

MARENGO

Developer plans truck stop near proposed interchange

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MARENGO – A developer has proposed a full service truck stop at the intersection of Route 23 and Harmony Road in Marengo.

Lazar Brothers Enterprises Inc. bought 34.8 acres at the site and plans to develop the truck stop across 10 acres of land at the intersection. The location is

just north of the proposed Interstate 90 and Route 23 interchange.

The company closed on the sale in late August and is in the process of planning site development. The developer hopes to break ground in 2020, said Tina Kropke of Premier Commercial Realty.

Premier Commercial Realty is representing an additional 102 acres at the intersection and is in the process of marketing them to companies seeking

space for manufacturing and industrial businesses as well as some fast-food service restaurants.

Lazar Brothers owns other fueling stations in the area, Kropke said.

Marengo and McHenry County officials have projected that the interchange will bring businesses into the county and have an economic impact of between \$538 million and \$1.7 billion, according to an analysis from the

McHenry County Economic Development Corp.

The interchange, which would be the first in McHenry County, also could create up to 3,594 jobs if its industrial potential is realized, according to the analysis.

The interchange project is part of plans by the Illinois Toll Highway Authority to replace the Route 23 overpass as part of an I-90 widening project.