



JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE FOR THE LONGBOAT KEY BAYFRONT PARK MANGROVE PANEL SEAWALL PROJECT

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Mangrove Reef Walls, a non-profit organization, is currently the only organization that has successfully completed this specific type of project in Florida. SBEP has requested that Mangrove Reef Walls be awarded the contract for conducting this project at the Town of Longboat Key Bayfront Park. The justification is as follows:

“Charlotte County Seawalls is currently the sole provider for the panels, and no other entity provides living seawall reefs in the manner and style of the Mangrove Reef Walls. Although there are other technologies meant to address living shorelines, Mangrove Reef Walls and Charlotte County Seawalls provide a unique solution that delivers custom (eco-friendly) concrete materials, mangrove-inspired forms, and novel seawall integration like no other product on the market.

Charlotte County Seawalls has been our partner to provide heavy contracting services associated with the Reef Wall panels over the past several years and is currently the only recognized contractor able to fabricate and install the panels. As such, Charlotte County Seawalls will act as the general contractor for Mangrove Reef Walls for the Bayfront Park Project.”

If any organization or company wishes to contest this decision, they may contact Dr. Dave Tomasko (dave@sarasotabay.org) in writing at the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program within two weeks of this notification.