

# N.Y. firm buys commercial land in town

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BROOKFIELD — A Yonkers, N.Y., father and son, along with a third investor, purchased four Brookfield properties on Commerce Drive for \$5.9 million late last week.

The partnership of Robert Friedland, his son Michael Friedland, and Steve Corrigan, a vice president in Westrock Realty LLC of Yonkers, bought the four properties Friday.

"This is our first purchase in Danbury, but we're very hot on the area," Michael Friedland said.

The properties were owned by a partnership called Brookfield Commerce. Partner Paul McNamara said the four buildings date to 1985 and 1986 after the partnership bought the land.

"It was an investment property," McNamara.

Brookfield Commerce still owns two parcels on the street.

"We decided to sell for a variety of reasons," McNamara added. "Different partners have different feelings about the timing, but the timing now was good."

The properties have tenants, and that is one reason Westrock wanted them, Michael Friedland said. The tenants are Universal Voltronics, at 57 Commerce Drive; Paragon Networks at 61; Total Register at 71; and Wentworth Laboratories at 101 Commerce Drive. In total, the four businesses occupy about 95,000 square feet of space.

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McNamara said the new owners will keep many of the same service providers, such as the landscaping company and the oil company.

The Westrock partners either separately or together own about 20 other properties.

Before making the purchase, the partners drove through Danbury and Brookfield and researched the properties.

That must have been reminiscent of family vacations for Michael Friedland. Unlike other children, who sing songs like "The Wheels on the Bus" while traveling with their families, he and his brothers played "Banker" with their father, who always demanded a good reason for agreeing to loan the children money.

The Westrock partners have contracts on two other local properties for a total of 100,000 square feet or so. If these deals are completed, the partners will have doubled their investment soon after entering the area. Friedland declined to reveal any details.

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