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Town of Bluffton Plans to Add Approximately 50 Parking Spaces to Historic District after Purchasing  
184 Bluffton Road Property

The Town of Bluffton acquired the parcel located at 184 Bluffton Road, currently the home of CrossFit 843, when it closed on the purchase Friday, September 29. The .710 acre-property was purchased from May River Storage, LLC for \$600,000.

The site, within close proximity to the Promenade, will be used predominantly for public parking. In a future project, to be designed in Fiscal Year 2018 (i.e. July 2017 – July 2018) and completed in Fiscal Year 2019, the current structures will be demolished and approximately 50 parking space will be added.

Town Council approved this purchase by resolution at its November 8, 2016 Town Council meeting and the project was funded from the Town's General Fund Balance.

Mayor Pro Tempore Larry Toomer said the 184 Bluffton Road Renovation project will complement the Dr. Mellichamp Streetscape project.

"The 184 Bluffton Road Project's additional spaces with Dr. Mellichamp Streetscape's 66 new parking spaces, will add plenty of new parking to the northern end of the Historic District while simultaneously improving walking options and public safety," Toomer said. "Together, these projects will provide aesthetic and functional parking solutions as the Historic District continues to be a hub of business and recreational activity."

Town Manager Marc Orlando said the Town is leasing the property back to Forever Fitness, LLC, otherwise known as CrossFit 843, until its new building located at 18 Scott Way is built. That completion date is expected by mid-December.

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“Since this is a project that we cannot undertake immediately, we are glad to be able to work with CrossFit 843 in a business-friendly manner and rent the property to them until construction is complete on their new facility.”

For more information about the 184 Bluffton Road Renovations Project, visit the Town’s Capital Improvement Projects Story Map at <https://arcg.is/185He1> or contact Bryan McIlwee, the Town’s Director of Engineering, at (843) 706-7824 or [bmcilwee@townofbluffton.com](mailto:bmcilwee@townofbluffton.com).