



Columbus Commons Fact Sheet

Summary:

Columbus Commons will be a pedestrian-friendly gathering space featuring trees, grass and walking paths on the 8.9-acre site of the former City Center mall in Downtown Columbus.

Capitol South is leveling the entire mall in order to provide a 'clean and green slate' by 2010 that will serve as recreational space and eventually attract private development.

Over time, Columbus Commons will transform into a full-fledged neighborhood consisting of multi-story buildings with residential units above street-level retail, office buildings and entertainment venues, as well as a return to a more pedestrian-friendly street grid.

Capitol South worked with The Georgetown Company as its development manager and MSI Design as its land use planner in order to create this plan. As work progresses, we will also employ additional engineers, architects and demolition and construction teams.

Timeline:

Demolition of the former City Center mall will begin in the summer of 2009, with a 12-14 month construction schedule. Columbus Commons is expected to open to the public by fall of 2010. In the following 5-10 years, market-driven, mixed-use redevelopment is anticipated. Expected projects include multi-story buildings with residential units above street-level retail, office buildings and entertainment venues, anchored by a permanent green space.

Cost:

The initial phase is expected to cost approximately \$15-20 million, including both the demolition of the current structure and the creation of almost 9-acres of green space. In the future, we anticipate additional private investment of more than \$100 million.

Amenities:

- Nearly 8.9 acres or 388,000 sq. ft. of open land, ready for development
- A 900-parking space underground garage will be retained and restored
- Adjacency to 3,600 space Columbus Commons parking garage
- Adjacency to the newly renovated Lazarus building and OSU Urban Arts Space
- Adjacency to the Ohio Theatre and Riffe Center for the Performing Arts
- Less than a two-minute walk to the Scioto Mile riverfront park
- Less than a one-minute walk to the Ohio Statehouse
- Less than a one-minute walk to Lifestyle Communities' new residential project

About Capitol South

Capitol South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation is a private, non-profit development corporation designed to lead city-changing projects. The Board of Directors is made up of senior business and institutional leaders who have a strong commitment to the downtown revitalization. Created in 1974 to revitalize and redevelop the area just south of Capitol Square, the organization owns the structure known as City Center mall, and in 2002 became aligned with the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation in order to focus on making Downtown Columbus one of the most attractive central cities in the United States. For more information, please visit www.downtowncolumbus.com.

Columbus Commons – Locator Map



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