

# Village Inn plans restaurant on Harmony Road

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Village Inn plans to build a second restaurant in Fort Collins, proposing to join a rush of new restaurants along East Harmony Road.

The Colorado-based chain has its sights set on the Harmony Market Center, 1402 E. Harmony Road, a new shopping center anchored by Safeway.

The other established tenant in the center is Centennial Bank of the West.

Village Inn, Longs Drug and Blockbuster Video are all prospective tenants in the development, said Bob Pennock of Re/Max Advanced Inc., the marketing agent for the center.

All require final approval from the city of Fort Collins.

The 48,000-square-foot Safeway opened in late 1997. The entire center, including outlying pad sites, is expected to cover

125,000 square feet.

"We're in the final stages of submittal for both the retail center and all the pads," Pennock said. "We anticipate construction to start very, very soon."

With Village Inn, the list of new restaurants on East Harmony Road is piling up. Buku Bowl, Z-Teca Mexican Grill and Egg & I have all opened along Harmony in recent months.

The road's restaurant growth has been steady since the early 1990s, with 10 new eateries established in the Harmony Corridor before 1999, according to listings in the US West Dex Directory.

Village Inn's first Fort Collins restaurant, 1100 S. College Ave., opened in the late 1960s.

The chain is owned by Vicorp Restaurants of Denver, which operates or franchises 360 eateries, primarily in the West and Midwest.