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Bass Pro Shop planned for Carl's Plaza north of PGA Boulevard

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Palm Beach County might soon be landing its first location for Springfield, Mo.-based Bass Pro Worldwide Sportsman.

The plan for the 6-acre site on the east side of U.S. 1 north of PGA Boulevard calls for renovating the former Carl's Plaza for retail, warehouse, office and vehicle and boat sales and rental. Several stores are vacant in that area, including several in North Beach Plaza, a shopping center on the west side of U.S. 1 north of Carl's Plaza.

The new sporting goods store should give an economic boost to the area, said north county commercial Realtor Rebel Cook. "A large retailer like Bass should help the other retailers," Cook said.

Bass Pro Worldwide Sportsman is a mix of outdoor retail products in an open-air setting for boating, fishing, hunting, and camping enthusiasts. Other locations feature indoor waterfalls, boating displays, giant aquariums, and lifelike taxidermy. The company has nine Florida stores, with new ones in Tampa and Jacksonville planned. The nearest one to Palm Beach County is Dania Beach.

The U.S. 1 property, in unincorporated Palm Beach County, was bought for \$3 million in 2013 by Tampa-based Redus One, according to Palm Beach County Property Appraiser records. The shopping center has 309 parking spaces. Two of the existing three access points to U.S. 1 are planned to remain.

The company's plan to refurbish Carl's Plaza on the east side of U.S. 1 just north of PGA Boulevard is scheduled to go before the Palm Beach County Planning and Zoning Commission Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Vista Center Complex, 2300 Jog Road. The plan includes an area for boat sales.

The Palm Beach County Commission must then approve the plan before construction can begin. The commission hearing on the plan is scheduled for June 26, 9:30 a.m. at the Governmental Center.