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Subject: Dear City Manager McNees and Members of the Marco Island City Council,Marco Island Canal Restoration at Zero Cost: A Proven, Private Solution to Your $200M Problem I.

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Dear City Manager McNees and Members of the Marco Island City Council,

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You are sitting on one of the biggest untapped natural assets in all of Southwest Florida—**the nutrient-rich bottom sediment of your own canal system**. And instead of spending $200 million of taxpayer money to dredge it, I propose a **public-private solution that restores water quality, solves the algae crisis, reduces noise complaints, and costs your city nothing.**

My Offer:

I will **dredge Marco Island's canals at zero cost** to the city. In exchange, I ask for a two-year soil enrichment and landscaping contract for public and park properties in Cape Coral and Marco Island. Here's how the plan works in three clear phases:

☑ Phase 1 – Dredging + Material Reclamation

- I will remove muck and nutrient-saturated sediment from the bottom of the canals using advanced low-impact equipment.
- The material will be repurposed as **valuable fill** (worth up to $250 per compacted cubic yard) and sold to infrastructure projects like:
    - I-75 expansion

    - The Florida bullet train corridor
    - Southwest Florida International Airport improvements

- This operation is clean, fast, and profitable—for both your city and regional partners like the Army Corps of Engineers.

☑ Phase 2 – Fresh Gulf Water Flushing & Aeration

- I will **rent a barge and install two 20,000-gallon seawater tanks.**
- Every 3–4 months, my team will collect **deep Gulf seawater from 80 feet down**, rich in oxygen and natural minerals, and flush it through Marco's canal network.
- This clean, oxygenated seawater:

    - Replenishes marine life and accelerates ecosystem recovery
    - Flushes out lingering synthetic fertilizer residues
    - Helps neutralize algae-stimulating nitrates

- Additionally, **aerators will be installed** at key canal depths to maintain long-term oxygenation and water movement—creating a marine-friendly environment year-round.

☑ Phase 3 – Regenerative Soil + Noise Reduction

- I will convert city landscaping from chemical-based systems to a **regenerative, organic, free-fertilizer method** that improves plant health and **eliminates chemical runoff**.
- After two years, this will **deplete harmful legacy chemicals** leaching into the canal system—stopping algae blooms at the root.
- BONUS: Healthy, biologically active soil **naturally absorbs sound**, acting as a buffer between properties. This mitigates **the island's short-term rental noise issue** without new ordinances or police strain.

Final Thoughts

This is a **three-birds-one-stone solution**:

1. **Zero-cost dredging and canal restoration**
2. **Elimination of chemical runoff and fertilizer-related pollution**
3. **Natural sound absorption and improved community peace**

I am available to present this plan at your upcoming July 7 public workshop, or in any private

or public forum you feel appropriate. Together, we can make Marco Island a model for **environmental leadership, fiscal responsibility, and creative infrastructure management**.

Sincerely,

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P.S.
Attached are two photographs for your visual review:

- The first shows me standing next to a canal that was previously choked with toxic blue-green algae. I am pointing directly at the algae, which was over **six feet deep**. The **second photo**, taken just **six hours later**, shows the same canal completely cleared—restored through my natural dredging and oxygenation method. No trace of algae remains.
- The second image is of a **chemical-free estate landscape in Naples**, thriving with **zero synthetic fertilizer or nitrogen** for over a year and a half. The vibrant green lawn, blooming flowers, and healthy trees are all the result of my **free fertilizer regenerative method**.

If you've never seen a fully organic, high-performance landscape before, this is what it looks like. **It's real. It works. And it's ready for Marco Island.**

Naples, FL – Collier County Resident