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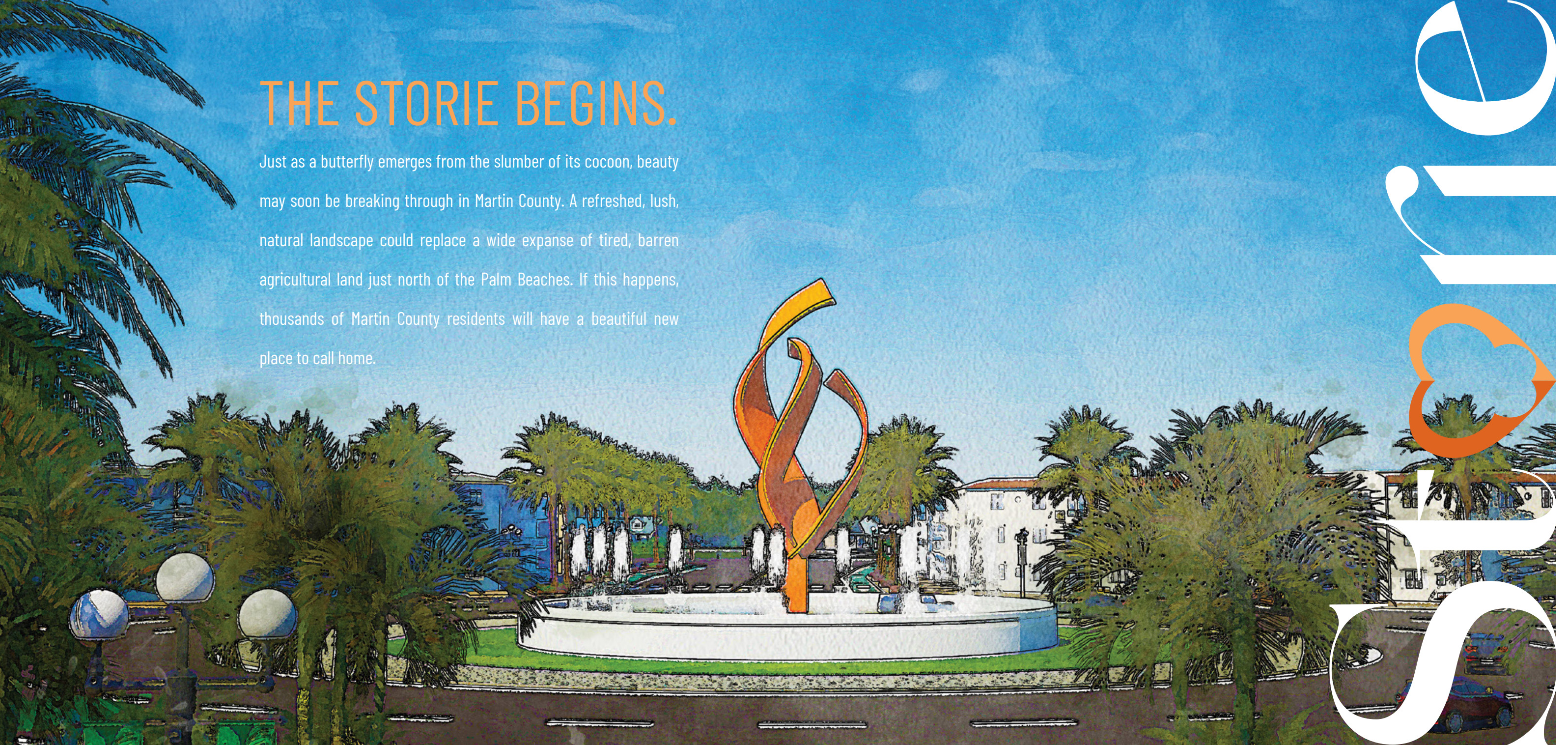
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THE STORIE BEGINS.

Just as a butterfly emerges from the slumber of its cocoon, beauty may soon be breaking through in Martin County. A refreshed, lush, natural landscape could replace a wide expanse of tired, barren agricultural land just north of the Palm Beaches. If this happens, thousands of Martin County residents will have a beautiful new place to call home.



Envisioned to be one of the most innovative and forward-thinking communities in one of the most sought-after areas in the country, this visionary community is being planned around the concept of not just living in concert with nature, but embracing it.

When complete, Storie could return more to the environment than it takes. More fresh air, cleaner water, and an abundance of traditional, Florida landscapes. The focus of Storie would

be a series of highly sustainable neighborhoods, filled with natural waterways and public open spaces that everyone throughout the Martin County area can enjoy.

The focus on the environment stems from the larger need for watershed protection throughout the county. Smart waterways would be a key part of the planned new community. The importance of this area for dealing with stormwater runoff prior to it reaching the Intracoastal Waterway

cannot be overstated. Storie would be completely designed around reimagined waterways, not simply for their beauty, but also to aid in the filtration and slowing down of stormwater runoff. This approach could help champion the natural environment instead of impeding it. If approved, Storie will be yet another gem to be discovered, dazzling those who are lucky enough to live on the Treasure Coast.



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A MASTERFUL BLEND OF TRADITION & INNOVATION

REVITALIZING COMMUNITY INTERACTION THROUGH THOUGHTFUL DESIGN IN THE HEART OF MARTIN COUNTY,

a new vision is emerging—Storie Florida, a community that could seamlessly blend the tradition of European cities with innovative urban planning. At the core of this vision is a meticulously crafted site plan, designed to foster community interaction and environmental stewardship.

PRESERVING NATURE, NURTURING CLEAN WATER

The Storie Florida site plan commits to preserving nearly 55% of the land in its natural state. Embracing the beauty of the surrounding environment, the development seeks to create a harmonious balance between urban living and nature. The central waterway system and wetland preservation not only would serve as picturesque landscapes but could also function as a natural water filtration system. This eco-conscious approach may clean over 500 million gallons of water annually, releasing pristine water into the headwaters of the South Fork.

CENTRALIZED HUBS OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Inspired by the design philosophy of European cities, Storie Florida would boast centralized urban spaces that serve as hubs for community interaction. These carefully planned gathering places could become the beating heart of the development, fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie among residents.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND LIFELONG LEARNING

