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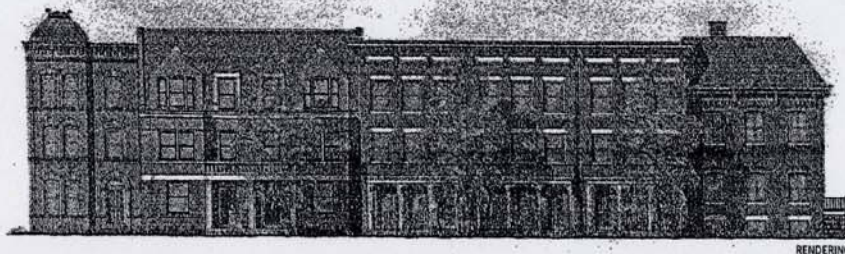
Designs fleshed out for 167-acre Potomac Yard site

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Developers of Potomac Yard in Alexandria will include a little of the past at a site that already has plenty of history.

A joint venture of Centex Homes and Pulte Homes could start infrastructure work this fall on the potential \$500 million development, which spans 167 acres along Route 1 in Alexandria. Designs are now being tightened up for the project's 1,637 residential units, and construction of the development could begin next fall.

Bungalow-style residences will be part of the mix, a nod to the Del Ray neighborhood



LINED UP: The \$500 million Potomac Yard in Alexandria, a joint venture between Centex Homes and Pulte Homes, will include more than 1,600 residential units.

nearby developed in the late 1800s with homes in that architectural vein. But the project — which also will include 350,000

square feet of retail and a 300-room hotel — will be largely contemporary in design, with a 25-acre park and a Main Street that

will include corner stores and pockets of office space.

"It will look like it was developed over time," says Stan Settle, vice president of land acquisition for the D.C. division of Pulte.

Crescent Resources bought the entire 300-acre Potomac Yard in March 2001 from Commonwealth Atlantic Properties and has sold off the property in pieces.

To the north of Pulte and Centex's project, work is starting on National Gateway (www.nationalgatewayarlington.com), a 15-acre parcel in Arlington to be developed by Bethesda-based The Meridian Group with more than 2 million square feet of offices.

Comstock Homes has started work on The Eclipse on Center Park (www.eclipsecondo.com), a condo project. Centex and Pulte officials hope to get approvals for the major infrastructure work by the end of July.

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