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## **Washington Trust provides \$3.5 million construction loan to Highland Plaza LLC**

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Washington Trust's Commercial Real Estate Group recently provided \$3.5 million in construction financing to Highland Plaza, LLC for property located at 438 North Franklin St. (Rte. 37) for the renovation of an existing 45,000 s/f shopping center. The renovation will include the relocation of the existing Family Dollar store, as well as construction of a standalone CVS Pharmacy, landscaping, and other aesthetic improvements to the plaza.

"Highland Plaza, LLC's renovation plans for this property make it an ideal location for a major retailer like CVS," said Joseph MarcAurele, Washington Trust president, chairman and chief executive officer, "The exterior renovations make it a much more pleasing space for the existing tenants."

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