



Bob Evans Farms, Inc.

Frequently Asked Questions on Campus Plan Announcement

Why are you moving your HQ instead of renovating the current building(s)?

The South High Street building has been our home since 1968. Many people worked hard here to build the brand into what it is today. The location worked wonderfully for us in the past, but no longer meets the needs of our growing business.

We have spent nearly two years considering all options – from re-developing our current location, to moving into an existing space in Columbus or its environs, or moving the headquarters out of state, possibly to land we own in Texas. Re-developing our current S. High Street location was the least cost-effective option for us.

In the end, the most cost-effective option was to build a new facility– this allows us to design the right type of space to accommodate our needs. Our partners at the Village of New Albany have worked with us to create favorable packages that make a move to a new site the best option in the end.

The Ohio Department of Development was helpful in creating incentives that made it possible for us to both stay in Ohio and redevelop our current location to keep it a vital center of business in Columbus.

Why did you choose New Albany over other locations?

First, our brand is about Farm-Fresh – and nothing quite embodies that like green spaces and white fences that have come to be New Albany's trademarks.

New Albany offered many options for available land, and the Village itself has a strong infrastructure. The site at 161 and Beech Road in New Albany will be easier to develop than other sites we looked at, has a convenient location to I-270 and proximity to the airport.

The Village of New Albany has a robust plan for their community and approached us with a highly competitive package. We also feel the Bob Evans Farms brand is a great fit there.

What other locations did you consider?

We started considering our options nearly two years ago, reaching out to our partners at the State and City of Columbus. We carefully weighed all possibilities before settling on the New Albany location, from remodeling our existing location, to moving into an existing space in the city of Columbus or other suburban locations. We own property and operate campus locations and other facilities in Texas and considered relocating the headquarters there in an effort to exhaust all options.



What will happen to S. High Street?

We're committed to making sure South High Street remains a viable option for businesses – We are working with our existing tenants to continue their growth here -- some of whom have already expressed interest in the location. We will work hard in the next two years to maintain a healthy base of jobs here.

What will the new location look like?

We have not yet purchased land or finalized designs for the new campus. We are working with our employees to gather their ideas and questions as move through the process; however, the new campus will certainly include features like more innovation space for our restaurant and food products teams, more collaborative and flexible workspaces for our support teams, and spaces that promote employee wellness and health.

