

CENTERVILLE

A Conservation Community

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CENTERVILLE CONSERVATION COMMUNITY RECOGNIZED AS ROLE MODEL FOR CONSERVATION COMMUNITIES IN FLORIDA EXPERT SPEAKS ON VISION BEHIND PROJECT AND ITS IMPACT ON FLORIDA'S GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (January 10, 2006) –The Growth Management Committee of the Florida Legislature recognized Centerville Conservation Community as a role model for developments of its kind at the committee meeting today. Randall Arendt, an internationally recognized land planner, author and landscape conservation activist spoke on the success of the conservation community concept and recognized the unique vision of Centerville's managing partners Jon Kohler and Hurley Booth.

"I've always had an appreciation for fine land," says Jon Kohler. "I had the opportunity to live at Centerville for several years while I was representing a client and absolutely fell in love with the land. While reviewing an offer on the property, I had a chance to see a traditional developer's preliminary lot layout and I knew we had to do something to preserve the land. Tall Timbers introduced me to Randall Arendt and the concept of protecting 70% of the land forever while still meeting the economic and social needs of Centerville. What most people don't know is that my partner Hurley Booth is a closet-environmentalist and has helped so much in making this dream a reality."

The concept of conservation communities is relatively new to North Florida and Booth and Kohler took additional risk by choosing this type of development over the more traditional. It has paid off, they say, by not only creating a beautiful space on a historical piece of land, but also by creating a demand for these homesteads by buyers who want a close-knit, natural living environment.

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“Conservation communities and their developers are the future for growth in communities across the United States,” Randall Arendt, internationally recognized land planner, author and landscape conservation advocate. “These projects are “twice-green”—both ecologically and economically positive for the community.”

Randall Arendt, considered an international expert on land planning and conservation communities, spoke on how Booth and Kohler looked at this 975-acre space and found a way to incorporate 200 homesteads, while maintaining 70 percent of the natural aesthetic and wildlife attributes. Preserving these elements make Centerville and other conservation communities excellent values, because they allow residents additional acreage and amenities.

Centerville is the first conservation community in North Florida and a role model for the state. It is based on the concept of sustainable living and bringing intimate, environmentally sensitive communities to cities. The conservation community concept creates a close-knit community intertwined with the native environment. To learn more about Centerville, visit www.centerville-florida.com.

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