

Major Residential Community in St. Johns County Celebrates Opening

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Amenity plan for Shearwater Development in St. Johns County at County Road 210

A 1,500-acre master-planned community in St. Johns County will open to the public this weekend.

Shearwater can build a maximum of 2,000 homes on the site on County Road 210. The development includes 600 acres of preserved natural habitat with 13 miles of trails and a kayak launch point on Trout Creek as more residential developments move to healthy-living-focused themes that have gained popularity with residents.

San Marco design firm Ervin Lovett Miller planned the community to “create a unique interaction between people and nature,” according to a news release.

“Shearwater has been carefully designed to fit sensitively into the native landscape, with parks, open spaces and 13 miles of trails that link residential neighborhoods together, and to engage with the property’s most impressive natural features,” ELM partner Steve Lovett.

The builders at the development include David Weekley Homes, Lennar, Richmond American Homes and MasterCraft Builder Group.

The grand opening is scheduled for Saturday from 12 to 3 p.m. at 206 Shearwater Parkway. People can RSVP for the event at www.shearwaterliving.com.

The community amenities include a 7,200-square-foot fitness lodge, clay tennis courts and a 6,800-square-foot kayak club.

Freehold Communities of Boston is the developer of the project. The company has 10,000 residential lots in Texas, Tennessee, North Carolina and Florida.