



## Commercial plaza set for Chambers-5 Business Park in Chambersburg

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CHAMBERSBURG -- Work is under way for a new commercial plaza in the last undeveloped lot at Chambers-5 Business Park.

Developer Mike Hennessy of M.K. Hennessy & Associates and others involved in the project broke ground Wednesday for Orchard Park Commons, a new mixed-use development on Orchard Drive.

Hennessy said the development is geared toward professional office and commercial tenants.

"Hopefully we can attract more jobs to the area," Hennessy said.

Currently, the only confirmed tenant is a drive-through beer store, which Hennessy said will have six employees.

Sketches of Orchard Park Commons show an L-shaped building with 13 units and two out-parcels. The units are condos, meaning they are available to lease or own.

Keystruct Construction Inc. of York will build the project over four phases.

The first phase, which includes six units, is expected to be completed within six months. Hennessy said the timeline for the remaining three phases will depend on the market conditions.

The site for the development was chosen because of the visibility and the traffic on Orchard Drive.

"Any business that moves in here will have wonderful visibility," Hennessy said.

Orchard Park Commons will be next to a Summit Health building and across from a new retail plaza anchored by Spicher's Appliances and Electronics.

David Sciamanna, president of the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce, said the lot is the last to be developed in Chambers-5 Business Park.

"Chambers-5 has been a real success story," he said. "This is a wonderful concept and this is going to add to what has been a successful project."

The 350-acre business park began development in the 1980s.

About 1,800 jobs are in the park.

Vacon Inc. was the last to purchase a lot at Chambers-5 but has already started work on a new building for its North American headquarters, expected to be complete in

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November. Along with Orchard Park Commons, Sciamanna said it is encouraging to see the two projects taking shape.

"It's been a tough 12 months. It (the economy) is not going to turn around tomorrow, but this investment and the Vacon project are good indicators," he said.

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