

Developers plan new retail in Buechel

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An undeveloped section of Bardstown Road in Buechel could soon see new retail.

Salt River Development, owned by Flynn Hook Property, has proposed building two retail buildings and a drive-thru restaurant across from Resthaven Memorial Park, near Breckenridge Lane. The Louisville Metro Planning Commission will discuss the plan at a meeting 1 p.m. Thursday in the Metro Development Center, 444 S. Fifth St.

If the plans are approved, the lots could be sold and buildings constructed within six to eight months, Salt River Development manager Jesse Flynn said. One company has already expressed interest in the restaurant space. Flynn said numerous types of businesses could fill the other buildings, and the company doesn't want to limit their options.

Salt River Development bought a stretch of about 7 acres on Bardstown Road in 2007. The former owner originally intended to use the property for truck sales, but Salt River Development decided to develop it commercially, Flynn said.

The company has already built two retail stores — a tire store and Family Dollar — on about 3 acres since 2010. The plans call for the remaining land to have two one-story buildings between 9,000 and 11,000 square feet and a drive-thru restaurant with about 4,000 square feet.

"Retail means that you have good access, and it has good access from Bardstown Road," Flynn said. "It's a busy intersection."

Flynn said his company has already had several public hearings on the proposal and he does not recall any complaints. He said he thinks residents in the area will like the plan because it is downgrading the zoning from industrial to commercial, a lighter use.

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Public hearing

What: The Louisville Metro Planning Commission will review a proposal to develop property on Bardstown Road in Buechel for a restaurant and two retail buildings

When: 1 p.m. Thursday

Where: Metro Development Center, 444 S. Fifth St.

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