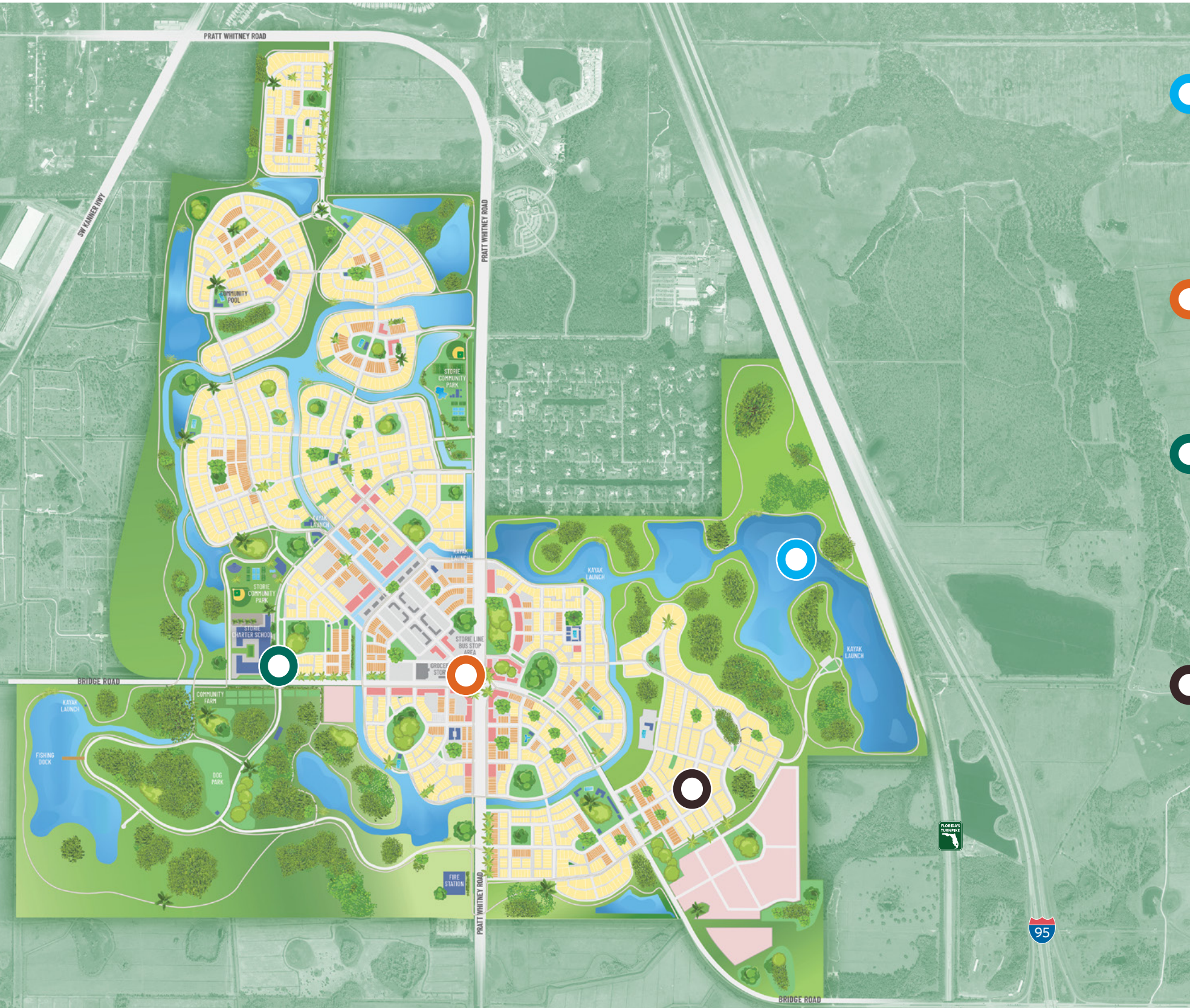
Extensive parks and recreation centers, accessible to the general public, enhance the quality of life for all Martin County residents. The planned inclusion of ball fields, pickleball courts, and other recreational amenities may provide diverse opportunities for active and healthy living. Moreover, Storie Florida envisions a holistic approach to community development by incorporating a charter school and a village center. This not only addresses the immediate needs of residents but also lays the foundation for lifelong learning, ensuring that Storie Florida would be a place where education and growth are lifelong pursuits.

DIVERSE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR EVERY STAGE OF LIFE

Storie Florida recognizes the importance of diverse housing options to cater to the needs of a broad spectrum of residents. From young families seeking a place to call home to retirees looking for a tranquil environment, and professionals relocating for job opportunities in South Florida, the housing options could bridge the gap, making quality living accessible for everyone.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

This masterful site plan has been thoughtfully curated and is now awaiting Martin County governmental approval. Storie Florida is poised to become a shining example of how tradition and innovation could coalesce to create a community that not only meets the needs of its residents but also nurtures the environment it calls home. As the plan progresses through the approval process, the future is bright for every resident of Martin County.





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Bridging the Housing Gap in Martin County

IN THE HEART OF PICTURESQUE MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA,
A VISIONARY COMMUNITY PLAN BRINGS AFFORDABLE LIVING WITHIN REACH
FOR LOCAL FAMILIES WHO FIND THEMSELVES PUSHED OUT OF THE HOUSING MARKET.

Storie, an innovative master-planned community concept, is on the horizon, and it promises to address the pressing need for attainable housing in this stunning coastal region. Boasting a diverse collection of residential options to cater to families of all sizes and styles, Storie may be the answer for those starting out, for parents eager to have their college graduates return to the area, and for retirees searching for great new home value.

A Home for Every Generation

For those just starting their journey, or for those too busy to worry about maintaining a home, Storie could provide an array of carefree villas, townhomes, and condominiums. These modern and convenient options would offer a low-maintenance lifestyle, ideal for busy families and spirited travelers seeking a lock-and-leave option.



Storie may provide a range of housing options that cater to various income levels

With a diverse range of architectural styles and design aesthetics, it's planned to become a visually captivating and architecturally intriguing community. Wide sidewalks and trails could create connectivity and good neighbors.

Storie would take a proactive approach to providing a range of housing options that cater to various income levels. This ensures that people from all walks of life can access a high-quality, safe, and supportive community. It isn't just about providing homes; it's also about fostering a sense of community. Storie is planned to be a revolutionary development in Martin County, providing an opportunity

for all generations to embrace the charm of coastal living. Don't miss out on the opportunity to be part of this exciting new chapter in Martin County's history—Storie Florida, awaits!



Storie is committed to creating a vibrant, dynamic community

Recognizing the importance of flexibility, Storie would also feature a variety of multi-family apartment rental options. Whether you're new to the area, transitioning between homes, or simply looking for a change of scenery, these flexible rentals may offer a hassle-free transition into the Storie community.

Growing families could find spacious and comfortable single-family homes, with all the room and amenities they need to thrive. Designed to create a picturesque streetscape neighborhood, each of the homes would deliver the character and charm Martin County is well known for.

Storie's visionary design also extends to its Village Center, where live-work opportunities abound. Imagine walking to your office or business right in the heart of the community, contributing to a vibrant local economy.

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THE CHAMPIONS OF

CLEAN WATER

Martin County is home to one of the most bio-diverse lagoon ecosystems in the entire Northern Hemisphere. Perfectly positioned in Martin County between the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian River, the St. Lucie Estuary is the ecological jewel of the Treasure Coast. Comprised of mangrove forests, grass flats, and lively coral reef systems, the St. Lucie Estuary's clean water is central to the health and well-being of the surrounding Treasure Coast communities. That's why Storie's waterways are planned to filter 500 million gallons of water every year before it reaches the headwaters of the South Fork.



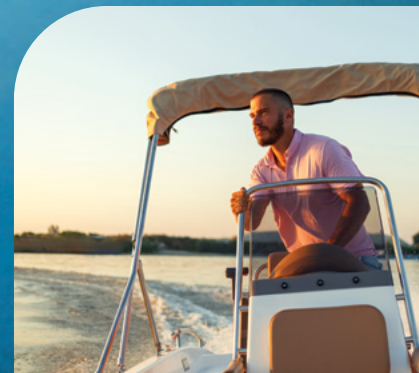
JACQUI THURLOW-LIPPISCH

was a governing board member of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), overseeing numerous projects designed to restore the Everglades and St. Lucie Estuary. Her blog educates thousands of subscribers statewide on the importance of preserving and protecting the environment.



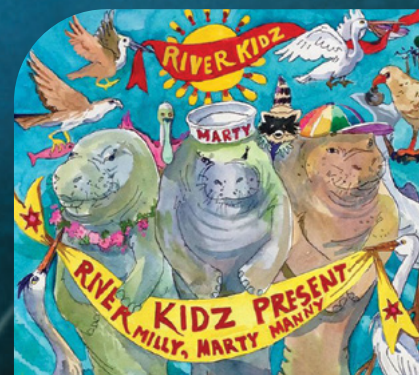
CONGRESSMAN BRIAN MAST

a representative for the Treasure Coast region, has expanded the state's original Land and Water Conservation Fund to include projects specifically related to water quality improvements. Stormwater system rehabilitations and water infrastructure projects have helped protect and preserve our estuaries.



CAPTAINS FOR CLEAR WATER

educates and inspires citizens to speak up for our water quality. This grassroots organization of local fishing guides has pressured local and federal governments to speed up their conservancy timelines and hold polluters accountable for toxic waste.



RIVERKIDZ

focuses specifically on youth education, empowering children to advocate for change, protect the environment, and help preserve Martin County's rivers and waterways.





A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

One of the most impressive features planned within Storie is the unique interaction between land and water. A European-style, system of waterways is designed to meander throughout the community, allowing residents and visitors alike 24-hour access to the beauty of these waterways.

Larger, freshwater lakes might allow for non-motorized boats and a fishing pier to

give anglers a chance to land a prized catch. This special connection between water and community may quietly be helping create a healthier natural environment, too. The innovative system within the community could help filter and clean water as it moves along its natural path from inland toward the headwaters of the South Fork and beyond.

