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Big step toward new Raleigh Whole Foods

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Whole Foods Market and developers of the Market at Colonnade will celebrate the start of construction of the \$20 million shopping center with a ceremony on Wednesday at the intersection of Six Forks Road and Colonnade Center Drive in north Raleigh.

The shopping center is slated to open in early 2011. It will include a 40,000-square-foot Whole Foods grocery store and 17,000 square feet of additional retail space.

Regency Centers of Jacksonville, Fla., is developing Market at Colonnade in partnership with **WelCor Development** of Cary.

The property will be the first newly constructed store for Whole Foods in North Carolina and its first new store to open in the state in more than a decade. It has other stores in west Raleigh, Cary, Durham, Chapel Hill and Winston-Salem.

Whole Foods Market's south region president, Scott Allhouse, will help kick off the groundbreaking ceremony at 2 p.m. on Feb. 3. Other speakers will include Raleigh City Counselor Nancy McFarlane and Regency Centers Vice President Chris Widmayer of Raleigh, according to a statement from Regency.

The project is expected to create more than 120 construction jobs and 160 permanent jobs when the retail stores open. It is slated to be the first retail project in the Triangle to be constructed to the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED certification standards.

The project is the recipient of a grant from the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund for its storm water management implementation, which will include collaboration among Regency, the city of Raleigh and North Carolina State University.

Whole Foods Market also is working with the U.S. Department of Energy as a participant in the Net Zero Energy Program Commercial Building Initiative with a goal of developing a building that will make and use equal amounts of energy.

Regency Centers owns 409 retail properties across the country, including the Cameron Village shopping center in Raleigh. Welcor Development is a shopping center development company owned by local retail veteran Jim Broemer, who was involved in the development of the Brier Creek Commons shopping center in Raleigh.

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