

# The Palm Beach Post

## 5 things to know about Nora: West Palm Beach's future dining destination



### A visual tour of Nora: West Palm Beach's newest district, a major hub of restaurants, bars

The Nora district will showcase new restaurants, art galleries and bring a new vibe to a neglected part of downtown West Palm Beach.

Warehouses sit there now, but developers aim to create a new [West Palm Beach](#) hotspot for trendy restaurants, bars and businesses. They've started calling this district 'Nora' and here are five things you should know about it:

### 1. The name, Nora, comes from the district's location in West Palm Beach

When you have a destination whose "Main Street" is North Railroad Avenue, you tap those first letters acronym-style and call the area it defines 'Nora'.

Bounded to the west by North Railroad Avenue, Nora is a broad swath of properties north of downtown bounded to the north by Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, to the east by North Dixie Highway and to the south by Seventh Street.

## 2. Nora timeline: Work is just beginning and it won't end for a while

Here's what we know now about the timeline:

- Work on the underpinnings — the infrastructure — of this hot destination is just beginning.
- The conversion of the endless warehouses into places to shop, dine and hang out is slated to happen in **late 2022 or early 2023.**
- The creation of Nora's "Main Street" is due to be completed by **early 2024.**



Map of the Nora District, which was approved by the City of West Palm Beach in February 2022. The Nora District, which will include shops, restaurants and residential units, spans 40 acres between Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard and North Quadrille Boulevard between North Dixie Highway and the Florida East Coast Railway tracks. Credit: City of West Palm Beach [City Of West Palm Beach](#)

## 3. This West Palm Beach development isn't just big; it's one of the biggest



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**Photos: Before the Rosemary Square name, there was CityPlace. Here's a look at its beginnings.**

After a renovation, CityPlace in West Palm Beach was rebranded as "Rosemary Square." Take a look at the development and events of CityPlace since the late 1990s.

Nora is made up of 72 parcels of land amassed by one of the developers over the past four years. Remaking that swath will cost about \$520 million.

Not since the fall of 2000, when [CityPlace opened](#), has West Palm Beach seen a planned redevelopment of this scope.

This project is spearheaded in part by the same developer who brought Wynwood to Miami. That area too began as an industrial district before it was reimagined as an entertainment mecca with restaurants, breweries, art and entertainment.

#### **4. Expect a blend of local and regional restaurant operators at Nora**

About 10 restaurants, some local, some regional, will be featured in Nora's first phase, according to developers.

Included in the mix of operators: The owner of the Blink Monk wine bar and tapas restaurant in downtown West Palm Beach, who said he's planning a Mediterranean restaurant.

[Read more about the restaurant plans here.](#)

#### **5. It's not just a spot for foodies**

Don't get us wrong: It *will be* a foodie destination. Nora's head of leasing said roughly half of the planned warehouse space will be devoted to restaurants.

But that's not all.

Apartments, a mini department store and an unnamed luxury boutique hotel are among the mix of buildings that developers are planning beyond restaurants and bars.