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**St. Johns County Seeks Community Input on World Golf Village**

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY, Florida, July 26, 2023** – St. Johns County announced that the public has an opportunity to provide their input on the properties being vacated by the World Golf Foundation (WGF), which include the World Golf Hall of Fame, IMAX Theater, PGA Tour Productions facility, as well as various parking lots and other property amenities. The public can visit [www.sjcfl.us/wgv](http://www.sjcfl.us/wgv) to learn more and to provide input on potential future uses of the properties. There will also be community engagement meetings announced for later this fall.

“I am excited to gather community input and professional proposals on this vital piece of property located in District 2, which is pivotal to the continued quality of life in the county,” District 2 Commissioner Sarah S. Arnold said. “There are so many possibilities that can be realized, and to listen and learn about what the community wants will be a part of the process the Board of County Commissioners uses to make its decisions about these assets.”

The properties that are open for public input include:

- World Golf Hall of Fame: a 64,113 square-foot multi-purpose facility. WGF notified its intent to discontinue Hall of Fame operations on or about Sept. 1, 2023. Currently, WGF is proposing a temporary lease extension to Dec. 31, 2023.
- World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX Theater: a 17,865 square-foot movie theater. WGF notified its intent to discontinue IMAX operations on or about Sept. 1, 2023. The equipment (movie screen and audio/visual components) would remain in the building.
- PGA Tour Productions: a 32,329 square-foot Class-A office building. WGF is relocating at the end of 2024.
- S. Legacy Trail: 36.07 acres of various parking lots, rights-of-way areas, landscaping, and lakes.

The County’s Economic Development Department plans to conduct information-gathering sessions with the community and stakeholders. This includes town hall meetings and online surveys to solicit public input on potential best future uses. Staff will analyze public feedback to establish themes and bring back options with associated costs to the BOCC for a comprehensive planning approach for the properties.

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