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Original Libeskind Memorial Plaza



Illustration of shopping mall adjacent to memorial

The current program for retail at the WTC site calls for approximately 1 million square feet of retail space. Westfield Properties has lobbied for putting most of this substantial amount – larger than New Jersey’s Paramus Mall – in an enclosed shopping mall. Much of the square footage would need to be squeezed underground adjacent to the tower footprints and memorial. The image on the right illustrates that a full-fledged shopping center is not an appropriate neighbor for the memorial site.