

Once more, Center City could have market

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MILLVILLE — A grocery store could soon return to the former site of Daunoras Family Market on North 2nd and Broad streets.

The city announced plans Thursday for a new Save-A-Lot grocery store and retail units on the 4-acre Center City site.

Randy Hope, an associate at Metro Commercial Real Estate Inc. in Conshohocken, Pa., which brokered the deal, said the 16,000-square-foot grocery store will occupy the former store which closed in December 2006. The building will be renovated, Hope said.

The deal was worked out over two years, Hope said, adding the city expressed a desire for a grocery store on the site.

The developer will also build 22,000 square feet of

Please see MARKET on A2 additional retail at the location, which could include restaurants and smaller retail shops, Hope said.

The project, which still needs official clearance, could open by this summer.

Mayor James Quinn said the center would be the last main development on High Street. The road is now full of commercial and professional buildings.

The grocery store will be "reasonably sized," unlike some of the newer large grocery stores, he said. There has been a grocery store at the site for about 50 years, he added.

"I know how much it was missed by people who utilized it," Quinn said.

Millville resident Joann Rice said "it's about time" for a new downtown grocery store.

Rice said a lot of residents, especially senior citizens, do not like traveling to the larger grocery stores on North 2nd Street.

"It hurt a lot of people"

when Daunoras closed, she said. "A lot of people can't travel that far."

Taxi driver Dan Kamenski said he often takes people to the grocery stores on North 2nd Street. "They'll be really happy with" a neighborhood grocery store, he said.



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The former Daunoras Family Market shopping center in Millville will be reborn as a Save-A-Lot.

