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Connerton Breaks Ground on Second Village, the Gardens

Completion of the Gardens will bring total residences to nearly 2,000

TAMPA, Fla. (March 21, 2006) – Connerton announced today it has begun development of the second village of the New Town located in Pasco County. The second village, known as the Gardens, will ultimately feature more than 1,700 residences. The village will also be home to the Gardens Village Center Amenities Complex as well as the first of three schools to be developed within Connerton. Pasco County officials, representatives of the District School Board of Pasco County and Connerton executives gathered for an official groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday March 16th.

“Connerton is entering its most exciting stage yet,” said Stewart Gibbons, president of Connerton. “Just a couple years ago, this town was nothing more than an idea. With the addition of the Gardens, you can see a living, dynamic community starting to take shape.”

Most of the homes in Connerton’s first village, the Arbors, have already been completed or are currently under construction. The Arbors offers 264 lots; when combined with the Gardens, nearly 2,000 homes will be available in the first two villages of the planned five-village community. Residents began moving into the New Town in September of last year, and Connerton expects its 75th closing by the end of March.

The Gardens has also been selected as the location for two of three proposed schools to be built in Connerton, as well as an 80 acre Pasco County regional park.

“We are working with the staff of Pasco County and the District School Board to provide the highest quality educational and recreational opportunities to the children of Connerton and the surrounding area,” said Gibbons. “Education and recreation are cornerstones of the community.”

The new village will also become the center of activity in Connerton following the completion of the Gardens Village Center Amenities Complex. Currently slated for completion in 2007, the proposed complex will offer an aquatic playground, fitness and activity center, gymnasium, tennis courts, an outdoor amphitheatre, a library, retail shopping and professional office space.

About Connerton

Connerton is a 4,800 acre mixed-use master planned community in Central Pasco County, and the only “New Town” currently under construction in the greater Tampa Bay area. In total, there are approximately 8,500 residential units planned with over 3 million square feet of commercial space for office, retail and industrial uses. Over half of the 264 residences in The Arbors, the first village in Connerton, are sold. The community will feature many amenities, including a Town Center, fitness and aquatics complex, amphitheatre, gymnasium, parks, walking trails and conservation areas. A hospital, regional park and 3 schools are also planned.

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