



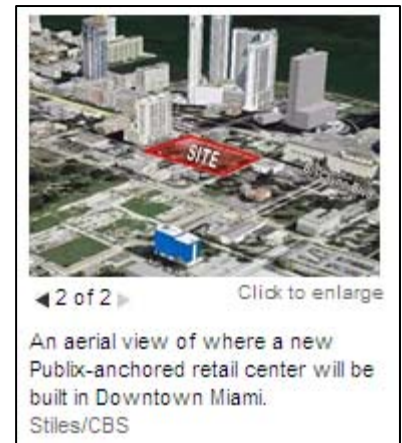
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## Downtown Miami To Get First Supermarket

Developer Says It Will Build A Shopping Center Anchored By A Publix

You can shop for a lot of things in the heart downtown Miami, but you can't visit the supermarket. That's about to change, with Tuesday's announcement by a developer that it will build a Publix-anchored shopping center right on Biscayne Boulevard, just a stones throw from the Adrienne Arsht center and in the shadow of a host of brand new condos. The developer is crediting the decision on the growing number of people who are calling downtown Miami home.

"Downtown Miami is one of South Florida's fastest-growing residential areas, and the arrival of a new Publix in the legendary Omni neighborhood will undoubtedly spark interest from other national and local retailers," said Robert Breslau, President of Stiles Real Estate [Investment](#) Services Group. "We are proud to have the opportunity to be a part of this much-needed project and look forward to helping reenergize this prime location for potential businesses, restaurants and offices."



The 57 thousand square foot shopping center will be three [stories](#) tall and will be anchored by the 49 thousand square foot Publix store, which will include a bakery and pharmacy. A Publix liquor store will be located in one of the other stores in the center.

The developer didn't announce the names of any other tenants, but said the space is available for lease. The center will be located between NE 17th Terrace and NE 18th Street, just down the street from the former Omni Mall.

The project is set to open in 2012.

The Miami Downtown Development Authority released a study claiming that of the 22 thousand condos built between Brickell and SR 112 since 2003, 74% are occupied. That brings an increased demand for services found in other residential areas, like suburbs, which have been [lacking](#) in downtown Miami.

Currently, the closest supermarkets serving downtown residents are in the Baypoint area 30 blocks north of the new shopping center, and three stores to the South of the Miami River serving the fast growing Brickell area. There are no stores in the heart of downtown Miami.