

ATTACHMENT 2

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Colonel Joseph R. Miller
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Jacksonville District
400 West Bay Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32232

RE: Virginia Key Restoration

Dear Colonel Miller:

As you are aware, members of my staff and representatives of the City of Miami have been working closely with the District in evaluating the potential for Corps participation in various elements of the above referenced project. Several objectives of the restoration plan, such as environmental restoration and beach erosion control, may be consistent with existing Corps authorities, and we would request your assistance in implementing a full evaluation of these potential opportunities.

We were recently informed that a preliminary commitment for local sponsorship of the project would be desirable prior to the initiation of a full feasibility study. This letter is to preliminarily confirm the willingness of the County, through the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM), to serve as local project sponsor in an effort to expedite the approval and completion of a feasibility study of potential Corps projects on Virginia Key. Formalizing this commitment would be contingent upon the willingness of the City of Miami to participate in the funding as landowner and to have the County assume the local sponsor role, and upon an understanding of the total non-federal funding commitment the project would entail. We are confident that these and other issues can be easily addressed following the completion of a study to more specifically identify the scope of the project, and the potential for Corps participation.

Please contact Mr. John Renfrow, Director of DERM, if you have any questions or need any additional information regarding this issue. Thank you in advance for your assistance in moving ahead on this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. R. Stierheim', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

M. R. Stierheim
County Manager

cc: Honorable Carrie Meek, Congresswoman, District 17
Honorable Alex Penelas, Mayor, Miami-Dade County
Honorable Chairperson and Members, Board of County Commissioners
Richard Bonner, United States Army Corps of Engineers
Albert Ruder, City of Miami