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In Osceola, Destiny plans energy-refueling station

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Destiny added to its green credentials recently with the announcement of a 6,000-square-foot energy-refueling station.

The so-called green "E-Station" will contain traditional and renewable fuels, electric automobile charging stations along with a solar- and geothermal-powered green-mart convenience store, officials said.

The project -- at the southeast corner of U.S. Highway 441 and State Road 60 in southeastern Osceola County -- is in the final design stages.

The fuel mix is still in development, but potential options include E85, a blend of 15 percent gasoline and 85 percent ethanol, as well as soy- or animal fat-based biodiesel, compressed natural gas, liquid hydrogen fuels and plug-in charging stations for electric or hybrid vehicles.

Mid-State Energy Inc. of Lake Wales changed its plans to build a traditional convenience station at the former site of Key Stop, a service station and country eatery, which was purchased several years ago.

Destiny developers imagine a new city with cutting-edge technology on more than 41,000 acres near Yeehaw Junction. They plan to preserve more than 25,000 acres as open space.

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