

## Houston area to get third Crystal Lagoon



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Land Tejas will add a 4-acre Crystal Lagoon to its Sierra Vista community south of Houston. The company's first Crystal Lagoon amenity (pictured) spans 2 acres in Balmoral, a master-planned community located in Humble.

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Residents of a master-planned community located south of Houston will soon count a 4-acre, man-made lagoon as one of the amenities available to them.

[Land Tejas](#) announced Jan. 22 plans to construct a Crystal Lagoon at Sierra Vista, about 25 miles south of downtown on Highway 288. It will be the Houston area's third Crystal Lagoon; all three are located in Land Tejas communities.

[In 2017, Land Tejas bought the technology](#) from Crystal Lagoons U.S. Corp. to create the first Crystal Lagoons in the Houston area. Crystal Lagoons are essentially man-made lakes surrounded by white sand beaches. Land Tejas uses Crystal Lagoons' proprietary construction methods and filtration systems to maintain the lagoon's signature turquoise color.

Construction of the Sierra Vista lagoon should begin in early 2020 with a tentative opening date in 2021. Trez Capital is providing financing for construction of the lagoon.

Land Tejas said the lagoon will anchor a 29-acre amenity village, which will include green spaces, a restaurant, a grotto and a splash pad. Additionally, the amenity village will boast a cove for children, a swim-up bar, a launch for paddle boards and kayaks, as well as a music performance stage, according to a news release.

“We envision this to be a luxurious beach destination for those seeking a beach experience closer to home,” said Uri Man, president of The Lagoon Development Co., a strategic partner for lagoon development with Land Tejas. “It will also elevate the lifestyle for our Sierra Vista residents who will be able to enjoy what is becoming a hallmark amenity for Land Tejas communities.”

Sierra Vista is a 850-acre master-planned community that opened in 2018. Builders Anglia Homes, CastleRock Communities, D.R. Horton, HistoryMaker Homes, Meritage Homes and Westin Homes offer floor plans priced from the \$200,000s.

Land Tejas [opened its first Crystal Lagoon amenity in 2018](#) at its Balmoral master-planned community in Humble. The lagoon at Sierra Vista will be about twice the size of the one in Balmoral, Land Tejas said.

The company is also working to open its largest lagoon yet in Texas City. That lagoon, which is scheduled to open in early 2020, [will be located in Land Tejas’ Lago Mar community and will cover 12 acres](#).

Land Tejas was founded in 1997 and currently has 11 developments across Houston, including some that [ranked among the nation’s top-selling master-planned communities](#) of 2019.

Earlier this month, the company announced it [bought 1,039 acres along Clay and Pitts roads in Harris and Waller counties](#) for a 3,000-home community. Land Tejas expects to deliver the first homesites in 2021.

Back in October, Land Tejas announced it bought 856 acres located north of FM 529, west of Fry Road and east of the Grand Parkway in northwest Harris County. That site will become [a master-planned community with approximately 2,500 houses](#). Land Tejas worked with Trez Capital and CBA Land Capital LP on both purchases.

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