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Foodland plans community shopping center in Kapolei

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Foodland Super Market Ltd. said it will develop a community shopping center in Kapolei anchored by one of its stores to give the growing Second City a second major grocery store.

The local company said it will develop the 56,320-square-foot complex on a parcel near sites planned for the Mehana residential subdivision and Leihano senior-living community.

The 4-acre site is also next to a parcel envisioned for a mass-transit hub, and will be bought from Brookfield Homes Hawaii, the developer of Leihano, for an undisclosed price after Brookfield completes an expected purchase from Kapolei's master developer, James Campbell Co.

The project will be anchored by a 36,320-square-foot Foodland. Another 20,000 square feet of store space is designed for about a dozen retail shops, some of which could include businesses such as a florist, bank, hair salon and restaurants.

Theresa McMurdo, a James Campbell Co. spokeswoman, said the company is glad to see another grocery store willing to serve an area slated for several thousand more homes in the next several years.

"The area's certainly under-served," she said. "Foodland will be a welcome addition."

Foodland, the state's largest supermarket chain with 30 stores, said it expects to begin construction on the project called Kapolei Village Center next year and have it open in early 2010.

"We are extremely excited about this opportunity to serve the residents of Kapolei in this growing area of O'ahu," Jenai Wall, Foodland chairman and CEO, said in a statement. "We have received numerous requests from our customers and employees to open a local grocery store in Kapolei, and we are pleased that we will be able to do that and much more at our new center."

The project is similar to what Safeway did in Kapahulu where the California-based grocery chain last year opened a 64,126-square-foot store surrounded by another 14,806 square feet of retail space the company developed for restaurants, an ice cream parlor, coffee shop and other tenants.

Foodland has retained local commercial real estate firm Colliers Monroe Friedlander to lease the retail space at its Kapolei project.

The Foodland store will include the Foodland-owned coffee shop franchise The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, with indoor and outdoor seating.

Other parts of the project will include plaza areas and a spray fountain for children.

Foodland's project joins a big wave of developers adding retail space to the West O'ahu community where construction plans include a Costco, Wal-Mart, Target and Office Max.

Kapolei's first and only major supermarket is Safeway, which opened as the area's first business in 1992 at the 134,000-square-foot Kapolei Shopping Center.

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