



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council Regular Session **MEETING DATE:** April 2, 2024
FROM: Mike Null, Asst. City Manager
SUBJECT: City Council authorization of a task order to Toco Engineering to design a retaining block bulkhead along the River to protect Spring Park in the amount of \$89,605.00. *Mike Null*

BACKGROUND

The entire shoreline along the St. Johns River has succumbed to erosion over the last several years due to tropical storms, hurricanes, and nor'easters. The shoreline along Spring Park is no exception. The City has been working with a local retaining wall manufacturer, Truemont Materials, on a block retaining wall system that will protect Spring Park from further erosion.

The entire construction project is estimated at \$950,000.00. The city requested a legislative line item appropriation in the state's budget this year of \$850,000.00. As of this writing, the state budget as presented to the Governor includes \$425,000 for this project, which should fund construction of half of the project.

Concurrently with the state legislative cycle, the City has worked with Toco, one of the City's continuing services engineers, to draft a task order for the design and permitting of the entire project. Having the entire project designed and permitted will place the City in a better position to pursue grant funding for the remainder of the project. Truemont's design team have prepared some preliminary designs and cost estimates, but the design must be verified and sealed by a Professional Engineer such as Toco. The attached task order for \$89,605.00 includes surveying, permitting and design.

This project was not budgeted in the FY 2024 CIP so it will require a budget adjustment. However, staff anticipates that there will be funding available in the FY 2024 CIP from other uncompleted projects that can be re-allocated to fund this design. Based on this, staff is requesting approval of this task order to Toco Engineering in the amount of \$89,605.00.

Attached for reference are the task order from Toco as well as some conceptual renderings that have been prepared by Truemont. The construction project will be competitively bid, but the Truemont product will be the specified material.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the FY 2024 CIP budget

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize a task order to Toco Engineering to design a retaining block bulkhead along the River to protect Spring Park in the amount of \$89,605.00.