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Developers offer a new Woods plan

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Just weeks after Weddington blasted a private sewer plant for The Woods subdivision, developers want to push through at least some lots with a “more conventional approach.”

IB Development partner Phillip Walton said Tuesday that he wants to “move some dirt” in the coming months, starting roads for The Woods and then perhaps prepping homes with a form of septic tanks.

Sewer access, a scarcity in growth-choked Union, will hopefully follow, he said.

“In a perfect world, we’d find some way to get sewer,” Walton said. “I don’t know that that’s possible.”

Weddington officials rejected IB’s plans for a private facility weeks ago, months after the county refused developers’ re-quest to build a sewer pumping plant.

Builders say septic tanks aren’t an option for all 200 lots planned for The Woods, but Walton said he is talking with investors and engineers about some “septic technologies that could get some initial development.”

Walton said he doesn’t expect to build houses for at least a year.

“We’re resourceful and creative,” he said. “And we’re going to find some way to make it happen.”

Weddington leaders worried IB didn’t work closely with Union County on its sewer plans, but Walton said Tuesday that he is awaiting the hiring of a new Union public works head in the coming months.

“Perhaps that will help change some of the dialogue with the county,” he said.

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