

Big Y Plans New Store in Marlborough, CT

SPRINGFIELD, MA (June 22, 2016) – Big Y Foods, Inc. has announced plans to open a World Class Market located at 1 Independence Drive and Route 66 in Marlborough, CT. This market would be approximately 55,000 square feet within a proposed 100,000 square foot retail center. This location would be the 65th Big Y market with locations throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Big Y maintains a strong presence as part of the central Connecticut community of Hartford County, as this will be the chain's 8th World Class Market there. They currently operate stores in Avon, East Windsor, Enfield, Manchester, Plainville, Rocky Hill and West Hartford.

The proposed Marlborough Big Y World Class Market represents an investment of over \$10 million by Big Y into the local community. In addition, the project will provide several opportunities for local contractors during the construction process. More than 130 full and part time positions will be created at this state-of-the-art market that will rival the finest markets in the world with superior customer service, locally sourced fruits and vegetables, fresh sushi, numerous gluten free and organic items along with other locally produced offerings.

"We are excited to announce this addition to our Connecticut community of stores," said Charles D'Amour, Big Y's President and Chief Operating Officer. "We look forward to bringing Big Y's world class service, quality and selection closer to shoppers in Marlborough and surrounding communities."

As a Big Y World Class Market, it will offer not only superior customer service but also a wide assortment of quality products and specialty items with added convenience in each department with a focus on saving customers time, energy and money. World Class Market highlights include prepared meals including freshly made pizzas and rotisserie chicken dinners, fresh cooked to order fish and chips, a broad selection of specialty and local foods including a wide array of organic and gluten free, a full service butcher shop, seafood direct from New England piers as well as an extensive produce department which offers over 500 different items including organics as well as fruits and vegetables from local farms and orchards. Big Y produce buyers work with local growers throughout the year in order to be able to sell as much native produce as possible throughout the growing season. In addition to these products, there will be a full service pharmacy located within the supermarket.

This shopping center is being developed and marketed by Marlborough Development Partners LLC a division of New England Retail Properties, Inc. of Wethersfield CT with an anticipated opening in the fall of 2018.

A company strongly committed to giving back to the communities surrounding its stores, Big Y donates food values at more than \$4.5 million to local non-profit organizations, schools, churches and educational programs each year. Big Y also awards 300 scholarships worth \$250,000 annually to academically outstanding students in their market area. Still another of Big Y's educational initiatives, the Education Express Program, has helped more than 2,000 local schools earn over \$11.5 Million in teaching materials and educational equipment.

Headquartered in Springfield, MA, Big Y is one of the largest independently owned supermarket chains in New England. Proud to be family owned and operated, they currently operate 68 stores throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts with over 10,000 employees. Big Y has been named a 2015 Employer of Choice by the Employers Association of the Northeast. Founded in 1936 by brothers Paul and Gerald D'Amour, the store was named after an intersection in Chicopee, Massachusetts where two roads converge to form a "Y".