

## Large shopping center proposed for Denver

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A Charlotte developer has submitted a request to Lincoln County officials to construct a 90,000-square-foot commercial development on the east side of Highway 16 Business in Denver.

Cambridge Properties plans to turn 15.3 acres of land 1,000 feet north of Highway 73 into a 50,000-square-foot grocery store, with 12,500 square-feet of smaller shops and three outparcels. A community input meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 12 at the East Lincoln Community Center.

Cambridge consultant Robert Davis wouldn't reveal which businesses will likely inhabit Cambridge Village, though recent Cambridge projects in Harrisburg and Charlotte have been anchored by Publix. Other developments have incorporated Food Lion and Harris Teeter as the anchor stores.

"This is a large, planned mixed-use site for mostly commercial and retail space," Davis said. "There will be several outparcels contemplated or hopefully created, potentially another restaurant or a larger sit-down restaurant. Probably another bank branch location, and there's been some discussion about a large-box grocer."

The space is currently raw, timbered land aside from one single-family dwelling on the property. Davis said "if we didn't have an opening in '17," the plans likely wouldn't move forward this quickly. The project, he added, has the potential to create several jobs.