

Phase One of hillside development now complete

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Phase One of a new 49-acre, \$40-million development near Birchcliff is now complete, with 25 new homes available for purchase.

The Slopes of Sylvan Lake, developed by Belterra Land Company, touts itself as a “quiet, restorative sanctuary that celebrates the energetic spirit of Sylvan Lake.”

The completion of its first phase was marked with an open house hosted by Belterra last month.

“We were overwhelmed by the amount of local

interest that our open house generated, and the pent-up demand,” said Belterra president Chris Artibello in a release. “People have been waiting a long time for a lakeside community like this.”

The development was given the go-ahead by Lacombe County councillors who approved a subdivision application for the development in 2012.

County commissioner Terry Hager said the project fits Lacombe County’s goal of creating quality communities surrounding Sylvan Lake while at the same time protecting the lake.

“The Slopes of Sylvan Lake does both,” he said in the same release. “Often you have to negotiate with developers that

come to the table to raise the bar, but Belterra Land Company worked with us the whole way through.”

According to Belterra, all of the lots offer “low-maintenance living,” with some afforded an unobstructed view of the lake.

Artibello said he’s pleased to see the development beginning to come to fruition.

“Now that everything is laid out and the small details are being completed, it is easy to see just how beautiful the community is going to be,” he said.

A wastewater line and a regional lift station will service the development’s lots. The development is in line with the

2010 Sylvan Lake Area Structure Plan, with about half of the land undeveloped to “balance natural surroundings with infrastructure,” according to Belterra.

Lacombe County manager of planning services Dale Freitag said Belterra has been “a dream to work with” in that regard.

“I am beyond excited to see the first development using the principles of the Sylvan Lake Area Structure Plan come to fruition,” he said. “Belterra Land Company has been in regular contact with us over the past five years to ensure that everything goes perfectly and unfolds according to plan.”

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