Charleston Navy Base Container Terminal Community Programming & Mitigation October 3, 2007



Navy Base Container Terminal

- Three berths, 280 acres
- 1.4 million TEU capacity
- \$550-million Phase I
- Dedicated Port Access Road
- Proximity to Neighbors





Background

Submitted a conceptual mitigation plan for the DEIS

- Plan was similar in size and scope to projects of similar size and impacts
- Historically, mitigation measures focus on quantitative green impacts
- Committed to go beyond traditional mitigation



Early Steps

Engaged the City

- Committed to work with surrounding neighborhoods to discuss community mitigation
- Supported formation of Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities (LAMC)
 - Bigger than just one issue; could gather to improve region

Started a relationship

- Provided Terminal tour
- Introduced them to workers/neighbors
- Became visible in community
- Engaged chamber, maritime industry, labor
- Working relationship with City's community liaison



The Shared Goal

Realizing most mitigation plans focus only on green mitigation...

The Port, The City and LAMC agreed to work cooperatively on a community mitigation plan to maximize community benefits and minimize undesirable impacts from the Project



Development of the Community Mitigation Plan

Challenged community to identify...

- Impacts of project
- How to address them
- Identified, categorized & prioritized the desired community mitigation measures
- Reviewed priorities & met with the Corps, agencies and our mitigation consultant



Eight Key Elements

- Tax & Property Value Losses
- Noise, Air, Vibration
- Education Attainment
- Employment Opportunities
- Economic Development
- Emissions & Health
- Strength & Connection to Project
- Ready for Growth



Community Mitigation Funding

- Port committed \$4.08 million for new community mitigation activities...
 - \$750,000 on issuance of permits
 - \$300,000 annually on this anniversary
 - Any remaining funds paid when terminal opens



Needed an Agreement...

- To finalize and formalize a Community Mitigation Agreement on mitigation and enhancement activities that describes...
- 1. The Port's current and on-going community activities
- 2. Plans for new community mitigation activities
- 3. LAMC, Port and City responsibilities for realizing new community mitigation activities
- 4. Financing for new community mitigation activities











