

Land designated for Wellness Way town center hits market

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Teresa Burney with GrowthSpotter wrote an article about a South Lake County former citrus grove and proposed Town Center for the Wellness Way sector plan that was recently placed on the market.

The 721-acre site owned by Clonts Grove Inc. was listed this week with Maury L. Carter & Associates, Inc. The property is located on the east side of U.S. 27, two miles south of Clermont and features views of Lake Louisa and Trout Lake, including a mile of frontage along Trout.

John Evans with Maury L. Carter & Associates, Inc. commented on the decision to list the property.

"The Clonts have been a big part of the Central Florida agricultural community since the early part of the last century," said John Evans, vice president of Maury L. Carter and Associates, Inc.

"They have owned [this land] since 1991 and have been good stewards to the citrus on the property for the last 25 years," Evans said. "While their heart and soul is in citrus and other agricultural businesses, it is probably the right time to look at other offers."

Evans said the Clonts are private people, and would decline to talk with media about the property's sale.

The proposed Wellness Way sector plan, which would entail developing a 16,200-acre, 25.28-square-mile piece of southeast Lake County, is still awaiting full adoption by the state. The main obstacle is a lawsuit from Cemex who sued the county after being turned down for a mining operation at the center of Wellness Way. A judicial hearing on the Cemex case is planned for July.

Other Wellness Way developments are gaining headway including Avalon Groves, a 987-acre Planned Development project that has approval for 1,659 homes and some neighborhood commercial development which could break ground later this year. Additionally, a former orange grove owned by Extreme Groves LLC is seeking to increase the density on a 66-acre orange grove north of Hartwood Marsh Road.

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