



IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018

CONTACT: Adam Lansdell

(517) 203-3333

[adam@m3group.biz](mailto:adam@m3group.biz)

**Lansing to Receive Much-Anticipated Urban Market and Nationally-Branded Hotel**

*New mixed-use development also brings more modern residential units to Michigan Avenue*

**LANSING, Mich.** – Lansing is a community built on passion and perseverance, a city that has forged its own path and is creating its own future. Building on the momentum of previous projects, positive change and innovation seen throughout the community, Gillespie Group and area partners announced a transformative project that will change the trajectory of Lansing’s future and create a lasting impact for area residents, businesses and visitors.

Gillespie Group unveiled a massive four-story, mixed-use concept that will fearlessly transform the 600 block of East Michigan Avenue at the southeast corner of Larch Street as well as downtown living for Lansing residents. Gillespie Group is working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, City of Lansing, Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP), City of Lansing Brownfield Authority and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to manage the large amount of clean up required for the site. The 150,590-square-foot development announced on Aug. 29 is pending all approvals needed prior to beginning the project.

This much-anticipated development will be anchored by an urban market designed and driven by Meijer and the first new downtown hotel in over 20 years developed by nationally known, Concord Hospitality Enterprises Company (Concord Hospitality). The project was made possible after Gillespie Group was able to assemble 21 connected parcels of land along the corridor totaling 4.15 acres.

“This is a game-changer for downtown Lansing. It will engage the pride of downtown Lansing residents and drastically change the quality of living,” said Pat Gillespie, president of Gillespie Group. “Downtown Lansing’s residents and the existing business community will reap the rewards of this project. We have heard the community consistently call for a downtown grocer and additional hotel accommodations. It’s definitely time. With the partnerships established with Meijer and Concord Hospitality, we are ready to transform another corner of the Stadium District.”

The core of the site will be the new 37,000-square-foot urban market currently using the placeholder name of “Capital City Market” that will front Michigan Avenue. This will open the long-awaited channel



for downtown to have easy and reliable access to a variety of affordable, fresh and nutritious food options in the heart of the city. The implementation of an urban market will help correct the city's reputation as a food desert, making the surrounding area more livable to the long-term residents.

"We are very pleased to invest in the capital of our home state," said Rick Keyes, president and chief executive officer of Meijer. "The Lansing area is a very important region for Meijer with numerous stores as well as distribution and fleet facilities. Bringing this new small-format store to downtown Lansing is a wonderful step for us."

The hotel arm of the development brought to our region by Concord Hospitality will occupy the remainder of the Michigan Avenue frontage. The hotel will not only benefit the surrounding business enterprises, but it will generate progress satisfying an increasing demand for overnight downtown accommodations. Providing another overnight option will move Lansing forward. The project is envisioned to include 120-124 guest rooms as well as a restaurant/bar and conference/meeting rooms.

"The opportunity to open new hotel accommodations in the downtown Lansing community where convention and tourism traffic is on the rise is a perfect fit for us," said Ryan Maher, director of business development for Concord Hospitality. "We're excited to be a part of this project and this vibrant community."

Rounding out the massive transformation are residential spaces that will provide unique housing options for those seeking the downtown living experience. A mix of one- and two-bedroom units will be available with leasing options opening in spring 2020.

"As I've said since I took office, Lansing's time is now," said Mayor Andy Schor. "A capital city market and grocery store has been my priority for several years...from my time in the Legislature through the Mayoral campaign and right up to now. Additionally, a new hotel is a necessity as we continue the transformation of the core of Lansing. This project is just what those in Lansing have asked for, whether they live here, work here, or are visiting our great city. I appreciate the work of Meijer, Concord Hospitality, and the Gillespie Group to make this dream a reality and create an inspirational addition to Lansing's downtown and Stadium District!"

Construction partners on the development have not been determined; however, the goal is for a groundbreaking in spring 2019, with the market, hotel and apartments opening in late 2020. To learn more about the project visit [gg600block.com](http://gg600block.com)

###



### **About Gillespie Group**

Based in Lansing, Gillespie Group specializes in creative urban development, revitalizing communities and pursuing excellence in all that they do. With an eye to the future, the Gillespie Group team takes creative risks, visualizing energetic spaces that breathe new life into city neighborhoods. Bold, innovative designs and a transformative vision for a better Michigan are at the heart of each effort. They believe that with a strong commitment to positive growth and change, they can contribute to a rejuvenated Michigan – a place where groundbreaking new ideas are realized, and people are motivated to invest in their communities. Past projects include Lansing residential developments such as The Outfield, Marketplace, Stadium District and Prudden Place as well as commercial undertakings such as the Lansing Brewing Co. and MP Social. Visit [Gillespie-Group.com](http://Gillespie-Group.com) to learn more.

### **About Meijer**

Meijer is a Grand Rapids, Mich.-based retailer that operates more than 240 supercenters and grocery stores throughout Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Wisconsin. A privately-owned and family-operated company since 1934, Meijer pioneered the “one-stop shopping” concept and has evolved through the years to include expanded fresh produce and meat departments, as well as pharmacies, comprehensive apparel departments, pet departments, garden centers, toys and electronics. For additional information on Meijer, please visit [www.meijer.com](http://www.meijer.com). Follow Meijer on Twitter [@twitter.com/Meijer](https://twitter.com/Meijer) and [@twitter.com/MeijerPR](https://twitter.com/MeijerPR) or become a fan at [www.facebook.com/meijer](https://www.facebook.com/meijer).

### **About Concord Hospitality Enterprises Company**

As an award-winning hotel development, ownership and management company, Concord Hospitality Enterprises Company has spent the last three decades building relationships with investors, partners, and third-party hotel owners on more than \$2.5 billion in premium-branded properties across the United States and Canada. As an operator, Concord Hospitality instills value from the ground up, developing and managing with a sustainable viewpoint, a focus on quality and hands-on involvement to ensure long-term profitability and success. Concord Hospitality believes that its people are its greatest strength. With the brightest talent, the most innovative processes and a commitment to giving back to the communities where associates live and work, Concord Hospitality is committed to be a great place to work for all. Learn more at [concordhotels.com](http://concordhotels.com).