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Archaeological site to accent new homes in Lilburn

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WHAT IT IS

Not many subdivisions can claim a genuine archaeological site as an amenity, but that's the case with TerraSol, a 128-home development going up now on Five Forks Trickum Road in Lilburn. The 75-acre subdivision includes 35 acres of undisturbed hardwood forest. The forested area contains a 3.2-acre site along the Yellow River believed to have been an area where Native Americans gathered and prepared food. The subdivision will feature homes selling from \$600,000, a three-story community center, pool, two playgrounds and communitywide wireless Internet access.

WHAT IMPACT IT WILL HAVE

The developer, Vesmont LC, cleared about 40 acres of woodland but left the 35 acres along the Yellow River and the property's eastern border untouched. They also were required to leave the archaeological site undisturbed and write protective measures into the subdivision's mandatory covenants requiring resident to leave it alone. But Vesmont does plan to put up



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A new subdivision on Five Forks Trickum Road in Lilburn will feature homes from \$600,000, an archaeological site and 35 acres of undisturbed hardwood forest along the Yellow River.

interpretive signs along a two-mile walking path through the wooded area explaining the site. It could be explored by archaeologists at a later date.

WHEN WILL IT BE DONE

Development work is scheduled to be done by the end of the year and construction of homes should begin next spring. Buildout is dependent on sales.