



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
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April 19, 2007

The Honorable John P. Woodley, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)  
108 Army Pentagon, Room 3E446  
Washington, D.C. 20310-0108

Dear Mr. Woodley:

As required by Executive Order 12322, the Office of Management and Budget completed its review, on April 8, 2007, of your recommendation regarding a hurricane and storm damage reduction project for Montauk Point, New York.

The Corps formulated the Montauk Point project for hurricane and storm damage reduction. However, its benefits are primarily recreational, which is not one of the Corps' three main mission areas. You recommend that this project be given low priority for Federal funding. Given the nature of this project, we believe it should be undertaken by non-Federal interests.

We do not object to you forwarding this report to Congress. However, when you do, please advise Congress that for the above reasons the Administration would not support authorization of this project for Federal construction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Mertens".

Richard A. Mertens  
Deputy Associate Director  
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