



CROSS CREEK HOA

Built in 2000, the master-planned community of Covington Estates has 94 contemporary homes in wetland conservation areas.

# A 35-acre haven for nature lovers

**Covington Estates sits in wetland conservation areas**

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Built in 2000, Covington Estates is a portion of the master-planned community of Cross Creek. Covington Estates consists of 94 contemporary homes in the heart of 35 acres of wetland conservation areas. Homes range from \$200,000 to \$350,000, and this area remains one of the most sought-after gated communities in New Tampa.

Homeowners Association officer Ken Rodriguez loves Covington Estates because "it's very peaceful and everyone is friendly. It's a relatively small community,

which makes it feel safe and comfortable."

Family-oriented features of the community include a 20-acre park and Little League parks, and it's close to the Flatwoods Wilderness Park. Residents have easy access to views of wildlife, ponds and nature preserves where they can take advantage of hiking trails, biking paths and fishing areas. The community is also located near the New Tampa YMCA.

"Covington Estates is a wonderful place to live. We have the best of both worlds. We are close to shopping and entertainment with easy access to highways, while also being surrounded by nature and wildlife," said longtime resident Dawn McManus.

The community is conveniently located near Tampa Palms, Pebble Creek,

the University of South Florida and the Lexington Oaks Golf Club. Covington Estates is a quick ride to downtown Tampa and less than a two-hour drive to Orlando. It is close to the Florida Aquarium and Lowery Park Zoo. It is zoned to Pride Elementary, Benito Middle and Wharton High schools.