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North Fort Myers mall has new owner

Weaver's Corner sells for \$9 million

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A New York businessman who is relocating to Southwest Florida purchased the Weaver's Corner Shopping Center in North Fort Myers for \$9 million.

Jan Zelenak, owner of Blava Inc., closed on the property, 1850 North Tamiami Trail, this week. The center, built in 1977, includes a Winn-Dixie supermarket, a post office and a Dollar General store as anchors.

Zelenak said he plans to relocate to Punta Gorda and wanted to invest in Southwest Florida.

"I see great potential in Florida and I think things are going to turn around," he said.

Zelenak, 56, said he plans to improve the center's landscaping, lighting and overall appearance.

"We've got a lot of plans," he said.

Fort Myers real estate attorney Kevin Jursinski handled the closing for Zelenak. The Cary Team was Blava Inc.'s real estate broker.

Jursinski said he expects to see an increase in outside investment in the area.

"With this, you have new money coming in and you have somebody who sees a a real opportunity and isn't just trying to buy at the bottom of the market," he said.
