

## Mid-City Market set to break ground in September

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By the end of the summer, Mid-City residents should see the former Bohn Ford property come back to life.

The neighborhood's newest development is set to break ground in September, said Townsend Underhill, vice president of development for Stirling Properties. A Winn-Dixie grocery store will be the anchor tenant along with various retail and restaurants at the intersection of North Carrollton Avenue and Conti Street, which was also the former site of a Harry's Ace Hardware location.

While Winn-Dixie is the only tenant that has signed a lease, Underhill said leases are being



negotiated with about a dozen interested businesses.

The entire development encompasses 54,216 square feet for businesses, with parcels ranging from 1,000 to 28,000 square feet.

"We're working with the city and neighborhood on finalizing the development plan, getting permitting and approval and tightening up our financing," Underhill said.

New Orleans District A Councilwoman Susan Guidry, whose area includes Mid-City, praised the development in her May newsletter to residents.

"I know the community is looking forward to welcoming Winn-Dixie back to Mid-City, as well as welcoming numerous new businesses to the site," she said.

The new store will provide Rouses Market with competition directly across the street. The Thibodaux-based grocery chain opened at 400 N. Carrollton Ave. in 2007 in the first of 17 Sav-A-Center and A&P locations it took over that year.

Winn-Dixie's new concept will be part of its Mid-City Market plans. It showcases fresh market produce similar to a farmer's market, and customers will walk through an area of vegetable and fruit bins on their way inside the store.



The Mid-City Market is set to house a Winn-Dixie grocery store with other retail and restaurant tenants, although no leases have been signed other than Winn-Dixie's, according to developers. (Rendering courtesy Stirling Properties)