There would be no prettier spot to take this all in than the proposed village center.



Plans call for seating and gathering spots along the waterfront so residents can enjoy local dining and visiting shoppers can watch as kayaks and paddleboards float by. The Village Center may become a vibrant area for meeting friends or co-workers to enjoy the day or to soak in the sunset views.

MARTIN COUNTY

the gem

OF THE TREASURE COAST



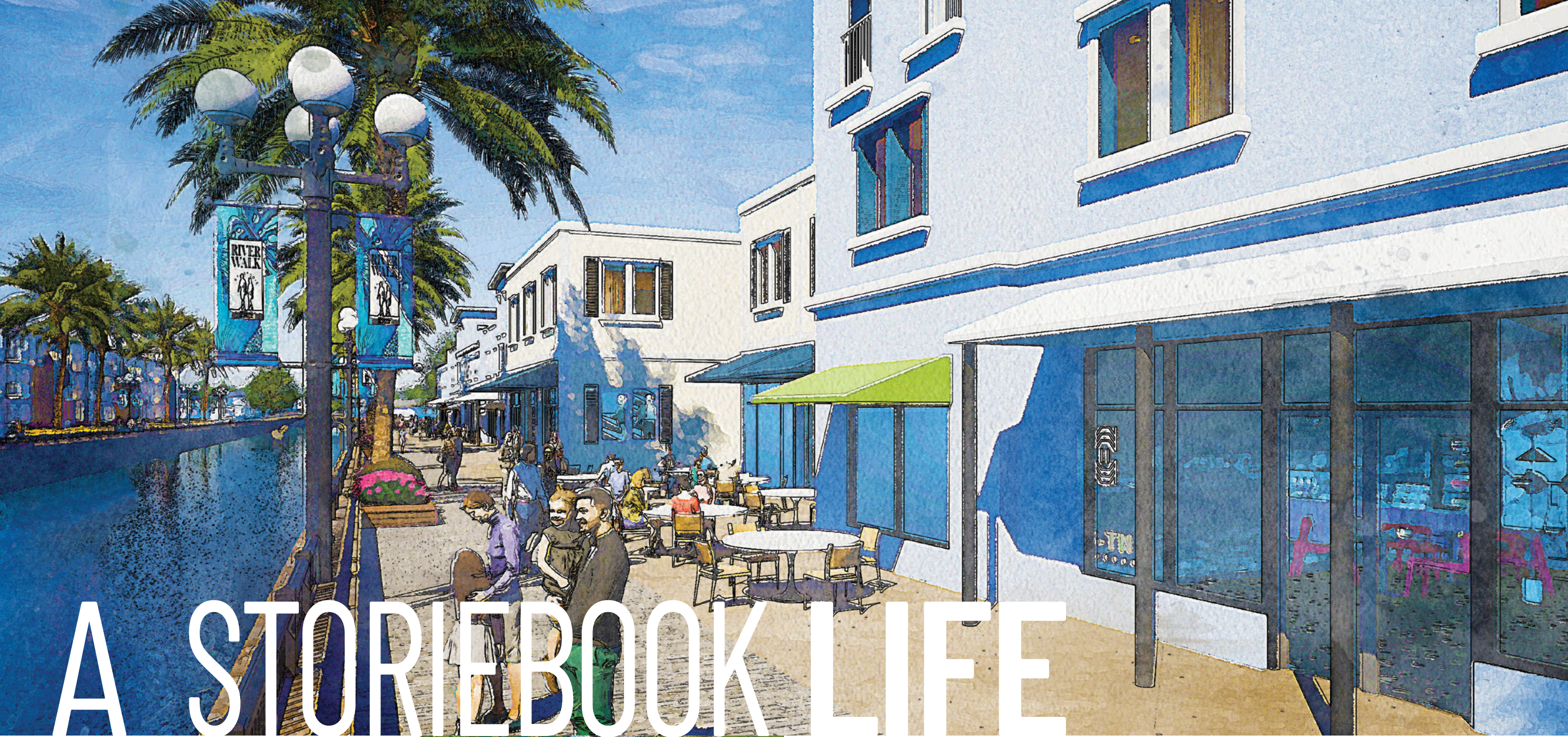
Located along Florida's Atlantic coastline just north of the Palm Beaches is one of the country's best-kept secrets. Known as the crown jewel of Florida's Treasure Coast, Martin County is a treasured Old Florida-style destination where pristine beaches, an endless network of waterways, and historic roots inspire a laidback coastal lifestyle like no other.

Not a day goes by when Martin County residents aren't in awe of the extraordinary natural sanctuary that surrounds them. From the Atlantic Ocean to the Intracoastal Waterway, Martin County's proximity to both freshwater and saltwater make fishing, sailing, and boating adventures abound throughout the region. Seventy-three state parks tell the rich history of generations past with endless hiking, horseback riding, kayaking, and paddleboarding trails to explore. Martin County is even home to the most bio-diverse lagoon ecosystem in the entire Northern Hemisphere, the St. Lucie Estuary.

A never-ending list of attractions and family-friendly entertainment districts embody the charm and leisurely lifestyle of the area. From sunrise to sunset, there's never a shortage of things to discover, from boutique shopping and coastal cuisines down Stuart Main Street to exploring over a century of rich history on Hutchinson Island.

Along with the county's small-town coastal charm, residents are near the luxurious Palm Beaches and vibrant South Florida regions. Iconic attractions, world-class dining, and designer shopping just a short drive away ensure residents can enjoy the very best while still embracing small-town living. No matter how you choose to spend the day in Martin County or beyond, the gentle ocean breezes promise to keep you cool and calm as you get outdoors and explore.





A STORIEBOOK LIFE

Towns and villages around the world have been built near waterways, as the water both sustains and brings enjoyment to those who live by it. For the planned community of Storie, this age-old idea has been envisioned in a way to delight Martin County residents.

If viewed from above, the waterways within might be seen radiating outward like the beams of the bright Florida sun.

The virtual heart of the community would be its exciting Village Center—planned with space for waterfront dining spots, retail shops, and commercial spaces.



As the neighborhoods rise from architects' drawings, a truly walkable community could create a riverwalk lifestyle possible for residents in every direction and every walk of life.

Befitting a future-focused community, the neighborhoods within Storie may be a true oasis where communities are designed with both beauty and harmony in mind. Plans include single-family smart homes, low-stress attached residencials, and amenity-rich multi-family living spaces.

Plans call for a new school and dedicated playgrounds, splash pools, and a sports complex with youth sports fields, pickleball, tennis courts, and open spaces for picnics and outdoor concerts.

No slice of the inviting lifestyle of South Florida was left out of the planning, as relaxing vegetable gardens, butterfly gardens, and greenhouses are planned. An amphitheater and other unique amenities—connected by trails and waterways—make for a dream lifestyle designed for today's modern families.

To Preserve & Protect

Supporting the natural beauty of Martin County

As it was so thoughtfully shared in *Finding Nemo*, when it comes to water, “all drains lead to the ocean.” And when communities are on the coastline, that truth is even more pertinent. This concept is clear to see in the careful approach being taken in the design phases of what may become one of Martin County’s newest neighborhoods: Storie.

The development team behind the proposed community has been sharing their long-term vision and commitment to preserving natural wetlands and protecting the watersheds of the Treasure Coast for generations to come.

One of the driving forces during the thoughtful planning stages of Storie is increasing access and enjoyment to these natural assets for all residents throughout Martin County and beyond. This will be done through careful inclusion of wide, open spaces and making overall improvements to nearby waterways as they pass through to the Atlantic.

Canals and waterways are not simple afterthoughts, but a vital system that would clean 500 million gallons of water every year. Preservation is top of mind in maintaining the importance of the area’s wetlands, not only for aesthetics but as an inviting and needed habitat for migratory birds. Further out, acres of greenspaces may create a flow from the neighborhoods, working as a natural buffer into the natural surroundings of the area.

Of course, one of the primary advantages of the Florida lifestyle is the sheer amount of time available to spend outdoors. Multiple swimming pools and activity centers are envisioned, and several dog parks will be included and open to the public.

