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Construction begins on Preserve at the Bay Club in Mattapoissett - new master planned community

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As the demand for county club living continues to grow across New England, the visionaries behind The Preserve are packaging up a product that is truly one of a kind-starting with a location on Massachusetts' south coast, just minutes from Buzzard's Bay. The idyllic Nantucket-style development will be situated at the Bay Club at Mattapoissett, an Audubon sanctuary amid 625 acres of forested land. Homeowners will have the opportunity to apply for membership access to the country club's championship golf course and other up-scale amenities-and unlike similar country club communities, residents will be only a walk away from the town's beaches and an hour's drive to Boston.

"Living at The Preserve will be like living at a luxury seaside resort that's close to Boston and to vacation destinations, such as Cape Cod or Martha's Vineyard, without the traffic and exorbitant housing costs," said Lisa Nickerson, partner of The Preserve and founder and principal of NickersonPR and NickersonRE. "Homes in the gated community will range from \$575,000 to \$675,000, providing a prestigious lifestyle at extremely affordable prices."

Proximity to Boston and historic Mattapoissett's hot spots-three public beaches, two public boat slips, and plenty of shopping and dining-are The Preserve's primary benefits, explained Nickerson, who will be marketing the community. In addition to the prime location, the features of the housing community itself will provide homeowners with a myriad of intrinsic benefits. Being built by Aerie Homes, 36 single-family homes will each offer 2,100 s/f to 2,500 s/f of living space, with open, functional floor-plans and luxe finishes. The homes will span 22 acres within the Bay Club and be divided into two distinct neighborhoods, alongside Tinkham Forest and The Bay's Nature Preserve.

"We strive for quality craftsmanship in all aspects of our work," said Paul Abelite, principal of Aerie Homes. "We are using first-class materials, for example-weather-resistant wood, cedar shakes, top-line windows-all, so the homes will be as durable as their design is timeless." Abelite anticipates that construction on The Preserves' model home will be completed by spring.

Buyers will have a selection of lots, which vary in size, and a choice among three styles of homes: the Linden, the Hawthorn and the Sycamore. All feature a minimum of two-and-a-half bathrooms, a two-car garage, three or four bedrooms, and options for a first-floor master, additional sunroom, bonus room and golf cart bay. Also available are two single-story options: the Magnolia and Juniper home designs.

Other elective perks will include services like snow removal and lawn maintenance.

In the first neighborhood of 23 homes, currently 11 are reserved or are sold.

"We're excited about The Preserve," said Dave Andrews, director of sales and membership development at the Bay Club. "Aerie Homes and the NickersonRE team are bringing a unique development to the community, and we look forward to its success."

