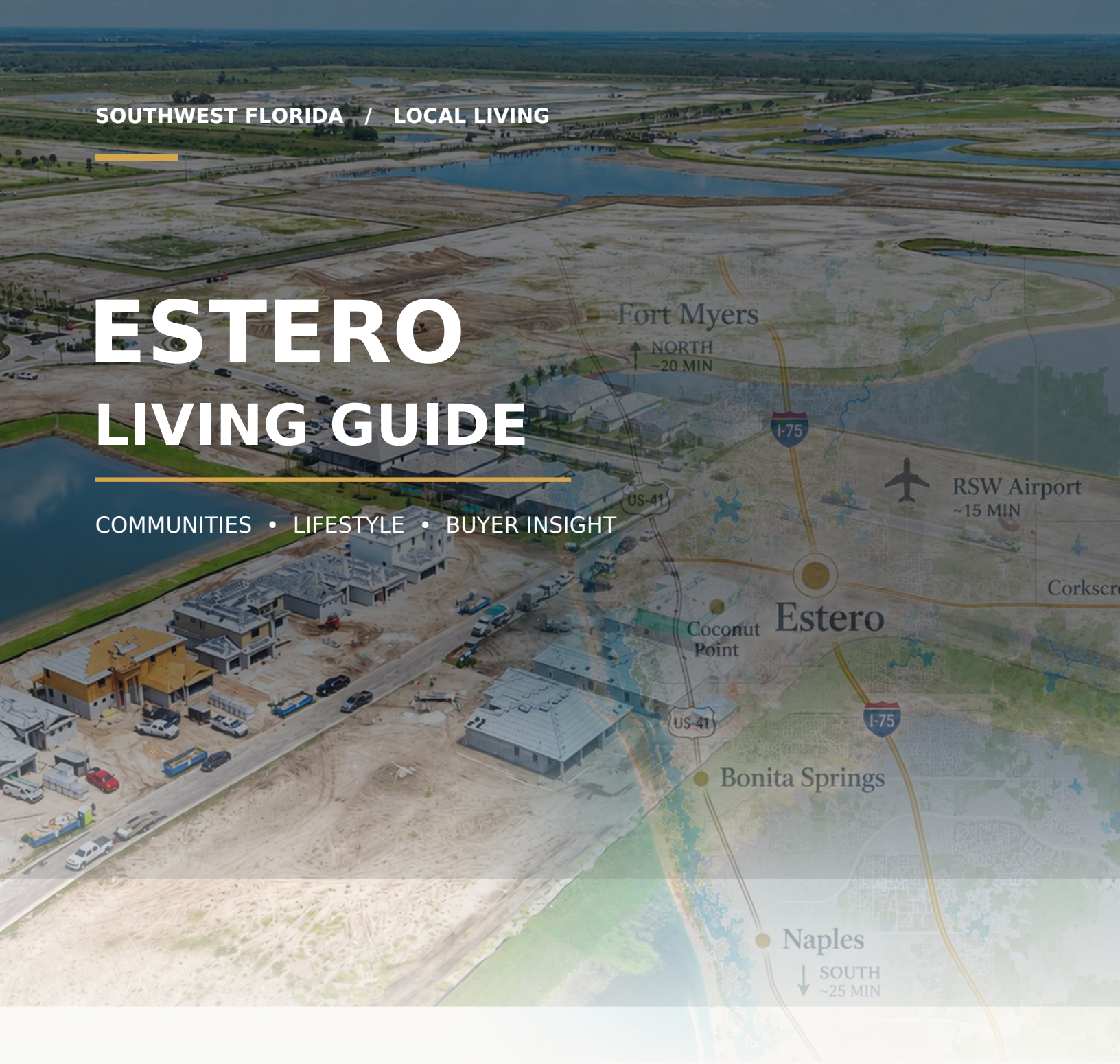

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A DIFFERENT WAY TO LOOK AT ESTERO

Beyond the listings and model homes: a practical look at where to live, what to compare, and what really matters when choosing a home in Estero, Florida.

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WELCOME TO ESTERO

Estero is not one neighborhood or one type of Florida lifestyle. It’s a collection of established communities, new neighborhoods and very different ways to live, all in one central location.

Where Is Estero, Florida?

Estero sits between Fort Myers and Bonita Springs in southern Lee County, with I-75 and US-41 providing the two main north-south routes through the area. Corkscrew Road is the primary east-west corridor, connecting established Estero with the newer communities and development continuing farther east.

Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) is nearby, while Coconut Point, Gulf Coast Town Center, Bonita Springs and Naples are all within the broader day-to-day orbit. That central location is a big part of Estero’s appeal: you can live in a quieter community without giving up easy access to shopping, dining, healthcare, beaches and the rest of Southwest Florida.

Why People Choose Estero

Estero works because it gives you a lot without feeling like a big city. You’re close to shopping, dining, recreation, RSW, and major north-south routes, but much of the residential side still feels quieter and community-oriented. Coconut Point, Miromar Outlets, Hertz Arena, Koreshan State Park, Estero Community Park and the Estero River all sit within the broader local mix.

What is changing is just as important as what is already here. The Village is actively developing the Village Center / Sports and Entertainment District and expanding parks, trails and river access, while residents continue to push for better walkability, transportation and preservation of open space.

Real Estate in Estero

Estero has a broad mix of housing, from condos and villas to single-family homes, golf communities and newer master-planned neighborhoods. The area is not one uniform market, which is exactly why community choice matters as much as the house itself.

West and central Estero tend to offer more established neighborhoods and easier access to US-41, Coconut Point and existing amenities. Farther east along Corkscrew Road, the story shifts toward newer construction, larger planned communities and continued development. Estero's planning documents specifically contemplate a mix of multifamily, townhomes, villas and single-family housing, and current development activity continues to add new residential options.

Estero Communities to Know

Estero is really a collection of different community styles rather than one uniform housing market. Closer to US-41 and central Estero, you'll find more established neighborhoods, golf communities, condos and villas with mature landscaping and quick access to Coconut Point and existing services.

Farther east along Corkscrew Road, the mix shifts toward newer master-planned communities and continued development. That corridor is still evolving, with road widening and infrastructure work continuing through 2026 as growth pushes farther east.

WHICH PART OF ESTERO FITS YOU?

CLOSER TO US-41 AND COCONUT POINT

If quick access to shopping, dining, services and established neighborhoods matters most to you, start your search in west and central Estero. You can experience a finished neighborhood before deciding whether it feels like home.

EAST ESTERO AND THE CORKSCREW CORRIDOR

If you're drawn to newer homes, growing communities and planned amenities, take a closer look east along Corkscrew Road. I'd encourage you to drive the area at different times of day, so the location makes sense for your actual routine, not just on a map.

New Construction vs. Established Communities

BUILDING SOMETHING NEW

A new home may offer a floor plan that fits the way you live today, modern construction features, and the chance to choose certain finishes or structural options. I'd want you to look beyond the model home, though. The final price, lot premium, builder timeline and unfinished neighborhood all belong in that decision.

BUYING INTO AN ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD

With an established community, you can see the landscaping, roads, amenities and day-to-day atmosphere as they exist today. The trade-off may be older layouts, renovation decisions or different maintenance needs. Neither choice wins automatically. It comes down to what matters to you.

What I Want Buyers to Look Beyond

THE ACTUAL COST OF OWNERSHIP

I always want to understand the full number, not just the asking price. Compare HOA fees, any CDD assessments, property taxes, insurance and what those payments actually cover.

THE RULES BEHIND THE LIFESTYLE

Check the details that could change how you use your home: rentals, pets, vehicles, exterior changes and amenities. Two beautiful communities can have very different rules.

YOUR REAL DRIVING ROUTINE

Try the routes you'll actually use, whether that means the airport, medical appointments, a favorite restaurant or the beach. Convenience is personal.

WHAT'S HERE NOW AND WHAT'S STILL COMING

For newer areas, separate what you can enjoy today from what is planned for tomorrow. Construction, road projects and future amenities all influence the experience while a community takes shape.

Thinking About Estero?

Estero makes the most sense when you stop looking at it as one market and start comparing the different ways to live here. New construction, established neighborhoods, golf communities, villas, condos and larger master-planned developments can all fit very different buyers.

The right starting point is not “Which house do I like?” It’s “Which part of Estero and which type of community fits how I actually want to live?” Once that is clear, the housing choices get a lot easier to narrow down.

That’s the part I can help with: sorting through the communities, builders and trade-offs before you waste time looking at homes that were never a good fit to begin with.

A NOTE FROM CONNOR

I live just down Corkscrew Road, and I’ve spent a lot of time getting to know the communities and builders shaping this area. My goal is simple: to help you look beyond the sales material, understand your choices and find the place that actually fits your life.

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