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Updated: H.G. Hill grocery store to close



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UPDATE March 24, 2008: Jimmy Granbery, chief executive officer of H.G. Hill Realty Co., the owner of the Charlotte Hill Center property, responded Monday morning to questions about the future of the property.

"The H.G. Hill Realty Co. still owns the 7.5 acre tract and will be exploring our options for redevelopment of this property and will keep the neighborhood and all concerned informed of our plans as they develop in the near term," Granbery said.

When asked if the realty company is considering selling the property to the developer of the adjacent Nashville West shopping center, he said H.G. Hill Realty is not selling to the developer. As for the Bank of America branch situated on the Charlotte Hill Center property near the H.G. Hill grocery store, Granbery said, "hopefully Bank of America will be part of our plans as they have been a very loyal long term tenant."

Original post follows ...

On the heels of the high-profile closing, razing and redevelopment of the Green Hills and Belle Meade H.G. Hill grocery stores, the H.G. Hill Food Store at 6604 Charlotte Pike will close on April 5.

H.G. Hill Realty Co., the owner of the two Hill Centers in Green Hills and Belle Meade, also owns the Charlotte Hill Center property, which includes the 33,000-square-foot retail building occupied by H.G. Hill and a vacant retail space formerly occupied by Advance Auto Parts. The Charlotte Hill Center is adjacent to the new Nashville West shopping center.

Charlotte Park neighbors have speculated that a Publix grocery store might replace the H.G. Hill store on Charlotte Pike, but officials at Publix said the only planned new store in the area is the store currently under construction at the Belle Meade Hill Center at 4340 Harding Pike.

The H.G. Hill grocery store on Charlotte Pike has been owned by S&C Foods Inc. since the company bought it in April 1999. S&C Foods currently operates nine H.G. Hill grocery stores in the Nashville Area. According to S&C Foods, its lease with property owner H.G. Hill Realty is running out and will not be renewed. The store owner is working to help place affected employees in positions at its other H.G. Hill stores.