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Village at Leesburg scores a movie theater

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Cobb Theatres will make its debut in the D.C. area as early as next year.

The Birmingham, Ala.-based media company inked a lease at Village at Leesburg and plans to break ground on a 12-screen multiplex cinema this summer, pending zoning approval.

The complex would sit on the second level of the mixed-use project in Leesburg, adjacent to **LA Fitness**. It's shooting for a late spring or early summer 2011 opening date.

The company currently operates 194 screens at 14 locations in the Southeast, with the closest coming to Hampton and Richmond.

The location at Village at Leesburg will also contain an upscale restaurant and bar called CinéBistro, which is being introduced in several select markets.

"After receiving considerable interest from other theatre groups, we are confident that this operator best complements our existing tenant roster, particularly the restaurant mix. The selection of Cobb Theatres has stimulated a strong wave of interest from other restaurant concepts as we look to round out our food and dining options," said John Fainter, vice president of development for the project.

Big retailers at the Leesburg project include **Wegmans Food Markets Inc.**, **Books-A-Million** and Eggspectation restaurant. The four-story village will ultimately have about 541,000 square feet of retail space, combined with 155,000 square feet of office product and 335 luxury multi-family residences.

Cypress Equities is developing the retail portion of the project and Kettler is overseeing the supporting residential and office portions.

The 1.2 million-square-foot project, which contains retail, office and multifamily residences on 57 acres, is expected to hold a spring 2010 grand opening for its retail portion.

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