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Ms. Lisa Kiefel
Planning Portfolio Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street NW
Attn: CECW-CE
Washington, DC 20314-1000

Dear Ms. Kiefel:

I am writing in response to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers request for proposals in accordance with Section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA 2014).

On behalf of the City of Fort Myers, Florida, I respectfully request the Army Corps to conduct a feasibility study, which we believe would support a viable creek restoration modification project at Billy's Creek (SAJ-2013-02256 (LOP-MMB)) which is a Section 404 waterway. Billy's Creek has been degrading over time through the deposition of excess siltation on the bottom that results in lowered oxygen in the water, overgrowth of exotic vegetation on the banks and pollution from urban trash and debris from urban ditches that discharge to the area. The total cost of this project is \$1,800,000.

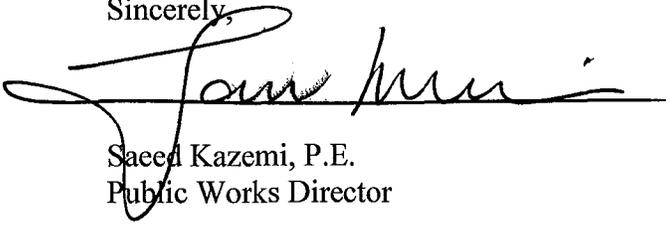
The project will restore the creek to a healthier condition. By dredging the accumulated siltation from the bottom of Billy's Creek, the cross-sectional area will be increased and the invert elevation will be decreased, allowing for enhanced drainage capacity and minimization of upstream flooding potential. Additional benefits would include a more uniform and static channelization of the creek, thereby minimizing the potential of the creek to meander out of the established flow-way and cut into adjacent properties where localized flooding may occur.

This project has the support of the City of Fort Myers. If the project is to move forward with the assistance of the Army Corps of Engineers, the City will provide the necessary local match required.

Thank you for your consideration of this project. We look forward to discussing it with you further.

If you have any questions please contact me at the above listed number.

Sincerely,

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Saeed Kazemi, P.E.
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cc: Vincent Miller, P.E., Stormwater Resource Manager