

‘Urban’ homes to be built near Powell brewery as city redesigns downtown district

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POWELL, Ohio ([WCMH](#)) — One of central Ohio’s largest homebuilders is moving forward with construction of a small neighborhood next to a brewery in downtown Powell, as the city is embarking on a redesign of the historic district.

Grand Communities, a subsidiary of Fischer Homes, is building 19 single-family homes off of Depot Street next to Nocterra Brewing Co. Named “Encore Park,” the development will feature two-story homes from Fischer’s Uptown Collection which can span up to more than 3,000 square feet with five bedrooms.

“The Uptown Collection was created for today’s modern urban lifestyle, with walkability and amenities in mind,” said Tim Brader, market president for Fischer’s Columbus division. “This makes downtown Powell the perfect location to launch these new homes.”



The development will feature two-story homes from Fischer’s Uptown Collection. (Courtesy Photo/Fischer Homes)

Encore Park is coming to Powell as co-working business COhatch has been recruited to be one of the main developers [tasked with transforming a section of the city’s downtown district](#) at North Liberty and East Olentangy streets.

Plans call for the redevelopment to begin this spring with the demolition of a former office building at 50 E. Olentangy St., a 0.63-acre site where COhatch will then construct a 13,900-square-foot location. The three-story building will be home to a rooftop bar, private offices, meeting rooms, an event space and more.

Beyond the COhatch building, COhatch CEO Matt Davis said the downtown redesign will continue with proposals to extend Scioto Street and collaborations with nearby landowners for a variety of mixed-use developments. Other goals include finding solutions for traffic congestion and constructing a larger, shared parking lot.

Davis caught the attention of Powell officials after COhatch [unveiled plans to transform 2.85 acres along North Riverview Street near the Scioto River in Dublin](#) to launch a mixed-use development named “Riverview Village,” including the construction of COhatch’s new 15,000-square-foot headquarters and the restoration of four historic homes.

Other developments taking shape in Powell include construction on [a new 43,000-square-foot shopping center](#) attached to a lone Target store. Named “The Shoppes at Wedgewood,” the complex will be built on a vacant 6.1-acre site to the left of the Target store at 10560 Sawmill Parkway.

In addition, Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center is expected to start building a [\\$183 million outpatient campus in Powell this spring](#), a years-long effort once regarded as the “largest economic development project” in the city’s history.