Community gardens, outdoor venues for events and larger gatherings, observation areas for bird watching, and public kayak launch access areas are all proposed, making it clear that if the Storie begins, there will always be an adventure to be found.



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THE CLEAN WATER COMMUNITY



Acknowledging how vital Martin County's waterways are, Storie's visionaries have placed a high priority on becoming the next water champions. Not only would the waterways naturally flowing through Storie create a beautiful focal point, but an innovative filtration system may also create a healthier environment.

For over 15 years, state legislator Toby Overdorf has been an advocate for clean water throughout Martin County.

He has worked with Storie's design team to create an innovative filtration system that naturally cleans the water as it flows through Storie.

"Storie's plans would include using filtration marshes to naturally remove the legacy of phosphorus nitrogen and to oxygenate the water," shared Overdorf. "Storie would create these marshes utilizing native vegetation, and continuously maintain and monitor the area to ensure

excess materials are taken out before it's discharged into the St. Lucie River."

The waterways would carry the water from the C-44 canal through a variety of different marshes that would clean it over and over again. The water would flow throughout Storie, underneath I-95, and be re-introduced into the South Fork of the St. Lucie River a lot cleaner than it was before.

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GOING TO THE DOGS.

When we say Storie would be a place for everyone, we mean your furry friends too! Let your four-legged friend play and explore the planned state-of-the-bark dog park at Storie.



FARM-TO-TABLE LIFESTYLE



The farm-to-table lifestyle has become popular around the country, including here in Martin County. A prime example of this movement is the Hobe Sound Farmer's Market. Located on a functioning farm, the pole barns have been reimagined as a place for local vendors to sell their healthful products. Here, shoppers choose from a wide variety of offerings produced by local farmers. Tasty treats include farm-fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, eggs, honey, and more. Add to that a selection of brightly colored fresh flowers, thriving

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AND MORE."**



plants, a range of artisan craft products, and popular holiday events, and it's no surprise this venue is also thriving. Another local farm-to-table destination is Colab Gardens/Colab Kitchen. These sister entities grow, serve, and sell high-quality, trustworthy produce without the use of chemical herbicides or pesticides. It's a perfect collaboration—a farm to grow the food and a restaurant to serve it. For shoppers who would rather experiment with Colab's fine ingredients in their home kitchen, the market sells a variety of healthy and delicious groceries.



MARTIN COUNTY

THE NEW EPICENTER
OF FLORIDA’S EAST COAST

Just as the various plot lines come together at the end of a good novel, Martin County’s four main corners converge in the center of Storie. The intersection of the two major commuter routes, Bridge Road and Pratt Whitney Road, provides easy access to employment centers in Jupiter and further south in the Palm Beaches, as well as access to Okeechobee and Indiantown.

The location where this intersection takes place might be the central point in Storie, providing convenience to commuters, as well as a beautiful landmark with a stunning roundabout that celebrates the metamorphosis this project could provide for the people of Martin County. With easy access to both I-95 and the Florida Turnpike,

residents enjoy convenient access to all that Palm Beach County has to offer.

Looking for big-name entertainment and sports? The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts offers a full calendar of world-class performances. The iTHINK Financial Amphitheatre hosts top musical acts. Professional baseball is close by at Roger Dean Stadium, but if you expand your reach, every sport imaginable is accessible from Miami to Orlando. Shopping meccas, casinos, nightlife, world-class cuisine, art museums, and galleries—and all types of performances are here. When you’re ready to travel, Palm Beach International Airport is less than 45 minutes away, with Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, and Orlando airports easily accessible and three major cruise ports.



Storie's environmental and Financial contributions to Martin County

1,198

acres of
green space

500,000,000

gallons of water Filtered
every year

38

miles of
hiking trails

\$75,170,567

Financial contributions
once complete

387

acres of
wetlands

Yearly Tax Revenue
\$29,870,092
—
Total Impact Fees
\$45,300,475

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All figures are estimated and subject to change.

THE NATURAL HABITATS OF MARTIN COUNTY

With the Atlantic Ocean to the east and Lake Okeechobee to the west, Martin County is truly a natural playground in a waterfront paradise. Miles and miles of pristine beaches, crystal-clear waterways, and year-round sunny weather make every day on Florida's Treasure Coast feel like a tropical vacation.



Paddleboarding and kayaking are most popular along the St. Lucie River, where palm tree hammocks, mangrove forests, and a diverse array of wildlife create a natural sanctuary.

Cruise down the Intracoastal Waterway to the Palm Beaches or the Florida Keys, where plentiful dining and entertainment destinations are waiting to be explored.

Just offshore, Martin County's lively coral reef systems are a huge attraction for scuba divers, while sport fishers cherish the deep sea's challenging catches.



A new habitat could be coming soon! Storie has acres of wetlands and natural areas planned for native species and intrepid outdoorsmen.

CARETAKERS OF MOTHER NATURE



For the residents of Martin County, there’s no place like home, which includes the most bio-diverse lagoon ecosystem in the Northern Hemisphere. It’s no wonder these organizations are celebrated by the community for their commitment to preserving our natural way of life.

FLORIDA OCEANOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Get an up-close-and-personal look at local marine life at the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center. This 57-acre marine-life nature center, located on Hutchinson Island, is run by Florida Oceanographic Society, a non-profit organization with the mission to inspire environmental stewardship of Florida’s coastal ecosystems. Visitors to the Coastal Center can experience interactions with stingrays and invertebrate species, as well as attend programs that offer information on local marine life, coastal habitats, and what we can do to protect them. The Coastal Center is also home to the Ocean EcoCenter, an educational space filled with life-like aquarium exhibits and interactive displays that teach about biodiversity, water quality, ocean health, and research projects conducted by Florida Oceanographic Society scientists.

HOBE SOUND NATURE CENTER

People of all ages and abilities enjoy interactive, environmental education at the Hobe Sound Nature Center. Free, family-friendly programs include Night Explorers, Beach Dynamics, and weekly hikes along the trails. All-terrain wheelchairs are available for people with mobility issues. From May to mid-July, nighttime sea turtle walks at a public beach allow you to witness the rare spectacle of loggerhead sea turtles laying their eggs. Whether the wildlife presentations and nature experiences are on- or off-site, expert lecturers help you understand the mysteries of the world around you. Reservations are required, and programs fill up fast. Come nature-curious and leave an educated environmental advocate with a host of new, like-minded friends.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES CENTER

Martin County’s public school system operates this center in Jensen Beach, which offers classes and hands-on field adventures for every grade. Students get out and explore the exotic Indian River Lagoon, pristine beaches, mangrove forests, freshwater ponds, and protected wetlands. Age-appropriate fun starts in Grade K, where students compare the characteristics and habitats of various sea turtles and tortoises. A chaperoned visit to protected turtle nests on a local beach cinches the excitement. High school students collect data that compares diverse communities from beach, dune, and rocky shorelines to mangrove and grass flats. Naturally, there are summer camp experiences that are unmatched for creating future environmentalists.



Above organizations are not involved in the Storie project.



MAKING A Splash IN MARTIN COUNTY

Whether you're a waterslide thrill seeker or a lazy river professional, there's no better way to cool off than a day at the water park. In Martin County, Sailfish Splash has become the destination of choice, with a zero-entry water playground, pools, slides, and more for the whole family. As the only waterpark in the area, overcrowding issues have made it difficult to splash around and have fun.

Inspired by Sailfish Splash, Storie's community concept includes a new Splashpark where everyone would be welcome to take a dip. Splash pads would be fitted with non-slip padding and features that shower, spray, rain, and mist streams of water to create an awe-inspiring place for little ones to play.

Multiple resort-style swimming pools would be perfect for teaching children how to swim or for competitive swimmers practicing for their next meet. Planned to be open to all Martin County residents, families of all ages could cherish making a splash at Storie's Splashpark.

TAKE A healthy swing

Martin County and the surrounding areas are internationally known as world-class destinations for golf and a myriad of other sporting pursuits. From spending the day surrounded by nature in one of the many award-winning regional parks and stunning beaches to gathering for friendly competitions on recreational courts and courses, there is always a way to play outside on the Treasure Coast.

