

Fishermen's Villages Yacht Basin

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Fishermen's Village Yacht Basin is undertaking a *Clean Waterfront* initiative designed to increase water quality, reduce long-term maintenance, and reduce energy costs (see www.cleanwaterfront.net). We are proposing a pilot project wherein we become a "waterfront learning laboratory," in cooperation with various marine industries which have committed to manufacturing "green" products and which promote clean and sustainable waterfronts. In addition to our Best Management Practices which we implement as a Florida State-Designated "Clean Marina," we expect to adopt applicable ISO (International Standards Organization) 14001 environmental practices to further ensure that Fishermen's Village Yacht Basin continues to improve the quality of its waterfront.

Our Yacht Basin has 413 wooden pilings treated with Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA). This chemical inhibits marine growth, and in doing so, it leaches copper arsenate into the water. Our pilot project will involve replacing 29 of these pilings with a new "green" piling product made from fiberglass. We hope to evaluate the structural and environmental integrity of these new pilings over a period of time. Should the results be positive, we would hope, over time, to replace all 413 wooden pilings as well as our fixed wooden docks with sustainable products.

A second component of our Clean Waterfront initiative involves education. We are planning an environmental learning trail on our property along with interpretive signs and a trail guide.

A third component deals with energy reduction. We are in the process of joining EPA's "Energy Star" program as a partner, and make a fundamental commitment to protect the environment through the continuous improvement of our energy performance.

If you see the value in our initiative, it would be helpful if your organization would provide to us a letter of support. We will use such letters in our efforts to solicit partnerships and products from the marine industries which have subscribed to the Clean Waterfront Program.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please call should you have questions.

Sincerely,

Jim Branch
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