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Escapes

BREAKING GROUND

The Preserve at Botany Bay

WHAT Caribbean resort and residential development.

WHERE St. Thomas in the United States Virgin Islands.

AMENITIES A beach club, a spa and a fitness center, among others.

PRICES Available home sites from \$975,000; villa units from \$2.5 million.

STATUS Construction began last summer and is planned to be completed in three to five years.

DEVELOPERS Timbers Resorts and SV Capital.

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DETAILS The 397-acre site of this development is at the western tip of St. Thomas, a 15-minute drive from the airport and far from the many large resorts there. Home sites, villas, residence club units and a bou-



tique hotel are planned. There are to be 77 home sites of 1 to 14 acres each, and most will have water views. Also offering water views will be 20 buildings, each with two villa units that will each have a patio, a plunge pool and three or four bedrooms. In addition, a 30-unit residence club is planned; prices and details of the club have not yet been determined. There are three beaches at the development's site, and the beach club will include two swimming pools and a casual restaurant. A free-standing fine-dining restaurant is also planned, as well as the spa and fitness center, which will be in a two-story waterfront building.