

Durham Park Neighborhood Association

1910 NW 13th Street, Miami, FL 33125

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NOAA Restoration Center (F/HC3)
Community-based Restoration Program
NOAA Fisheries
1315 East West Highway, Rm. 14727
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Support of Miami River Commission NOAA Application to 2012 Community Based Marine Debris Prevention & Removal Project Grant

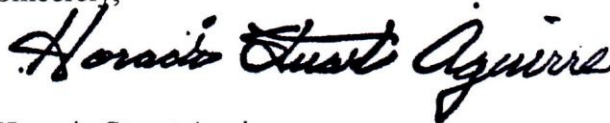
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you in strong support of the Miami River Fund, Inc.'s (MRFI) application to NOAA's 2012 Community-Based Marine Debris Prevention & Removal Project. As outlined in the grant application, the MRFI is seeking funding to:

- 1) Remove derelict vessels from the Miami River and its tributaries, which negatively impact the natural environment, marine life, and navigation
- 2) Scavenger Decontamination Vessel services, including removal and disposal of marine debris, water de-contamination and oxygenation
- 3) Volunteer Miami River clean-up events to pick up and dispose of marine debris
- 4) Provide free environmental educational boat tours to students and environmental organizations, regarding pollution prevention and waste reduction, the protection of marine life and endangered fauna and flora.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Horacio Stuart Aguirre
President,
Durham Park Neighborhood Association

Durham Park Neighborhood Association (DPNA), a Florida corporation operating as a not-for-profit organization, is a voluntary association serving the residents of the Durham Park, a low-density, single family residential community of 98 homes, located on the Durham Park peninsula, on the Miami River, in Miami, FL.

The neighborhood boundaries are the Miami River on the northeast side, the Miami River South Fork on the Southeast side and North West 22nd Avenue on the west side.

The association seeks to raise the quality of life in Durham Park through community social events, physical improvements of the neighborhood, programs to keep the neighborhood safe, interaction with local businesses, government entities and communications to keep us informed about what affects Durham Park and our neighbors.

Membership is open, on a voluntary basis, to all those residing or owning property in Durham Park. The association does not own property, does not impose membership dues, does not levy taxes and participation is voluntary. Involvement by members is welcomed.