

## JMF Properties, partner RD Management break ground on 7-Eleven with gas in Hanover

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4,000 sq. ft. store with 8 pump gas station slated to open by end of year



Cedar Village in Hanover. - JMF Properties

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JMF Properties together with RD Management on Tuesday said construction of a new 7-Eleven convenience store and gas station is underway in Hanover Township.

The project at Cedar Village, a 19-acre retail center anchored by Lowe's Home Improvement at 230 E. Hanover Ave., recently broke ground for the new convenience store that will be 4,000 square feet and include a gas canopy with eight pumps, offering a total of 16 fueling positions. One pump will offer diesel fuel. Self-service air and vacuum will also be onsite.

The estimated completion date of the project is December 2022, according to Joe Forgione, founder and principal of JMF Properties.

"This brand new 7-Eleven will provide Morris County residents with a convenient new option for their shopping and fueling needs," Forgione said. "Along with our partner, RD Management, we identified 7-Eleven as a business that would thrive in this location and contribute a desired service to local residents and motorists, including visitors to Mennen Arena as well as contractors and other professionals who make frequent trips to Lowe's. We're thrilled to announce this groundbreaking and look forward to the success of the business for many years to come."



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7-Eleven is rising on property once owned by aerospace and defense company Northrop Grumman. The property was vacated in 1985 and remained vacant until the JMF/RD team remediated the site and created the Cedar Village retail center. The property's anchor tenant, Lowe's, opened its doors to customers in 2019.

The addition of the 7-Eleven with gas will further distinguish Cedar Village, a highly visible shopping center in a high-income area on a heavily traveled thoroughfare that connects Hanover Township to Morris Plains, Florham Park, Morristown and other local communities, as well as Route 24, Route 202 and Interstate 287. It is across the street from Mennen Sports Arena, a popular Morris County recreation and sports destination with three indoor ice rinks.

"We are excited to bring such a well-liked national tenant to the market on a full scale with eight gas pumps in addition to a freestanding convenience store. The new location on East Hanover Avenue will allow for easy access to the community and those traveling on Routes 202 and 287," Richard Birdoff, principal and president of RD Management, stated.