem Restoration Report

1. Enclosed is a draft copy of the proposed study alternatives as discussed in the team meeting on 24 May 2000.
2. Twelve alternatives were considered with the four most viable being selected for further review. The comparison of these alternatives was based on timing of operation, quality of material, quantity of material, and distance from the project site. The remaining alternatives may be re-considered at a later date, if necessary. As a result of this meeting, the most viable alternatives are:
 - a. Disposal Area CMDA 3D (Alt. 4)
 - b. Manatee Harbor (Alt.'s 5 & 9)
 - c. Alafia River (Alt.'s 8 & 10)
 - d. Cargill Industries (Alt. 12)
3. Request that your office provide preliminary cost estimates, and engineering and environmental evaluations regarding the removal of approximately 600,000 cubic yards of material from each of these alternative sites, and placement into the Cockroach Bay project area.
4. For funding issues, please contact the Project Manager, Osvaldo Rodriguez at extension 2909. For any planning technical questions, please contact Jonas White at extension 2481.

Encl

JAMES C. DUCK
Chief, Planning Division

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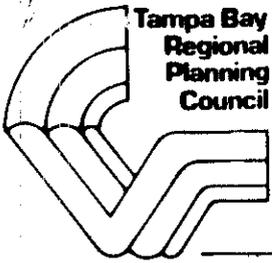
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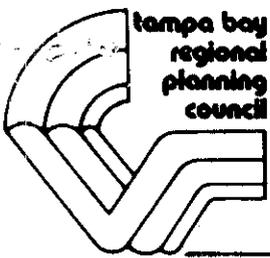
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Agenda

CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW COMMITTEE

9:00 a.m.
February 23, 1998

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Please note that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Committee with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, that person must ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

***** THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC *****

ROLL CALL

Agenda Item #1

MINUTES

Additional Material: July 28, 1997 Minutes.

Action Recommended: Motion to approve.

D. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT LETTERS

NONE

E. DRI STATUS MATRIX - INFORMATION ONLY

**F. REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW COMMENTS
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

1. IC&R #48-98 Cockroach Bay Restoration Study, FSC #FL9801280032C, Hillsborough County
2. IC&R #49-98 Tampa Harbor/Alafia River Navigational Channel Study, Hillsborough County
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**G. OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW (IC&R)
APPLICATIONS**

Additional Material: As Noted Above Items A-G.

Action Recommended: Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

Agenda Item #3

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA -
DISCUSSION**

Action Recommended: Dependent upon discussion.

Agenda Item #4

DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT

A. PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCES

NONE

B. PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS

NONE

Agenda Item #6

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Update on Economic Development District Designation.

Additional Material: None.

Action Recommended: Information Only.

Agenda Item #7

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

NONE

Agenda Item #8

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

Staff would like input on transportation topics the CRC would like to have presented. Suggested topics include updates on the "Links" project, the three major investment studies, activities at the Port of Tampa, etc.

Additional Material: None.

Action Recommended: Discussion.

Agenda Item #9

**REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RPAC)
UPDATE**

- A. Regional Land Use Initiative
- B. Other

Agenda Item #10

OTHER BUSINESS - CHAIRMAN

- A. Discussion on designation of CRC Committee First Chairman and subcommittee designation of the following:
 - 1. Vice Chairman - Transportation
 - 2. Vice Chairman - Economic Development
 - 3. Vice Chairman - Emergency Management

Additional Material: None.

Action Recommended: Discussion. Action to be taken at March meeting.

- B. Other Business.

17 February 1998

Mr. Bill Fonferek
US Army Corp of Engineers
Chief, Planning Division
P.O. Box 4970
Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019

Mr. Fonferek:

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This appears to be a very good use for dredge material and I endorse the project as stated in your notice dated 1/26/98.