GOLF COURSES

Grab your keys, and your clubs, and head virtually any direction within Martin County and you'll quickly run into a golf course, as there are nearly 70 of them within 20 miles. Some of the nation's best public links are found here, including the much-loved Sailfish Sands in Stuart. Public, private, and even mini-golf courses await everyone from scratch players to those who are simply there for the conversations rather than for the scorecards.

SPORTS AND REC DEPARTMENT

As the fastest-growing sport in the country, pickleball is fun for all ages. Pickleball courts are being added across the local community. Looking for some serious competition? There are tennis clubs throughout the county that are open to new members.

NATURAL WONDERS

The weather and landscape of South Florida lend themselves brilliantly to recreational pursuits in the outdoors. If one can call the natural surroundings of a place "secret," then perhaps we can say the parks and beaches of Martin County are some of the most unheralded gems of the area. Nearby Cypress Creek Natural Area and Halpatiokee Regional Park are perfect spots to explore Florida's natural beauty.



HALPATIOKEE PARK

Featuring 65 acres of active park land surrounded by a large preserve, Halpatiokee Regional Park is a beautiful spot for the whole family to play and relax.

PICKLEBALL

Courts are available to reserve for the fastest-growing sport in America for fun, practice, or competitive games.

TRAILS

Offering miles of easy, beginner-level trails for hiking and biking, Halpatiokee will become a favorite spot to enjoy the outdoors.

FRISBEE GOLF

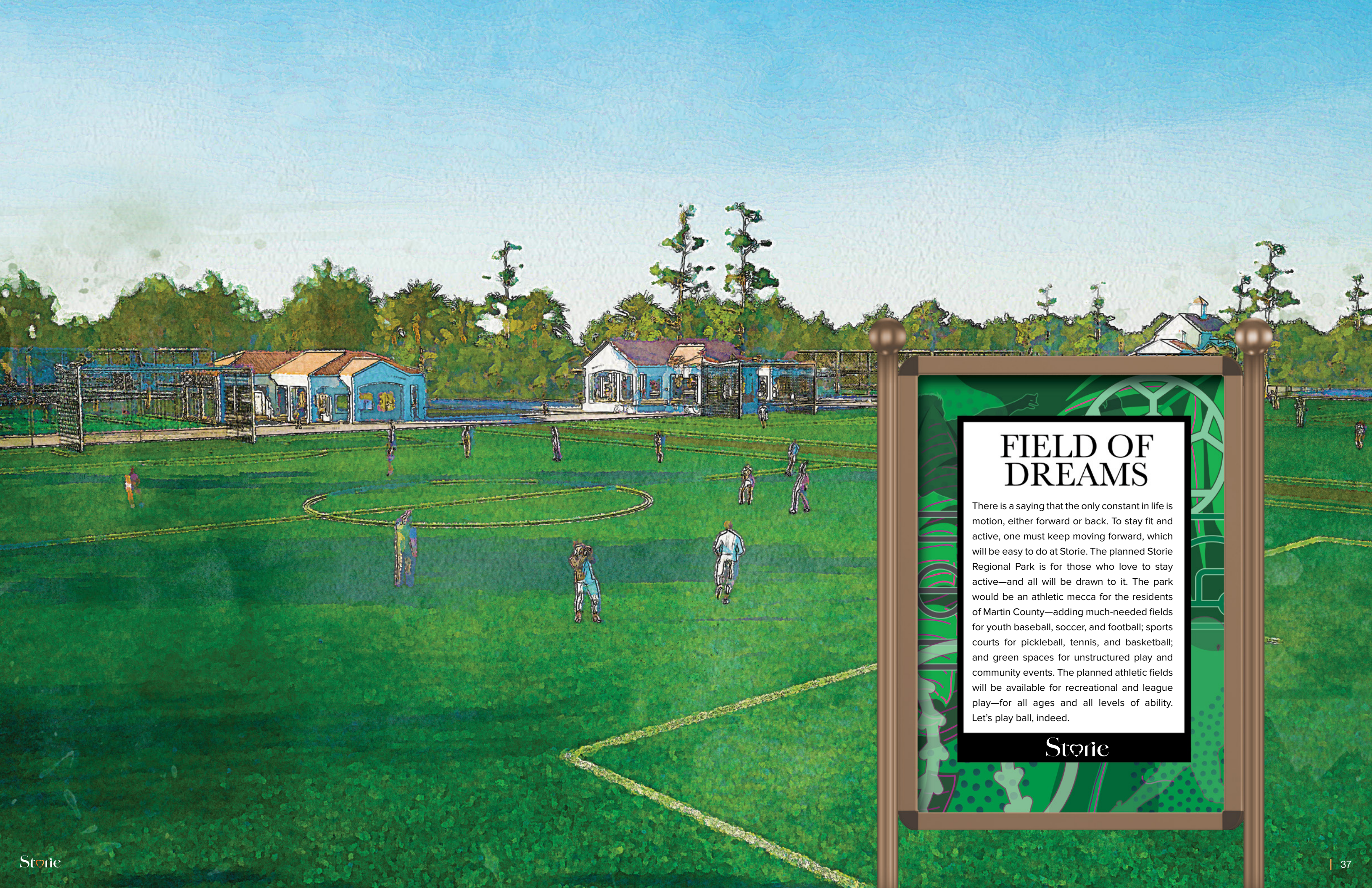
Carved into the woods surrounding the athletic fields is the 18-hole Halpatiokee Park Disc Golf Course.

HOCKEY RINK

Skaters of all ages can enjoy open skating times, games, and league play on the covered, open-air roller-hockey rink with lights for evening games.

MULTI-SPORT FIELDS

Multi-sport fields are available for football, baseball, soccer, tennis, hockey, lacrosse, and more.



FIELD OF DREAMS

There is a saying that the only constant in life is motion, either forward or back. To stay fit and active, one must keep moving forward, which will be easy to do at Storie. The planned Storie Regional Park is for those who love to stay active—and all will be drawn to it. The park would be an athletic mecca for the residents of Martin County—adding much-needed fields for youth baseball, soccer, and football; sports courts for pickleball, tennis, and basketball; and green spaces for unstructured play and community events. The planned athletic fields will be available for recreational and league play—for all ages and all levels of ability. Let's play ball, indeed.

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Getting Around Is a Breeze

Studies show that people who live the healthiest, happiest lives have one thing in common—they get plenty of exercise every day. But it's not just owning exercise equipment or belonging to a gym. Rather, they live in communities where walking everywhere they go is a natural part of everyday life.

The visionaries behind Storie have designed this community concept to be pedestrian-friendly first. Walking paths would connect Storie's neighborhoods to its expansive green spaces. Roundabouts and fewer car

lanes slow down traffic, while special lanes welcome golf carts, electric bikes, and scooters. Nature trails would amble through the area's wetlands and parks, and mountain bike paths could wind through the trees.

A healthy, active lifestyle, however, won't be limited just to the land. Storie's planned system of waterways ensures kayaking and paddleboarding adventures abound, while electric boats will cruise visitors to their destination in style.

No matter how Martin County residents choose to enjoy the outdoors, they'll surely enjoy the laidback, walkable lifestyle at Storie.





INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNITY CONCEPT OF STORIE

is an innovative 20.5-acre charter school for all ages, spanning from kindergarten to twelfth grade. Parents could feel at ease with their children walking to school and get more involved with their child's classes and events.



THE ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

inspires the next generation of environmental stewards, with immersive, hands-on learning experiences along the Indian River Lagoon.



SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS

including The Hope Center for Autism and Spectrum Academy as well as the finest private schools, including The Pine School and St. Joseph's Catholic School, ensure families can find the best fit for their child's educational needs.



MARTIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS

are also well equipped with magnet programs and connections to local colleges to give teens a head start. Jensen Beach High School and Clark Advanced Learning Center provide career technical programs with connections to Indian River State College.



NATIONALLY RENOUNDED COLLEGES

also have campuses in Martin County, including Florida Atlantic University's Oceanographic Institute, Florida State University's College of Medicine, and Keiser University.



