

ATLANTIC REALTY COMPANIES BREAKS GROUND ON A HISTORIC REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Lexington Park, Md. – The historic project formerly known as Millison Plaza in Lexington Park, which opened in 1944, will soon be home to a modernized community retail center known as Pax River Village Center bringing a national grocer to the site along with a host of new retail businesses spurring further economic growth in St. Mary's County.

Northern Virginia-based Atlantic Realty Companies, Inc., the Center's owner, along with community leaders, residents and business owners, gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony June 20 to mark the start of construction.

"It's an honor to be here to celebrate the new Pax River Village Center," said David A. Ross, President of Atlantic Realty Companies, Inc. "This ceremony marks the beginning of the next 80 years of Lexington Park's most prominent community retail center."

Among the new national retailers at Pax River Village Center will be a new Aldi Grocery Store, one of the largest grocery chains in the world, and a Starbucks, with a drive-thru option, that will be a "military- themed" store supporting families and personnel at Pax River Naval Air Station. These two retailers alone will generate substantial customer traffic that will further support the entire retail business community in Lexington Park.

Phase I of Pax River Village Center, which will be complete in spring 2025, will total 192,000 sq. ft. of commercial retail space encompassing a total investment of more than \$45 million. The redesign of Pax River Village Center will feature a "pedestrian-friendly" retail environment with fully renovated storefronts throughout the center.

"This new shopping center will be more than just a collection of stores and businesses," said Scott Ostrow, District 4 Commissioner. "It is a testament to what we can achieve when we come together with a common purpose, a representation of hope, opportunity, and renewal. This will be a place where local entrepreneurs can flourish, where jobs are

created, and where families can find the goods and services they need, right here in our own neighborhood.”

Pax River Village Center is comprised of approximately 25 acres, and is strategically located between Gates 1 and 2 of the Pax River Naval Air Station fronting on: MD 235 ([Three Notch Road](#)), N. Shangri-La Drive, MD 246 ([Great Mills Road](#)) and FDR Boulevard.

Headquartered in Vienna, Virginia, Atlantic Realty Companies is a full-service commercial real estate development and investment firm with a diversified range of assets including mixed-use commercial office, retail shopping centers and multi-family residential development. The corporate portfolio contains more than 5.5 million square feet of space and is situated throughout Northern Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware. Asset and property management services are provided through its affiliate company, ARC Management, LLC, which maintains regional offices in Reston and Baltimore.

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Members of St. Mary's County government and community leaders break ground on the Pax River Village Center during a ceremony June 20 in Lexington Park, Md. (Photos by Melissa Barrick Creative Co)