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Mixed Use Office and Retail Development in Worthington Receives Zoning Approvals; Site Enabling Construction to Begin in Fall 2021

Columbus, OH – April 19, 2021 – CBRE and Direct Retail Partners announced that the Offices at High North has received final zoning approvals to begin construction on phase one of a redevelopment plan for the former Shops at Worthington Place mall. The redevelopment will transform the shopping center into a modern mixed-use development, anchored by a 125,000 square foot Class A+ office building and destination retail in Worthington. Site enabling construction is slated to begin in Fall 2021.

CBRE's Collin Wheeler, Aaron Duncan and Brad Stricker are the office leasing agents for High North. The project is being developed by Dallas-based Direct Retail Partners.

"We are ecstatic to be working with Direct Retail and the City of Worthington to promote the opportunities at High North," said Collin Wheeler, first vice president at CBRE. "This project offers prime visibility to the most trafficked intersection along I-270 as well as a state-of-the-art office design, outdoor amenities and curated retail options. It is incredibly exciting to be able to work with our region's leading employers to show them what Worthington can offer them and their employees."

Located on the corner of High Street and I-270, High North will be an anchor project for the City of Worthington and fill a huge need for high-quality, upscale office space. With immediate accessibility and visibility from Rt. 23 and I-270, the development is ideally positioned to attract corporate users and top-tier talent from the Central Ohio region.

"As Worthington has continued to grow and attract interest from major companies, one of the major missing components is modern, sophisticated office space for a high-level workforce," said Bonnie Michael, Worthington City Council President. "Our location in central Ohio is incredibly well-positioned to attract top talent and High North allows our city to offer a work environment that is competitive with major cities."

The modern building will feature five floors of office space on top of four levels of structured and free parking. The first floor of office space will be surrounded by a WiFi-

enabled public courtyard, offering tenants and guests options for a flexible workspace. Dining and grocery options like Panera, First Watch, Pies & Pints and Kroger will remain in the development, along with new dining and health/wellness amenities.

“We are incredibly excited to begin construction on High North as it will further solidify Worthington as a competitive business submarket,” said David Watson, Managing Principal and CEO of Direct Retail Partners. “We spent a lot of time carefully designing the building to incorporate the historic feel of Worthington while adding contemporary architectural design and building finishes. This asset will be cohesive and exciting, and will serve as a best in class example of a true ‘live, work, play’ environment.”

To read through the approved plans for the Offices at High North, visit the City of Worthington’s website [here](#).

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