Lifelong Learning Begins With EXCELLENT SCHOOLS

Education plays a significant role in every person's life. It builds character, inspires curiosity, and teaches children how to navigate the world that surrounds them. From Pre-K to college, the Martin County School District continues to outdo itself with innovative programs and a wide variety of offerings that rank among Florida's best.



THE HAPPIEST SEASIDE TOWN



The secret of this charming town slipped out when **Coastal Living Magazine** named Stuart “America’s **Happiest Seaside Town**”. What makes Stuart so special? The city’s quaint downtown boasts over 50 locally owned shops, restaurants, and galleries that buzz with excitement as friends gather to chat over lunch in a charming outdoor café or shop in a specialty boutique.

A local favorite in Downtown Stuart is the Riverwalk Boardwalk. Enjoy a romantic evening stroll or an invigorating

jog as it wraps around the banks of the St. Lucie River. One stop along the way is the Riverwalk Stage, a cozy amphitheater that hosts weekly concerts featuring a variety of musical guests to enjoy under the stars.

Along with weekly concerts and performances, Stuart has a busy calendar of additional events throughout the year. Every Sunday morning, the Market on Main is the place to be. This fun outdoor event along the Riverwalk features a variety of vendors selling freshly baked breads, local produce,

colorful flowers, homemade sauces, handmade crafts, and more. Other events include Halloween’s Hobgoblins; Christmas on Main; Brews, Blues Bourbon & BBQ; sidewalk sales; art festivals; and much more. There’s always something fun to do in this very happy seaside town!





THE VILLAGE CENTER PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR STORIE

From mom-and-pop coffee shops to artisans who sell the cutest home decor, the core of Martin County's community feel is supporting the local businesses that surround them. At Storie, a vibrant Village Center may provide a new place where both local businesses and Martin County residents feel at home. People would be able to support local companies, meet new friends, and enjoy endless events that create a true sense of community.

Spend the morning strolling along the waterfront promenade lined with local boutiques, art galleries, and stores fashionistas would love to peruse. After work, locally-owned restaurants and bars may become vibrant spots for meeting friends or co-workers to enjoy cocktails and great conversation. As the sun begins to set, seating along the waterfront allows visitors to watch the electric boats cruise by as they soak in the vibrant sunset hues. The Village Center may become Martin County's top destination for enjoying a leisurely day.



THE ART OF LIFE

There's something about a work of art that tells each viewer a different *Storie*. Being surrounded by art brings out your personal hopes, joys, and dreams of living well. With its rich history of supporting the arts, it's not a wonder that Martin County is rife with public art and a haven for dozens of renowned artists, whose work inspires and encourages your aspirations. The breathtaking natural environment also inspires the artists themselves.

World-renowned impressionist painter Julia Kelly, who makes her home in Stuart, FL, brings her utopian vistas to the community,

which provides the perfect backdrop for her nature-inspired works that can be 10 feet tall or larger. You can also view the work—and even visit the magical gallery—of naturalist, sculptor, painter, and photographer Geoffrey Smith, whose “lost-wax process” sculptures reach their pinnacle in his downtown Stuart Sailfish Monument and his public Waterbirds Collection.

Downtown Stuart and Hobe Sound hold so many spectacular murals that Stuart is part of the statewide Florida Mural Trail, and in Hobe Sound, you can enjoy self- or artist-guided tours, as well as private ones.



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Community members support several “Art in Public Places” projects, which are carefully planned to beautify specific locations and promote positivity.

Stroll around and you’ll feel how art is everywhere. Join a tour, take it in with the family, or scrutinize public installations and galleries solo, and tune in to what they say to you. For more intimate connections, take an art class at the Elliott Museum, or sign-up your aspiring student-artist to collaborate with local Art Council programs.



A Taste of Martin County

No matter what you're hungry for, Martin County has the answer. With everything from the simple to the sublime and everything in between, you're sure to be satisfied at these (and many other) fabulous dining destinations.

CLASSICAL ITALIAN: From a traditional Penne Vodka or Chicken Parmigiana to the more unexpected Chicken Gorgonzola or Salmon with Saffron, **La Forchetta Local Cuisine** in Stuart is the perfect place to enjoy sumptuous Italian food. Share a customized meat and cheese board or savory antipasti and indulge in a rich pasta dish. They even offer an array of creative salads. This family-owned restaurant is the continuation of a longstanding culinary tradition.

WATERFRONT: Forget kick-your-shoes-off tiki bars! This fabulous dining spot located at the new Hutchinson Shores Resort & Spa is contemporary elegance at its oceanfront best. **Drift Kitchen & Bar** serves the freshest seafood and handcrafted Italian cuisine. But no matter how divine the food is—well, you can't

ignore the spectacular setting overlooking the Atlantic. Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day.

UNIQUE: If you love your food with a creative spin and/or prefer to eat vegan, vegetarian, or gluten free, **Spritz City Bistro** is the place to try. Both the food and the atmosphere are casual upscale. Creativity reigns in the kitchen, as guests share a variety of tapas and small plates that combine global influences with American favorites—think pulled pork potstickers, short rib lollipops, and a crostini with fig jam, manchego cheese, and marcona almonds. Craft cocktails are equally creative and the bar also features a variety of the best local beers on tap.

WATERFRONT SEAFOOD: Grab that vacation vibe at **Shrimper's Grill** in Port Salerno. A tried and true favorite for fresh

seafood with a view, at Shrimper's, the mood is casual, as you gaze out at the water and watch the boats cruise the waterway. Must-try menu items include the Bahamian conch chowder, crunchy grouper reuben, and sweet yet savory coconut shrimp. Grab an umbrella drink, listen to the steel drum band, and absorb the island vibe.

TRIED & TRUE: Looking for a quaint café in the heart of town?

The Osceola Street Café is the place to head. This popular breakfast/lunch spot in downtown Stuart offers yummy homemade soups, salads, and sandwiches—and divine baked goods. The friendly staff adds to the homey atmosphere. It's the perfect antidote to chain restaurants, offering comfortable, homemade treats in a quaint atmosphere.



District Table and Bar

BURIED TREASURE, PINEAPPLES, AND RAILWAYS

Oh My!

Martin County's vibrant coastal lifestyle has attracted residents and visitors alike since the very beginning of time. The area is filled with a deep and colorful history that spans countless years of transformation and community spirit.

The Treasure Coast received its nickname after Spanish Fleets that shipwrecked along the coast in the 1700s. Gold, silver, and jewels were deposited into the waters and beaches, making it an excellent area to search for buried treasure. Treasure hunters, however, aren't the only ones who have struck gold along the Treasure Coast. Otto and Ernest, two of Martin County's earliest settlers in the 1890s, found their fortunes in pineapple farming. Soon after, farmers from across the nation flocked to the area to create a life of their own. The Indian River became a highway for millions of pineapples, citrus, fish, and more shipped north annually, and Jensen even became known as the "Pineapple Capital of the World."

Enticed by the area's thriving coastal lifestyle, railroad pioneer Henry Flagler extended his Florida East Coast Railway system further south, initiating trading from New York to Key West. The railroad brought about a new wave of excitement to the area, as more and more people were attracted to settle down in this coastal community. Today, Martin County continues to grow into a world-class destination, but it still stays humble to its historic roots. Residents have come together to preserve numerous historic buildings that show the transformation of this one-of-a-kind destination.



HOUSE OF REFUGE

Built in 1876, the House of Refuge is Martin County's oldest building and the last remaining of ten cottages built along Florida's coastline to provide shelter for shipwreck survivors. Now, the museum displays historical maritime artifacts, a model ship collection, and furnishings belonging to the house's keeper.



ELLIOTT MUSEUM

Founded in 1960, the Elliott Museum showcases the ingenuity of local inventor Sterling Elliott, with eclectic collections including a comprehensive assemblage of Model A trucks, the world's largest collection of baseball cards, the history of local smugglers the Ashley Gang, and much more.

STUART HERITAGE MUSEUM

Housed in what was previously the Stuart Feed & Supply Store, the Stuart Heritage Museum celebrates and preserves Stuart's vast history with countless relics and artifacts spanning from the area's Native American heritage up to the present day.



