

New Sams Club Coming To Lubbock

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A new, bigger Sam's Club warehouse store is coming to Lubbock's Canyon West Shopping Center with a projected opening date in mid-2012, WalMart corporate officials and a partner in the local retail center said Thursday.

The Bentonville, Ark.-based retailer closed on a land deal about a week ago for just more than 19 acres between the Office Depot location and Main Event Entertainment, said architect Charles Hodges, who is a partner in Canyon West.

Wal-Mart officials said the store will be about 136,000 square feet, which is about one-third larger than the present Sam's Club, 4304 W. Loop 289. Construction will take about a year.

Wal-Mart officials could not comment Thursday night on what the company plans to do with the current store.

"It's another great addition to Canyon West, and will further increase the already busy pace," Hodges said, adding the Sam's Club construction represents another large step toward completing the master plan for the retail node, which saw its first construction in 2003.

"We knew it would take close to 10 years to finish," he said. "It may eventually take a little more than that."

The time to launch the new store had arrived from an economic perspective because consumers and retailers have come out of their bunkers and things are starting to return to normal," he said.