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Roche Bros. to open in Watertown

Store will be part of Arsenal Yards

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Roche Bros. will open a supermarket at Arsenal Yards, the project transforming the old Arsenal Mall in Watertown into a major new development with restaurants and a modern movie cinema.

The redevelopment is expected to be ready in spring 2019, and will include offices, housing, and the restaurant City Works Eatery & Pour House, with indoor and outdoor dining and event spaces, and The Majestic at Arsenal Yards, a seven-screen movie theater with recliner stadium seating and a full bar. The old 1980s Arsenal Mall buildings



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The Roche Bros. in Arsenal Yards will include a Chop Shop and a seasonal outdoor produce market.

are being torn down, while the adjacent older, more historical spaces will be renovated for City Works and the Majestic.

Roche Bros. will include a Chop Shop with fresh-cut fruits and vegetables, a grab-and-go lunch counter, deli, seasonal

outdoor produce market, and a cafe that will serve espresso drinks. The grocery chain has 18 locations in Greater Boston and is also opening a supermarket in Cambridge's Kendall Square in 2019.

Arsenal Yards will also in-

clude 500 residences, projected to open in 2020. Apartments will go on the upper floors above the retail stores, and condominiums in a separate building. Developer Bill McQuillan anticipates six to eight more restaurants before the project's completion, and also hinted at the possibility of a hotel.

"It's a hometown project," said McQuillan. "We find ourselves lucky to be able to execute the transformation of [the property] to give people what they want . . . and we're doing it right beside the Charles River."

His firm is co-developing the former mall with Wilder Cos.

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