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## Duo Buys Palm Lake Building

**TAMPA PALMS** — Two men who made names for themselves in south Tampa have invested \$8.5 million in Tampa Palms.

Former Hillsborough County Commissioner Ben Wacksman and businessman Don Wallace, founder of LazyDays RV Center, have purchased from Songy Partners the Palm Lake office building at the corner of Bruce B. Downs Boulevard and Amberly Drive. Songy Partners will continue to manage the property.

"We're really bullish about the Tampa Palms area," Wacksman said.

Wacksman and Wallace formed Capital Realty Investors in 2002 with the intention of acquiring 1 million square feet of office and retail space throughout the southeastern United States. With the addition of 86,000 square feet of Grade A office space in Tampa Palms, the company has passed its halfway mark.

Wallace, known as much for his arts patronage as for his Bayshore Boulevard mansion, was a principal in Civitas, the failed effort to redevelop the Central Park Village area near downtown Tampa.

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