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Sunflower Market to open this summer in west Greeley

Staff reports

It's official.

Sunflower Farmers Market is coming to Greeley.

In a press release issued Tuesday night, officials from the Colorado-based supermarket chain officially announced plans to open a new store this year.

Officials from Aims Community College announced in May that they had signed a letter of intent to sell roughly 13 acres of the cornfield at 47th Avenue between 16th and 20th Streets to Downunder Development LLC, where Sunflower would be the anchor store in a retail development.

"The continued growth in

Colorado is amazing," noted Mike Gilliland, Sunflower's Founder and CEO, in the release. "With many Colorado residents focused on an active and healthy lifestyle, we are excited to launch Sunflower Farmers Market in Greeley. I believe our vast selection of natural and organic products complement these lifestyles and satisfy residents need for a natural-foods supermarket."

Sunflower Farmers Market reports it is on an aggressive growth plan. Sunflower recently acquired \$30 million in investment funding to fuel major expansion of their grocery chain throughout the Southwest, the release stated. Four other Sunflower Farmers Market locations have con-

firmed opening dates in Colorado in 2008. These locations include Littleton, Aurora, Boulder and Arvada.

The 28,000-square-foot store is set to open in late summer, featuring fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, breads and other natural groceries.

Sunflower Farmers Markets will fill the genuine need for an affordable, natural-foods supermarket in the Greeley community, the release stated.

The supermarket will be the anchor store of a 125,000-square-foot retail shopping center, which will offer pad sites and retail space for sale and lease. Jim Vetting, CCIM,

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of Wheeler Management Group Inc., represented Downunder Development LLC and Ron Randel, CCIM, also of Wheeler Management Group Inc., represented Aims Community College. The two brokers will team up to represent Downunder Development as leasing/selling agents for the new retail center, the release stated.