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Vineyard Columbus plans move to Grandview Heights

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Vineyard Columbus is planning to move its Lane Avenue campus to a purpose-built space.

The church is preparing a 17,146-square-foot space at 777 Goodale Blvd., just south of Grandview Yard, where it has signed a lease. The property must be rezoned as a mixed-use district, with a public hearing for rezoning approval planned in coming weeks, according to Grandview Heights Planning Commission.

The commission discussed the project late last month.

"Part of the reason we want to move to Grandview is because we see it as a thriving, growing community and we've already got a significant number of our members who live there," [Craig Heselton](#), Vineyard Columbus co-founder, said in the virtual meeting.

Vineyard would build out the former Bravo Brio Restaurant Group headquarters space in the building with a 320-seat auditorium and a half dozen classrooms, said [Insoo Kim](#), campus pastor. It would need 66 parking spaces, so the church requested a parking variance because its traffic is mainly on the weekend when the building's office tenants don't use their parking.

The Vineyard Columbus' main campus and chapel is at 6000 Cooper Rd. in Westerville, but it has three satellite campuses, where a combined 8,000 people gather on a typical Sunday.



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Vineyard is moving its Lane Avenue campus to the Goodale corridor in Grandview Heights.

The Lane Avenue campus serves the near northwest side of the city. For years, it has met in rented space at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center at 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., with attendees walking over from the nearby Schottenstein Center parking lots. The church has only in the past few weeks begun to host in-person gatherings again – 200 or 300 attend that campus each Sunday.

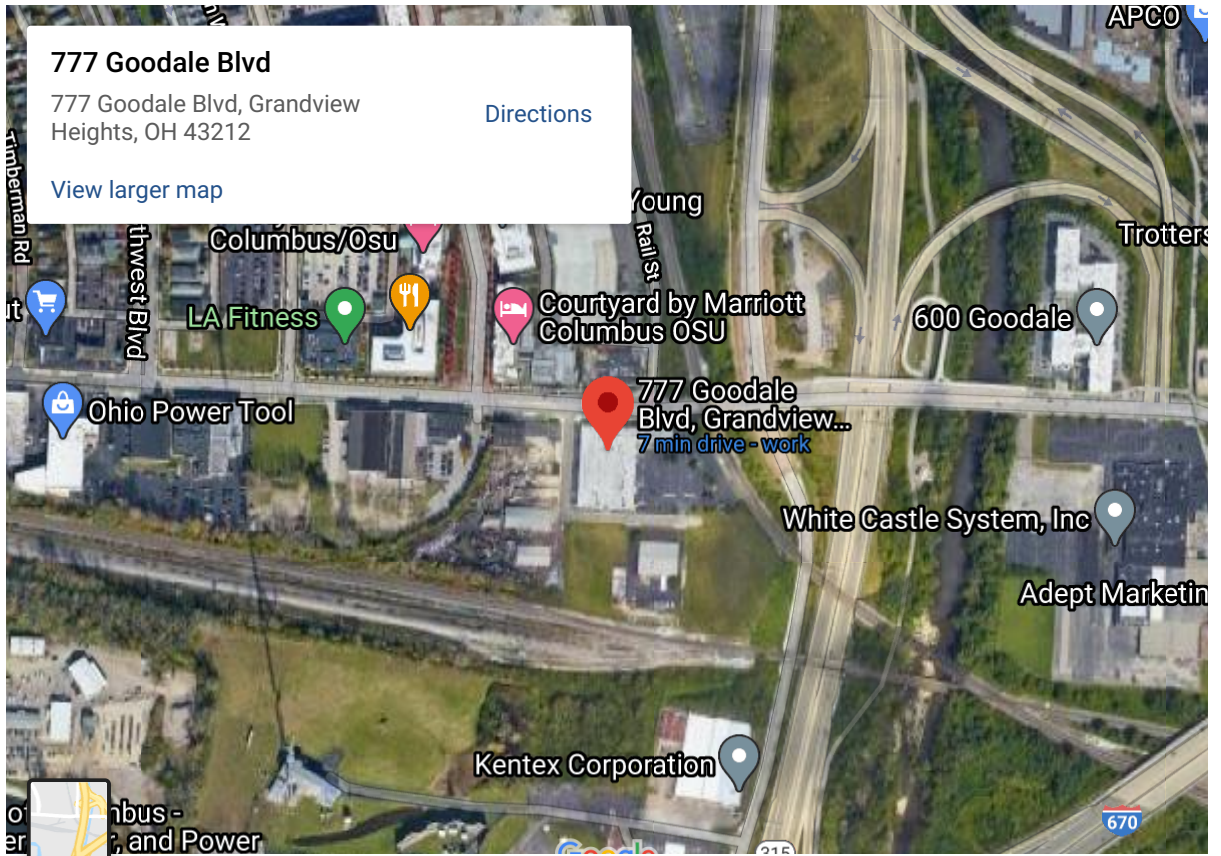
"The campus is almost 10 years old," Kim said. "We like being in the 4-H building, but we realize the downside is it's not rooted in any community. People drive in, but people don't live there, so we want to be somewhere more rooted."

Vineyard says it hopes to have the worship center ready by the fall or winter, subject to the rezoning, Kim said. Planning commission members were generally favorable to the rezoning.

Andy Dutcher and Peter Merkle with NAI Ohio Equities manage leasing for the 777 Goodale building, and David Hartsook with CBRE is representing Vineyard.

The 65,000-square-foot building recently also landed the local headquarters of Danis Building Construction Co. Laurie Gunzelman is the project architect.

And to the west, Nationwide Realty Investors Ltd. and Tri-W Group are preparing to take down some older industrial buildings to build a mixed-use development that complements nearby Grandview Yard.



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