

Village Living in Wilton Manors

Wilton Station, a new private village with over 300 feet of boardwalk along the north fork of the Middle River, is set to debut on ten acres in Wilton Manors. Fort Lauderdale-based developers Wilton Station LLC will partner with **Stiles Corporation**, also based in Fort Lauderdale, for the project. The new community, located in the Five Points area of Wilton Manors, will feature six buildings – five residential and one mixed-use with retail. Wilton Station will include an 8,000-square-foot clubhouse with fitness center, five water fountains, and a lushly landscaped pedestrian-friendly village lane. Amenities in the homes range from oversized cook's kitchens, 10-foot+ ceiling heights, 8-foot French door-style sliders and multiple terraces and balconies in most units. The 272 homes will be offered in floor plans including multi-level brownstones, lofts, single level homes and tower suites with rooftop terraces. A free-form heated-pool complex includes a shallow beach area, a section for rafting and a 70-foot lap pool. An 8-foot rock waterfall and covered tiki hut will add to the tropical ambiance. John Patrick, vice president of marketing for Wilton Station, says that Broward County's large number of gay households (second only to San Francisco) factored in to the group's decision to build a development in the area. "We expect a significant percentage of our buyers to be from the gay and lesbian community," says Patrick. "But we still think we will fill the need for a lot of different types of professionals." Prices for the units, which range in size from 1,000 to 2,500 square foot, start in the \$200,000s and go up to approximately \$600,000. Site work is underway, a sales center is set to open in March, and construction will begin in May. Completion is scheduled for 2006.

