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# L.L. Bean Opening First Midwest Store in South Barrington, Building to LEED Standards

## *Jaffe Progresses on Construction and Leasing at The Arboretum of South Barrington*

Northbrook, IL-based The Jaffe Companies, a Midwest retail developer, continues to progress on construction and leasing at The Arboretum of South Barrington, located on 85 acres at the northeast quadrant of Higgins Road and Hwy. 59 at the I-90 interchange in South Barrington, a northwest Chicago suburb. The \$200 million, 600,000-square-foot open-air lifestyle center is scheduled for completion of its 350,000-square-foot phase one this fall.

The latest tenant announced is L.L. Bean, which will open its first Midwest store in a 30,000-square-foot space at the project. Like all of L.L. Bean's new stores, this store is being constructed to achieve LEED certification through several methods including the use of recycled materials and energy efficient lighting, water and HVAC systems. The store will also include a hands-on "outdoor discovery" school. L.L. Bean plans to further grow its presence in Chicago by opening up to four new stores over the next three years; as the market is one of its most productive through its catalog business. The retailer aims to open 32 new stores through 2012 -- it currently operates 12 full price and 15 outlet stores primarily in the northeast.

Jaffe has also secured an eight-screen, 40,000-square-foot Village Roadshow Gold Class Cinema, a luxury movie theatre, bar and lounge concept new to the States. Other tenants include Chico's, Coldwater Creek, Soma, White House/Black Market, Ann Taylor Loft, J. Crew, Aveda, DSW, The Limited Too, Soft Surroundings, Victoria's Secret, Panera Bread, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Blue Coral Sushi, Pinstripes, and more. The lifestyle center is across the street from a Target-anchored shopping center and the site of a new Cabela's.