



My name is Sanford Kuvin. I am a 38 year resident of the Town of Palm Beach. Our house is on the beach at the north end of the island and I am a certified scuba diver. I have been active in the beach affairs of the Town for many years.

Because of the Army Corps diligence, efficiency and generosity in dealing with the Lake Worth Inlet, the regular dredging of the Palm Beach Inlet has provided millions of cubic yards of sand free to the Town of Palm Beach flowing in the littoral flow south, augmenting the Town's existing beach renourishment program. This beach renourishment program includes in addition to the Army Corps dredging, the rehabilitated STP, and the on demand pumping of sand to critically eroded areas such as the midtown beach, which was provided with emergency renourishment as the result of storm damage several years ago costing 8 million Town of Palm Beach taxpayer dollars.

Now the Army Cops is reviewing the merits of the DEP's approval of the Phipps Park Project. The Army Corps has the last word, and others will and have spoken to the extreme detrimental environmental impact that this plan, as written, will bring. But the Corps must also decide in its approval process if it is correct for the taxpayers of the town and the taxpayers of the state to spend millions of dollars on a project where the risk/reward ratio is so skewed in favor of the economic and environmental risk, with only the reward of cosmetic improvement on an already stable beach. Richard Harvey of the US Dept. Of Commerce on Sept. 27, 2001 wrote Colonel May that the majority of the project in question, R-116-R-126 has either accreted or remained the same since 1974. In fact this stretch of beach has never been renourished. Only the area known as Sloans's curve (monuments R-116 and R-117) have experienced significant shoreline recession. . Surely, the plan as submitted with the many documented environmental risks, and the waste of state and local taxpayers money coming at a time of national and local economic hardship should warrant the disapproval of this plan as presented with a No Action Alternative until a more modest plan can be formulated addressing R-116 and R-117.