

## **14-acre "crystal lagoon" set to break ground in St. Johns County in March**

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A 14-acre man-made lagoon will break ground in Northern St. Johns County on March 23, according to the developer of Crystal Lagoons US Corp.

The Crystal Lagoon will be located in the Twin Creeks development off County Road 210. There's been about \$35 million of road construction around the Twin Creeks development as the area prepares for the Durbin Park development, which will be one the largest commercial project in St. Johns County when complete.

Twin Creeks is located one mile east of the I-95 interchange at County Road 210. Some plans show 800 residential units, one million square feet of retail and commercial space, 700,000 square feet of office space and an almost two-million-square-foot industrial/office park.

The development has rights to build 3,000 houses.

The area around the 14-acre lagoon will be called Beach Walk. The development will be ringed by sandy beaches and retail space.

Crystal Lagoons US Corp. is the company that developed the technology for the lagoon.

Crystal Lagoons CEO Uri Man previously told the Jacksonville Business Journal that there are 11 lagoons planned for the U.S. The lagoons cost \$200,000 to \$250,000 an acre, Man said in January 2016, but a spokeswoman for the company said Friday that price has changed. The updated price was not immediately available.

Kinsey said his development team will be the ones to construct the lagoon.

"Our lagoons provide real estate developments with substantial quantifiable benefits such as increases in pricing, sales velocity, higher rents and in many cases, the lagoons are being used to transform otherwise nonviable development sites into viable development sites," he said.