

## Commercial Space Design Precedent Study

You are starting the design of your commercial building for a space at Mall of Partridge Creek which will be approximately 3000 square feet. It is important that you plan out and know what you want to include in your design before you start drawing. Good design is often informed and inspired by precedent studies of previously designed projects. A **precedent study** is researching and looking at buildings and design that have already been built that are similar to what you want to design. By doing this you can get ideas for what you need in your own design.

For this assignment, you will select a precedent building(s) that are similar to your commercial space to research and present to the rest of the group. For example, if you choose to design a sporting goods store, visit or look up the floor plans of other sporting goods stores, look at pictures of the interior and exterior of the building, identify what is needed in such a store. Also do some research on Partridge Creek as well, your commercial building will have to fit in with the rest of the mall.

Create your Precedent Study in a digital 1 page format. You may use PowerPoint, Photoshop, whatever program you are most comfortable with. Your Precedent Study will be projected and presented to in front of the class as well as to be included in your portfolio. Identify architectural elements in the building such as **materials and structure, lighting and colors, parti (gesture, essence), spatial and room planning, circulation, siting, etc.** Include images and writing explaining your research in the presentation. And as always be sure to include a title, your name and the date.