Respectfully,



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Enclosure

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COCKROACH BAY SHELL PITS

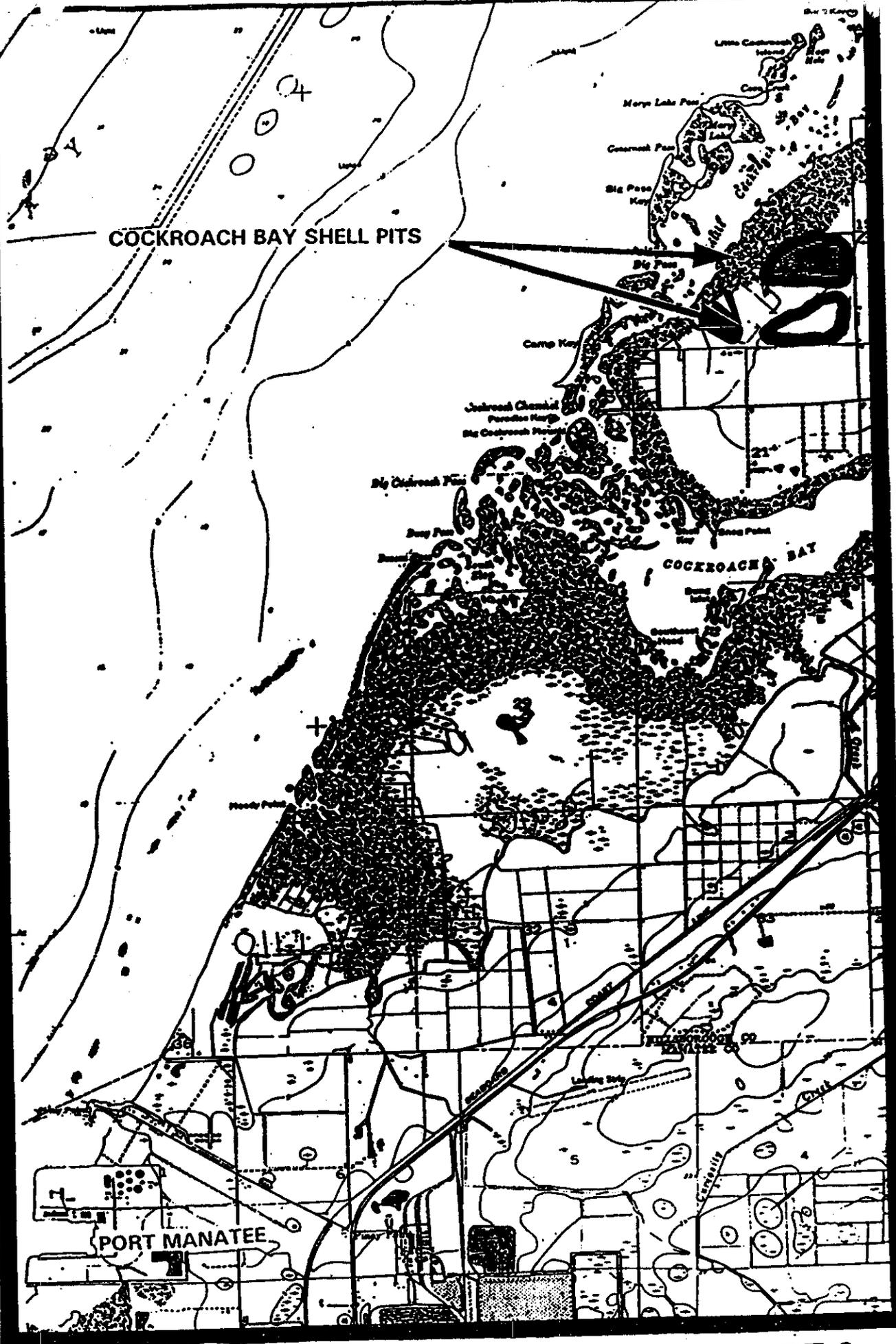


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Planning Division
Environmental Branch

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is seeking information about issues, concerns, resources, and opportunities associated with the study of the Cockroach Bay Restoration (see enclosed location map). We are requesting public input into this study in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Information contained in your response will be used to help formulate a plan and to identify resources and impacts to those resources by the project.

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Please address your comments to:

US Army Corps of Engineers
Chief, Planning Division
P.O. Box 4970
Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Mr. Bill Fonferek at 904-232-2803.

Sincerely,

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John R. Hall
Acting Chief, Planning Division

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The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is seeking information about issues, concerns, resources, and opportunities associated with the study of the Cockroach Bay Restoration (see enclosed location map). We are requesting public input into this study in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Information contained in your response will be used to help formulate a plan and to identify resources and impacts to those resources by the project.

The study will determine if there is a Federal interest in constructing the remainder of the project using dredged material from either the construction of Manatee Harbor Phase II, maintenance of Manatee Harbor or the maintenance of Tampa Harbor near the project site. Phase I of the project has been completed. Phase II would include transport of dredged material to the site to fill the shell mine pits. The material would be landscaped to a design consistent with the existing Phase I design. The purpose of the project is to create estuarine habitat along Tampa Bay to allow for cleaning of freshwater surface water runoff, for inter-tidal exchange of aquatic organisms, and the creation of wildlife habitat. The local sponsor for this project is the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

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