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ing at the physical space, distinguishes this redevelopment plan. They're approaching it with an urban sensibility," said Fronda Co-hen, spokeswoman for the Baltimore County Department of Economic Development.

But even as builders move dirt and lay concrete, the viability of this development is clouded by an uncertain economy and perceptions that Towson has long tried to shake. The

and the creative way that developers are looking

"The extent and scope of the development, officials say the outcome will be different.

Still nodding? This time, county development open space and parking projects.

The latest version calls for more than \$700 million to be spent by developers and investors in everything from the expansion of Towson Town Center to the redevelopment of Towson Commons. Baltimore County is even kicking in about \$8 million to put toward new

into a more thriving hub of commercial activity.

ies have recommended ways to turn Towson with. Over the past four decades, stewards of

It's an effort Towsonians are all too familiar an-friendly locale.

turning the county seat into a more pedestrian-friendly locale. new projects in Towson, with the hope of to pump millions of dollars into leaders and local developers want this one before; Baltimore County od your head if you have heard

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The latest round of development in the county seat has the look, feel of something different

Michael J. Batza Jr.'s Heritage Properties is teaming up with the Cordish Co. on a \$75 million mixed-use project near Towson Circle. Work could begin in March.



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 in Towson**

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