



## **Sutton Real Estate Company negotiates \$900,000 sale of former Popes' Grove Golf Course**

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Syracuse, NY The former Popes' Grove Golf Course recently sold for \$900,000. Stephen Saleski of Sutton Real Estate Company, LLC represented the seller of 695 State Fair Blvd. The buyer Mike Flynn was represented by Tommy Kehoskie of Independent Realty.

Opened in 1961, Popes' Grove Golf Course was a nine-hole, par three golf course located a half mile from New York State fairgrounds and St. Joseph's Health amphitheater at Lakeview. Mike Flynn has plans to turn the 38-acre site into a restaurant with an attached brewery or perhaps a

taphouse, becoming a “destination” for highlighting local breweries, food, and entertainment.

#### Fingerlakes Mall - Syracuse, NY

Preliminary rendering, provided by Mike Flynn shows plans for a building named “Flynners Brewery,” along with an entertainment center, and outdoor event spaces with stages

Vachi Fingerlakes, LLC purchased Fingerlakes Mall from Fingerlakes Mall Acquisition, LLC on September 19, 2022, for an undisclosed amount. Sutton Real Estate Company, LLC will serve as the mall’s property management team.

#### Popes’ Grove Golf Course - Syracuse, NY

Fingerlakes Mall is a 400,000 s/f one-level specialty retail shopping center anchored by Bass Pro Shops and family-owned Track Cinema. Situated on Rte. 5 midway between Syracuse and Rochester, Fingerlakes Mall is accessible from the NYS Thruway and NYS 690.

Vachi Fingerlake’s first action was to negotiate an extension of the current Bass Pro Shops lease of 85,500 s/f to ensure this anchor store remains in the Finger Lakes region through at least 2037. Securing this 15-year lease is the first step to ensure that the economic activity generated by Bass Pro Shops continues to benefit the region.

Multi-stage redevelopment plans are being considered to further revitalize the mall and the community it serves. According to Sutton Real Estate Company, a total of 55.31 acres of development potential exist. No further plans have been released.

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