

The Publix Project

The owner of the Crossroads shopping center located at 1180 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard has submitted a site plan to allow the redevelopment described below.

Other than the redevelopment of several outparcels, the main inline portion of the shopping center has remained largely the same since its original construction in the 1980's. The existing 42,834 gross square foot Publix store is presently outdated and the services and offerings that can be provided to the residents of the Village constrained due to its existing footprint. The owner of the shopping center, working with Publix, seeks to demolish ONLY the existing Publix Grocery Store and replace it with a new prototype store totaling 55,454 square feet. Some of the enhancements will be included to provide a greater range of services and offerings in an expanded, safer space for the Village residents and visitors. The creation of a covered pedestrian walkway will create a sheltered connectivity between the existing inline shops on either side of Publix that does not presently exist. There will be an improved loading dock as well as the conscious effort to preserve the existing landscape buffer in the rear. A new pedestrian path will be constructed that will lead from Royal Palm Beach Boulevard through the center of the property to the inline shops and will connect with a pedestrian crossing within the Royal Palm Beach Boulevard right-of-way. There will also be a new pedestrian path from the existing sidewalk on Okeechobee Boulevard to the inline shops. The owner has gone to great lengths to minimize any impact on the overall shopping center with the result being a new, larger Publix. The owner has agreed to provide artwork to comply with the Village's requirement of Art in Public Places. In conclusion, the reconstruction of the existing Publix grocery store will allow for a new modern, larger facility that will provide for safer and wider aisles, greater product selection and other amenities. The proposed new Publix will also provide for better pedestrian connection throughout the shopping center. The timeline for the entire project will take one year with the possibility of Publix actually being able to give notice of closing prior to Thanksgiving 2021.