

New plan hatched for Sam's near Covington Associated Press (AP) - Baton Rouge Bureau

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COVINGTON, La. — Five years after a Covington-area citizen's group won a court battle to thwart construction of a huge Sam's Club store, the retailer is heading to a nearby shopping center.

The Times-Picayune reported a developer's request for a landscape variance provided the first public glimpse of plans for a Sam's Club at **River Chase**, south of Covington.

The plan to build a Sam's near Interstate 12 and Louisiana 21 has been a long time in the making. Sam's, a Wal-Mart Stores Inc. division, originally wanted to build in the Colonial Pinnacle Nord du Lac development, north of the interstate and across from the current proposed site.

In 2006, nearby residents successfully fought the plan, then rejected another in 2009.

If the project goes ahead, construction would be completed in 2012.

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