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## DEVELOPMENT OF THE MONTH

### Raritan Town Square

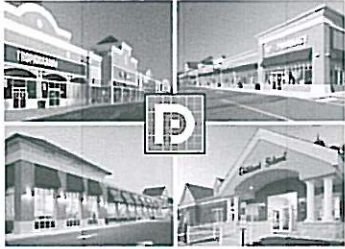
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**Garden Commercial Properties opens Walmart at Raritan Town Square**

**R**ARITAN TWP, N.J. — Garden Commercial Properties recently celebrated the Grand Opening of one of the most notable anchor tenants at its Raritan Town Square retail and office complex in the Hunterden City. A sprawling new 143,371 s/f store Walmart has opened its doors at the 600,000 s/f mixed-use commercial center which will consist of retail, restaurants and professional office space, according to the Short Hills, N.J.-based developer. The discount store will serve alongside Lowe's Home Improvement as anchor tenants to provide area residents easy access to two of the nation's most recognizable retailers at Raritan Town Square.

The Walmart opening also signifies the start of phase two at Raritan Town Square which includes the groundbreaking of another prominent name a 5,000 s/f IHOP restaurant scheduled to open in the Spring of 2010, indicates Michael Gartenberg, director of leasing for Garden Commercial Properties.

"Walmart fits perfectly into our goal of creating a neighborhood-style shopping destination with a decidedly small-town feeling and pedestrian-friendly ambiance at Raritan Town Square," said Gartenberg. "For example, the exterior of the free-standing building has been carefully de-



signed with an intimate brick and concrete façade in contrast to the large, standardized fa-

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çades found on typical single-level 'big-box' retail stores." Located just off of Rte 31, Raritan Town Square has a highly visible location in the heart of the community making it easily accessible and heavily trafficked. The eclectic mix of nationally recognized

restaurants and stores being assembled at the power center is about to expand with a

number of new retailers slated to open this coming year. Raritan Town Square also offers private turn-key office suites that are situated above retail, ensuring easy access as well as a pleasing environment for tenants. When completed, Raritan



Town Square will boast an atmosphere that is reminiscent of a quaint downtown streetscape where visitors can dine, shop and enjoy entertainment. In addition to its many retail delights and convenient office space, the complex has been designed to encompass an entertainment and civic center as well as a central green space which will provide walking paths and a location where community concerts, outdoor plays and activities can take place. ■

PROJECT TEAM

Owner/Developer.....	Garden Commercial Properties
Architect.....	Diets Partnership
Site Engineer.....	Menlo Engineering
Site Clearing/Demolition.....	Danco General Contracting
Site Lighting.....	Rowe Electric
Roofing.....	A. Brooks Roofing
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