

Brewpub slated for vacant county-owned land in York

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A photo from the York County property information system shows a vacant plot of land at 7120 George Washington Memorial Highway. The land will play host to a brewpub, estimated to open within the next few years. (WYDaily/Courtesy of York County)

There's a new brewpub coming to town.

York County and Waukeshaw Development announced in a news release Tuesday Beale's brewpub would open in the 7100 block of George Washington Memorial Highway.

Beale's will be a 4,000-square-foot, family-friendly brewpub with an outdoor patio, room for live music and a locally-themed food menu, according to the news release.

It's still in its early planning stages, but groundbreaking is expected in January 2020 with completion in early 2021.

According to its website, Waukeshaw is a developer that specializes in finding “quirky” places in Virginia and renovating them into restaurants, housing, brewpubs and more.

“Waukeshaw Development is known for its revitalization of properties with several success stories from throughout the commonwealth,” said Jim Noel, director of the Office of Economic Development.

Upcoming and completed projects by Waukeshaw include an old warehouse in Clarksville, a mill in Amherst, William Byrd High School in Vinton, and one of the first high-rise buildings in Petersburg.

The original Beale’s is located in Bedford.

“We are thrilled to be extending the Beale’s brand east across the Commonwealth to York. We have had nothing but great experiences so far in York County, and have found the entire team to be progressive, creative and fun to work with. We are excited to present a completely new offering to the County,” said Waukeshaw President Dave McCormack.

EDA agenda documents show Waukeshaw Development has considered buying 7120-7124 George Washington Memorial Highway since at least fall 2018.

Online property records show that plot of land is owned by York County. It was previously purchased by the county’s EDA in 2017 and designated as a parcel for revitalization.

The property was connected to county water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure since it was purchased in 2017.

“This use is exactly what we’ve been working toward since purchasing the property,” said R. Anderson Moberg, chairman of York County’s Economic Development Authority.

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