

**IN Depth**

**with David L. Waltemath**  
Developer, Bedico Creek Preserve



Real estate developer David L. Waltemath has more than 30 years of experience in residential and commercial development, construction and project management.

Bedico Creek Preserve is the newest in his series of successful neighborhoods, which includes English Turn in New Orleans, Santa Maria and Green Trails in Baton Rouge, The Parks in Plaquemines and The Estates of Northpark in St. Tammany Parish.

Though passionate about his work, David's first priority is his family: Kathy, his wife of 33 years, and son Scott and daughter Kelly, who are the fourth generation of Waltemaths in the real estate industry. ♣

## **Five Key Points**

### **1. BEDICO CREEK PRESERVE IS A CONSERVATION COMMUNITY. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?**

A conservation community is when residential land planning focuses on maintaining the ecological beauty and integrity of the conservation land within or adjacent to it. Of Bedico Creek's 600 acres of open space, 180 acres are active parks and lakes, and 400-plus acres are dedicated conservation solitude to be enjoyed through activities such as walking, bird watching and camping.

### **2. WHY DID YOU WANT TO CREATE A CONSERVATION COMMUNITY?**

Think of the reasons people initially moved here—they were looking for a healthy, less complicated lifestyle surrounded by the trees and open spaces they couldn't find in the city. Much of that landscape has been lost forever to development. I wanted to preserve that environment for future generations of northshore residents.

### **3. HOW DOES YOUR COMMUNITY LIVING DIFFER FROM THAT OF "TRADITIONAL" NEIGHBORHOODS?**

Bedico Creek living is different because of its location, acres of parks, lakes, conservation areas and other amenities. We have miles of paved cart paths, a community swimming pool, an old-fashioned fishing pier and an outdoor party pavilion, to name a few.

### **4. HOW IMPORTANT IS A COMMUNITY LIKE THIS TO THE PARISH?**

When complete, Bedico Creek will represent a taxable value of more than \$300 million. That's a lot of tax revenue for the parish.

### **5. WHAT DO YOU HOPE THE LASTING EFFECTS OF THE COMMUNITY WILL BE?**

Bedico Creek will perpetually offer its residents a wholesome environment, an active lifestyle and a meaningful place for social activities. It's a neighborhood the parish can point to as one that truly defines the St. Tammany sense of community of yesteryear and preserves it for tomorrow.