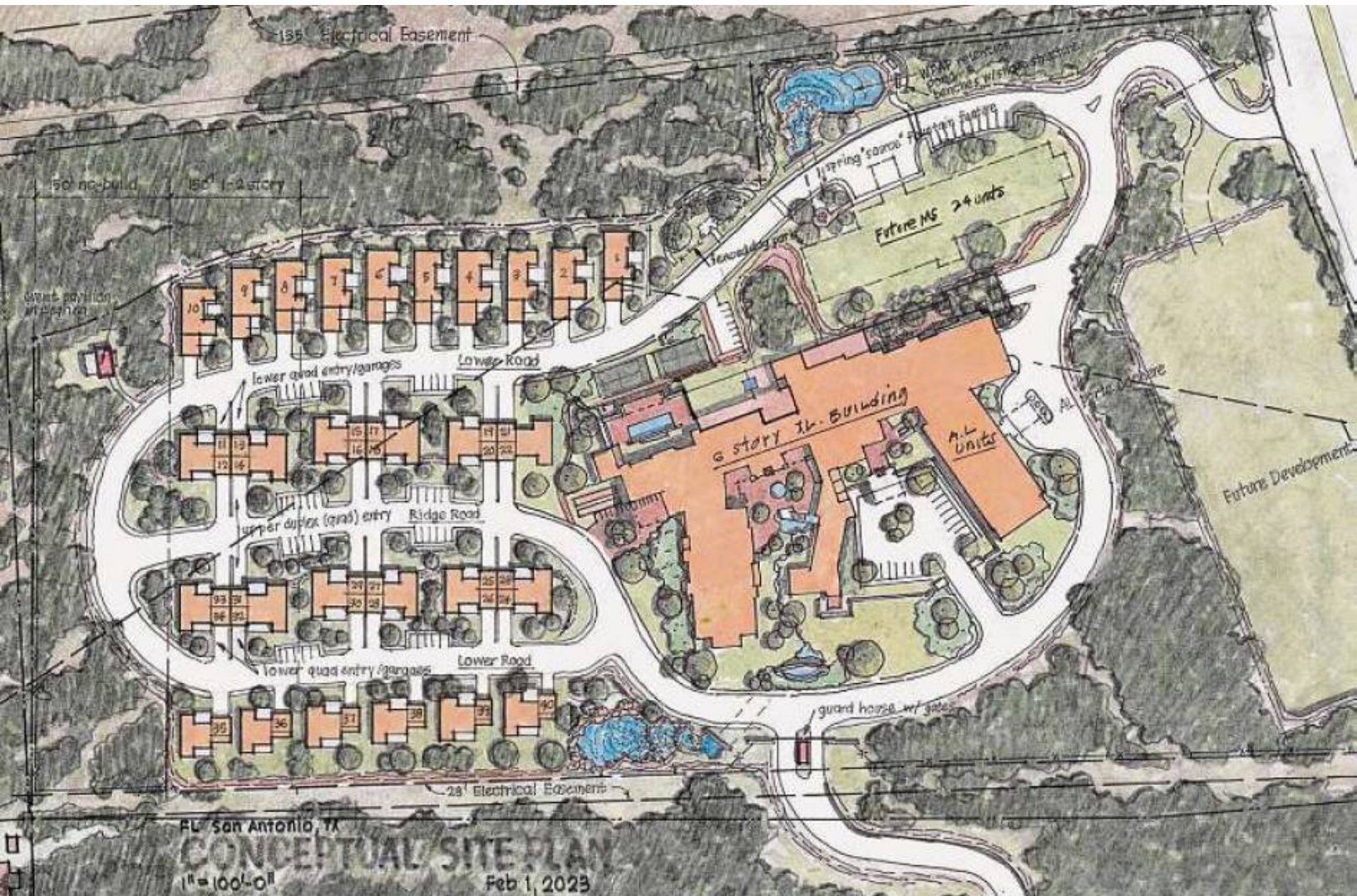


Nonprofit planning senior housing near Rim

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Forefront Living

Dallas-based Forefront Living plans to develop a senior housing community in northwest San Antonio.

A Dallas-based nonprofit is planning to build a senior housing community across the highway from The Rim shopping center, a hot spot along the Interstate 10 corridor between San Antonio and Boerne.

The development, Bella Vida at La Cantera, will include 152 apartments and 40 cottages for independent living with attached garages and floor plans ranging from 820 square feet to 2,550 square feet. It will also have 16 assisted living units with memory support care. A salon and spa, fitness center, sports courts, dining, indoor swimming pool and wellness program will be among the amenities.

It's being developed by Forefront Living San Antonio, which bought 26.5 acres just north of the Éilan development from IH 10 Cantera-Rim Ltd. in late June.

“San Antonio seniors deserve the quality and level of services we provide,” Tim Mallad, CEO of Forefront Living, said in a statement. “We plan to create a community where residents can thrive. Not only will the community be beautiful, but it will be filled with the amenities that make it easy to live an active and engaging lifestyle.”

Rental rates were not disclosed.

Also unclear is what Forefront paid for the property, but it is using \$25.3 million of bond notes to finance the deal. The Bexar Appraisal District valued the vacant land at \$9.1 million.

The community will be near a cluster of popular stores and restaurants at The Rim and Shops at La Cantera and an office complex anchored by WellMed Medical Management Inc. It will border Éilan, a community with apartments, offices, restaurants, stores and a hotel around a piazza. Farther north, work is underway on a mixed-use development anchored by H-E-B.

Forefront provides hospice care services and operates senior housing communities in the Dallas area, where it's the parent of Presbyterian Village North, Faith Presbyterian Hospice, and The T. Boone Pickens Hospice and Palliative Care Center.