

## Wilder Cos. awarded Garden City Center leasing/management contract

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The Wilder Companies has been awarded the leasing and management contract for Garden City Center, Rhode Island's premiere lifestyle shopping center. The contract was awarded by TA Associates Realty of Boston, one of the largest privately held real estate advisors in the U.S.

Garden City Center is currently located to serve all Rhode Island's shoppers including Providence and Warwick. It is a 480,000 s/f lifestyle/open-air center with 55 shops, services and eateries featuring Chico's, Coldwater Creek, Cohoes, Williams-Sonoma, Borders and Whole Foods. Making it a unique destination is the addition of many local merchants including designer clothier Mel & Me, Ltd., shoe store F. Bianco, Mediterranean bistro Café Luna, and the ever popular Newport Creamery. Other merchants include Jos. A. Bank, Banana Republic, EMS, Papa Razzi and Starbucks.

"Garden City Center has a long, vibrant history with Rhode Island shoppers. It was one of the first centers of its kind in the country, and generations have fond memories of Garden City Center shopping excursions. The center continues to be a popular shopping destination home to today's most desirable stores set in an updated, charming, village setting. We look forward to building on a solid past for an even brighter future," said Wilder principal, Thomas Wilder.

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