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Town of Bluffton Selects Construction Consultants as Garvin House Contractor

The Town of Bluffton has selected Folly Beach-based contractor Michael Riffert, DBA Construction Consultants, to stabilize and rehabilitate the Garvin House, the only home on the May River owned by a former slave.

The approximate \$292,000 project, funded primarily by public grants, will begin in late April and continue into the fall. The Garvin House will be rehabilitated using existing materials or materials which match the historic integrity of the project. The structure will be stabilized and its windows, doors and roof will be replaced. When finished, the story of the Garvin House and its residents will be told through interpretative signs displayed inside and outside the house.

“The Garvin House is an extraordinary treasure in Bluffton’s Historic District,” Mayor Lisa Sulka said. “When finished, the house and its interpretative signs will give us a glimpse of what living in Bluffton was like in Reconstruction Era through the eyes of Cyrus Garvin’s family.”

Construction Consultants are specialists in historic rehabilitation and restoration. Its staff members have worked on similar projects, such as Seashore Farmers’ Lodge on James Island, which won numerous preservation awards.