FLAGLER MUSEUM

In Palm Beach just 40 minutes south, Henry Flagler's historic residence Whitehall is now open as the Flagler Museum. Here, visitors can step into the Gilded Age, a period that brought about the rise of railroads and socialites



While many may come to the Treasure Coast for the miles of beautiful beaches, some of Martin County’s most treasured assets are the 73 parks that make up the region. Each tells its own story, with a unique set of adventures and wildlife that create infinite possibilities to enjoy the great outdoors.

Jonathan Dickinson State Park | Known as the largest state park in Southeast Florida, 16 dynamic natural habitats come together to create a unique park to explore on land or by water. Hobe Mountain is a favored local trail, with a 124-foot observation tower offering panoramic views of the forest to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east. The Loxahatchee River is famous for kayaking and canoeing, where canopies of centuries-old cypress trees and mangrove-lined estuaries allow visitors to step back in time.

Peck Lake Park | Adjacent to the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, a hiking and biking trail meanders through flatwoods, hardwoods, and mangrove swamps to a serene deck overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. Keep an eye out for American redstarts, common yellowthroats, and spotted sandpipers along the water’s edge.

Blowing Rocks Preserve | A limestone rock formation stretching more than a mile along Jupiter Island dominates the meeting of sand and sea at this park, creating a dramatic shoreline that’s always enjoyed. At high tides, visitors are treated to plumes of water shooting out of the rocks, sometimes up to 50 feet in the air. At low tide, people love to walk along the shoreline, searching sea caves and bluffs for shells and fossils.

St. Lucie Inlet State Park | Only accessible by boat, a boardwalk takes visitors through mangrove forests and hammocks of live oaks, cabbage palms, and paradise trees to reveal a peaceful Atlantic beach shoreline. Beachcombing, surf fishing, swimming, snorkeling, and scuba diving are popular activities on this classic barrier island. During the summer months, the park is a popular nesting area for loggerhead, leatherback, and green turtles.

Hobe Sound Beach | Take the scenic drive east on Bridge Road through the tree canopies and end up at Hobe Sound Beach. This dog-friendly access is a great spot for every family member to enjoy a day in the white sand soaking up the Florida sunshine.

Seabranck Preserve State Park | In less than a mile, visitors of this park can see rare sand pine scrub, scrubby flatwoods, and mangrove swamps. Four miles of nature trails allow hikers to explore these natural communities and the native wildlife that inhabit them, including gopher tortoises, Florida scrub-jays, bobcats, and sandhill cranes.

Atlantic Ridge Preserve State Park | On the east side of the South Fork of the St. Lucie River, the gently sloping wetlands of this park offer a peaceful retreat. This rustic nature preserve is known for its miles of hiking and horseback riding trails through flatwoods, palmetto hammocks, and some marshes.

Halpatiokee Regional Park | Halpatiokee Park is a thriving spot for any sports enthusiast. Bring a camera to the park’s miles of hiking, mountain biking, and paddling trails to capture the hundreds of species of flora and fauna that call this area home. Daily activities include a popular Frisbee golf course, an abundance of tennis and pickleball courts, an open-air roller-hockey rink, and plenty of fields for soccer, baseball, and softball games.

Storie Regional Park | One of the area’s most exciting new additions is planned for Storie in southern Martin County. The innovative community concept places a high priority on public placemaking, creating parks that celebrate the area’s natural environment. In the planned Storie design, natural open spaces are preserved for parks that all Martin County residents can enjoy. Storie has conceived adventures for all ages. The extensive waterway system would provide access for rowing and kayaking throughout the community as well as numerous lakes and preserves for bird watching and fishing. In addition, a resort-style community pool, splash pads, numerous sports fields, biking and hiking trails, tennis and pickleball courts, and an exceptional off-leash dog park are slated for inclusion. The current plan also shows a community greenhouse for gardening and a butterfly garden. To stay updated on the plans for Storie, register at [StorieFL.com](https://www.storiefl.com).





LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!



It's no secret that music is a universal language. From electrifying concerts to simple sing-alongs, music unites individuals from all backgrounds. Storie's open-air amphitheater would help make music an integral part of daily life. Here, natural acoustics would be a part of the jam as spacious blue skies enhance the picturesque lakefront setting.

The amphitheater would be more than just a stage—it could be a dynamic hub of entertainment for a wide range of events.

Music enthusiasts would relish concerts by national artists or witness young talents shine in school performances. Friends could savor live music as they unwind on a nearby bench, lawn chair, or take a leisurely stroll along the tranquil lake. Families would delight in gathering with lawn chairs to watch movies under the starry night sky. With this planned venue, the opportunities for Martin County residents to come together would be endless.

SUN DAY FUN DAY



Girl Time

Grab a girlfriend and head to The Gardens Mall to find the perfect, new date night outfit. Once you've scored the perfect on-trend attire, rest your tired feet and catch up over a cup of coffee.



Museum Visit – Time Travel

Take a fascinating look at the area's eclectic past at the Elliott Museum and explore their impressive collection of antique cars, along with baseball memorabilia, art, and classic Americana.



Discover New Bath Toys

Head to Bathtub Reef Beach at low tide and watch the kids collect shells and enjoy the calm bathtub-like water protected from the waves.



Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Enjoy a ballpark hotdog and the roar of the crowd at Roger Dean Stadium. Cheer on your favorite team, and who knows? You might even catch a fly ball!



Relish Some Tasty Treats!

Don't sleep in next Sunday! Instead, head to Market on Main and fill your fridge with fresh, tasty treats ranging from baked goods to pickles, and sauces to local fruits and veggies.

