

September 23, 2008

Mr. John Hildreth  
National Trust for Historic Preservation  
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Dear Mr. Hildreth:

Historic Virginia Key Beach Park in Miami Florida suffered considerable damage from the affects of excessive wind and water caused by Tropical Storm Fay in August 2008.

The beach park's historic bathhouse facility had water leakage through roof seals and skylight structures; the historic concession stand had roof leakage and damage to roll down aluminum shutters and the historic carousel building also had damage to roll down aluminum shutters. The shoreline was hit hard by beach erosion; approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of the historic beach's 1 mile shoreline had serious erosion and loss of sand material.

The roof leakage in the bathhouse was so excessive that we were forced to make emergency repairs immediately. Leakage in the concession stand building is severe and will require attention as soon as possible. The beach erosion will require a detailed shoreline profile survey to determine the extent of the damage and the cost of repair and re-nourishment.

I will follow up this initial correspondence with cost estimates attached to each of the areas of concern. In the meantime, if you have any questions or the need for more clarification on the damages suffered at Historic Virginia Key Beach Park please feel free to contact me at [gforchion@miamigov.com](mailto:gforchion@miamigov.com) or in my office at 305-960-4603.

Sincerely,

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