

## ALDI to anchor Durbin Creek Crossing



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The development, which is called Durbin Creek Crossing, will be anchored by the county's second ALDI supermarket, according to a release by Ferber.

Appropriate entitlements and Planned Unit Development rezoning were completed in 2019. Construction is expected to begin by early summer at the site on the corner of Race Track Road and St. Johns Parkway.

The St. Johns County Commission approved the development with a plan of 250,000 square feet of retail and office space and 400 multi-family homes.

Among the other businesses expected to open there are: ABC Fine Wine & Spirits, First Florida Credit Union and Tire Kingdom. Tenants are expected to open by fall 2021.

“With Durbin Creek Crossing, Ferber identified an opportunity to complement the widely popular existing amenities along Race Track Road and at the Pavilion at Durbin Park — instead of competing with them,” said Tom Mundy, vice president of retail development services for Ferber, in the release.

“The market already has a traditional power center along with several grocery-anchored neighborhood centers. Once ALDI locked-in, our leasing momentum attracted additional outparcel concepts that together with the multi-family community are creating an attractive mixed-use project for the northwest sector of St Johns County.”

Added Chris Quarles, director of real estate for ABC Fine Wine & Spirits, in the release: “ABC has been looking in the Julington Creek market for nearly 15 years. Our close proximity to the new 9B as well as other superior retailers makes Durbin Creek Crossing a great fit for ABC.”

A 6.5-acre pond serves as a focal point of the residential community while also providing an enhanced setback from the St. Johns Parkway right-of-way. The remaining 22 acres of wetlands at the southern portion of the site will be untouched and serve as an environmental buffer protected by a conservation land use designation for the single-family communities south of the site.