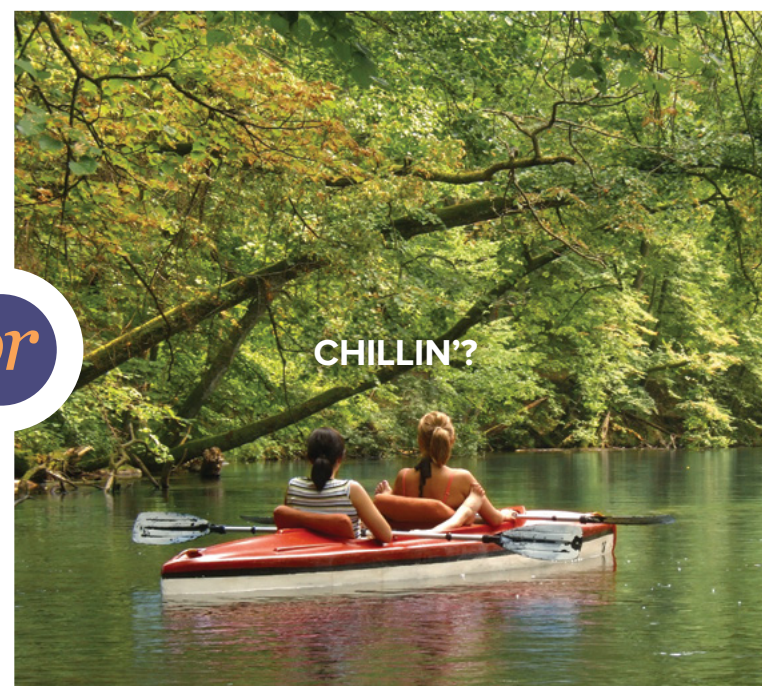
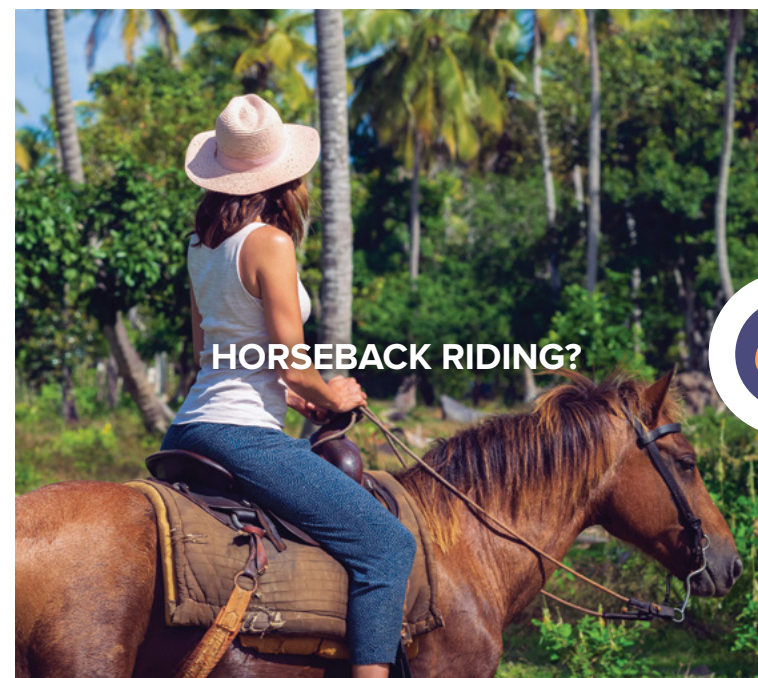
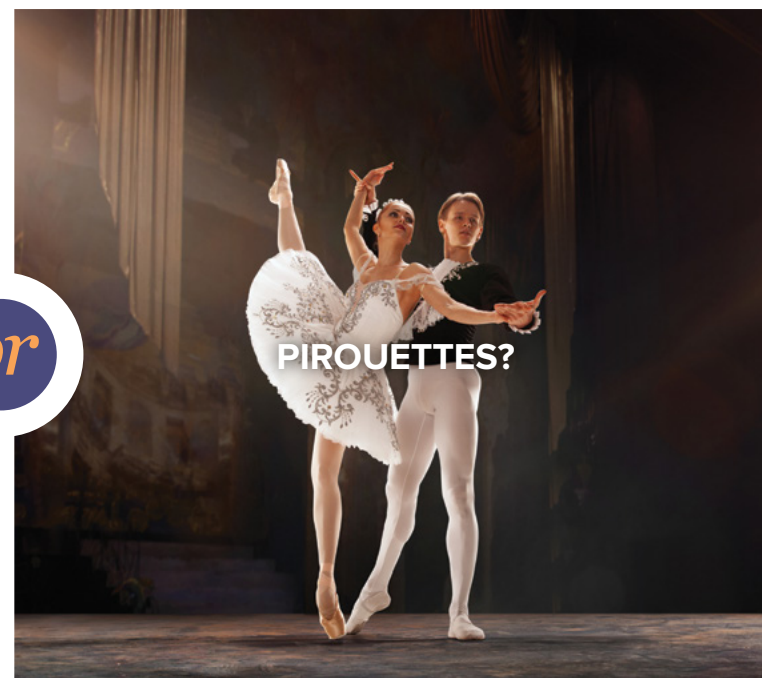


Ships Ahoy!

Take the helm when you go by boat to explore the area by water. You may even spot a manatee or a dolphin.

THIS *or* THAT?

No need to choose. In a place like Martin County that is filled with outdoor adventures, towns with artistic charm, rich history, and a wide array of cultural venues, there's something for every person and lifestyle. How would you prefer to spend your day along Florida's Treasure Coast?



Fish On!

THE BEST FISH STORIES START RIGHT HERE! FISHING AFICIONADOS FROM EVERY GENERATION CAN CATCH THE BIG ONE IN THE COUNTY THAT INCLUDES STUART, THE "SAILFISH CAPITAL OF THE WORLD." BUT STUART ISN'T THE ONLY GREAT LOCATION IN MARTIN COUNTY FOR CATCHING FABULOUS FISH IN THE SEA, THE RIVERS, AND THE LAKES.

Choose the fishing experience you enjoy most; the options are endless. Connect with saltwater fishing fans on one of the many charters that go into the Atlantic—and all the way to The Bahamas only 60 miles away. Offshore adventures can be as short as half a day or as long as two, or even more. Popular, productive offshore hot spots include the King Fish Hole (5 miles south of the St. Lucie Inlet), the Rankin Artificial Reef (66 miles due east of St. Lucie Inlet), and the Gulfstream, which is 5-8 miles offshore.

For inshore fishing, The St. Lucie Inlet is one of the widest freshwater inlets in Florida and a go-to location for both sport and recreational fishing. Fish passing through it from the St. Lucie River and the Indian River Lagoon include Snook,

Snapper, and Grouper, while Bluefish and Spanish Mackerel head for its estuaries to feed or spawn. Even closer to home, you can take the whole family to one of the hundreds of fishable docks, bridges, and peers throughout the county and its parks.

Of special note is Lake Okeechobee, which offers some of the most exhilarating and diverse fishing opportunities for Big Mouth Bass, Bluegill, and Redear Sunfish. Ideal engagements involve a boat or a kayak and a professional guide. Boat rentals are family-friendly and affordable. Early birds and their worms can also rent a cabin overnight to facilitate early rising—or make a weekend of it. Offshore, inshore, or onshore, fishing in Martin County is guaranteed to add the "Storiebook" ending to your tall tale.



GOOD HEALTH *Matters*



A new kind of healthy lifestyle is on the rise in Martin County. Florida's Treasure Coast is experiencing a rapid expansion of its medical industry. From exceptional emergency services to innovative acute specialists, the area has become a premier destination for some of the nation's best healthcare programs. Cleveland Clinic, Jupiter Medical Center, and St. Mary's Children Hospital are just a few of the top-tier facilities that can be found near Storie.

TOP 10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT **Storie**

1

BENEFITS ALL MARTIN COUNTY RESIDENTS

The amenities of Storie would be open for all Martin County residents to enjoy!

6

KAYAK LAUNCHES

Kayak launches located throughout the community could provide ample access to residents to explore Storie's waterways.

2

VILLAGE CENTER

Storie's Village Center may combine fashionable shopping and dining with small-town charm.

7

OPEN SPACES

Our vision incorporates expansive natural areas for hiking, biking, and exploring.

3

CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

The extensive network of waterways could naturally filter water before it reaches the headwaters of the South Fork.

8

NEW SCHOOL

A brand new K-12 charter school might help to build a brighter future for Martin County residents of all ages.

4

COMMUNITY PARKS

Parks planned for Storie include playgrounds, hiking trails, pools, splashpads, and more!

9

VARIETY OF HOME TYPES

From apartments to single-family residences, Storie is planned to have properties that meet every kind of need.

5

DOG PARKS

Furry friends would have plenty of space to run and play in Storie's large dog parks.

10

CENTRAL LOCATION

Storie is planned to create a community where people and nature can coexist.

A LEGACY 50 YEARS IN THE MAKING



As the visionary leader behind Storie Florida, Otto "Buz" DiVosta is no stranger to building legendary communities. Buz DiVosta has been a trailblazer in the construction of solid concrete structures, and his efficient building techniques are used by builders nationally. As a recognized industry leader in both commercial and residential construction, his innovative thinking has created a reputation for excellence earned over the past 4 decades.

Buz's pioneering Built-Solid Building System created homes with a level of efficiency and quality control unmatched in the industry. This controlled supply chain approach ensured everything from plumbing to building cabinets was finished to the highest quality by specialized craftspeople. Having built homes across Florida, each Buz DiVosta residence has been delivered with a reputation of solid construction, quality designs, and priced affordability that has become legendary.

Today, Buz DiVosta has turned his attention to bringing this same level of imaginative thinking to Martin County. Having had the land in the family for decades, Buz is ready to embark on what many are saying is his crowning achievement. His goal is to create a community concept that applies his out-of-the-box thinking to community planning. Storie will take the cherished Martin County lifestyle to an entirely new level. His aspirations for Storie have evolved beyond his homebuilding foundation. He is creating a revolutionary new community concept where every resident of Martin County will benefit from the design, not just the residents of Storie. We look forward to the next chapter of the Buz DiVosta legacy.

Watch the video
and see what has
Martin County buzzin':

StorieFL.com



The next chapter in Martin County is about to be unveiled. Envisioned to be one of the most innovative and forward-thinking communities, Storie is being planned around the importance of open spaces and clean water. With community parks, kayak launches, and a village center, there is an opportunity for everyone to write their own Storie. Visit StorieFL.com for an inside look.

