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More stores join center

15 tenants now confirmed for north Lafayette

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Stirling Lafayette Shopping Center on Louisiana Avenue near Interstate 10 now has confirmed that 15 more tenants are scheduled to open within the 450,000-square-foot development. Target and JC Penney had already been announced.

The project is slated to open in fall 2008 and will feature a variety of national retailers banking on northside development.

The project carries a price tag upward of \$40 million and may help to stimulate economic growth in north Lafayette, while also relieving much of the traffic congestion in south Lafayette.

Those confirmed include Office Depot, Petco and Lane Bryant along with other stores that offer shoes, discount clothing and food. Several already have at least one store in the area.

Rhonda Sharkawy, retail leasing and development specialist for Stirling Properties, said Lafayette's residential and income growth over the last 10 years justified the expansion for many of the companies.

"It's been very well received," she said. "It's just a matter of having the domino pieces falling into the right place."

Ryan Pecot, a commercial broker for Stirling, said that once a large company like Target signs on, it sends out a signal to other retail outlets.

The project will include newcomer to the state, Maurices, a division of Dress Barn that caters to teens, as well as established companies like Ross-Dress for Less.

Pecot said they also expect to confirm a local bank and a fast-food restaurant soon, both of which will occupy the surrounding area, similar to the restaurants that sit in front of the current Target shopping center.

In the meantime, they still are hoping to land two full-serving restaurants.

"We just feel (full-service restaurants) are underserved for that area," he said.

For more information about leasing opportunities, contact Rhonda Sharkawy at 504-523-4481 or e-mail her at rsha@stirlingprop.com.

Target

JC Penney

Rack Room Shoes

Ross-Dress for Less

Office Depot

Petco

Lane Bryant

Cacique

Maurices

Hibbett Sports

Dagwood Subs

AT&T Wireless

Gamestop

Dynasty Nails

Jackson Hewitt

GNC

Squires Formalwear
