Celebrate Virginia to build five courses in major plan

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. — Construction has begun on a 2,100-acre commercial development along Interstate 95 between Richmond and Washington, D.C. that will eventually include five golf courses and serve as a starting point for historical tours of the area.

In addition to the five courses, Celebrate Virginia will include 2.4 million square feet of commercial space; a 600-acre visitors campus offering first-class accommodations, on-site historical and cultural attractions; an eco-center and conference facilities; and a world-class office campus.

The golf courses will be located across the Rappahannock River from the main commercial center. Enclosed gondolas will ferry golfers across the river to the links.

The Silver Companies, a major Fredericksburg firm, is developing Celebrate Virginia. The company’s chief executive officer, Larry Silver, expected to choose by the end of the year between several different golf development firms to oversee the golf component. The golf developer would choose five different architects to design the courses and be expected to operate the golf resort once it opened, Silver said.

Silver said he planned to start construction on the first course from 1999 and have all five open within five years.

Between 150 and 300 two-bedroom golf villas may be built to accommodate those doing business with corporations in the office campus.

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Richard E. Hunter, CEO, Hunter Industries

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