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## Arundel project nabs hotels, retailers

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Two Hyatt hotels and an Asian restaurant will be among the first tenants of a massive new development in Anne Arundel County.

**Chesapeake Real Estate Group LLC** has lined up nine additional retail tenants for Arundel Preserve, a 280-acre development near Arundel Mills mall and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Arundel Preserve will include two 11,000-square-foot retail buildings that are under construction and expected to open in July 2008, said **Neil Tucker, a partner at Chesapeake Real Estate Group**. The Glen Burnie-based firm is handling a portion of the retail leasing for the project.

The development will ultimately include more than 1,100 residences and 2 million square feet of office space.

Chesapeake's restaurant tenants will include Red Parrot Asian Cafe, which has two other locations in Columbia and Annapolis, and a Five Guys Famous Burgers and Fries. Pearl Nails & Spa will open a 1,400-square-foot store, marking its second location. Pearl -- not to be confused with the Pearl Spa in Howard County -- has one store currently, in Edgewater.

The new restaurants will serve office workers in the area who now have limited dining options, said Geoffrey Mackler, a principal with H&R Retail Inc., a Baltimore retail broker not involved in the project.

Other retail and restaurant tenants slated for Arundel Preserve include:

- Afghan restaurant Maiwand Kabob, which has another location in Columbia;
- Regional Italian restaurant chain Strapazza, which has five current locations in Towson, Columbia, Eldersburg, Severna Park and White Marsh;
- Arundel Preserve Wine and Spirits;
- Preserve Cleaners;
- Nationwide Insurance; and,
- Columbia Bank.



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Neil Tucker helped Chesapeake Real Estate Group LLC lure two hotels and retailers to Arundel Preserve.

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Construction on a Hyatt Summerfield Suites hotel will begin in the spring. With the military's Base Realignment and Closure program expected to bring new jobs to Anne Arundel County and its proximity to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, the location will attract travelers who need rooms for extended visits, Tucker said.

Robert L. Hannon, CEO of the **Anne Arundel Economic Development Corp.**, described the new retail tenants as "convenience retail" that will appeal to the neighboring workers and residents, rather than the destination retail found at Arundel Mills.

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