Moorestown Mall has been a Burlington County fixture for nearly six decades. The one-floor mall currently houses some 90 stores and businesses, including reconoced names like Michael’s, Planet Fitness, Victoria’s Secret, and H&M.

At least 8 retailers located at Moorestown Mall are Black-owned. And within the last year, the mall has welcomed two new Black-owned businesses, which makes some entrepreneurs hopeful about opportunities to reach a broader clientele base through onsite mall kiosks and storefronts.

One example is Nika Corbett, the owner of Curate Noir, which opened its mall kiosk in May of 2021. The subscription box company showcases and sells the products of 9 other local Black- and brown-owned brands listed on their website.

Corbett says that the mall has been supportive throughout the onboarding process. She has hosted expos there and featured businesses like women’s clothing shop Vixen Culture Boutique and event photography vendor Selfie Design Lab. Both have opened up kiosks of their own in Moorestown Mall.

“Seeing black-owned businesses in an open, receptive space encourages other business owners to say maybe I can do it too,” said Corbett.

Moorestown Mall is located at 40 Route 38, just shy of four miles from Cherry Hill Mall. Both malls are owned by Preit, a Pennsylvania real estate investment trust (PREIT), a publicly traded real estate investment trust that mainly invests in malls throughout the Mid-Atlantic states. And both attract shoppers from South Jersey and Philadelphia, though Cherry Hill Mall boasts a larger retail plaza and selection of high-end retailers.

Amid recent store closures and financial struggles, Moorestown Mall has been undergoing construction that PREIT hopes will revitalize the property. This effort stems from a 2010 agreement between PREIT and the township to build a 112,000-square-foot hotel and three apartment buildings, including 213 affordable homes in the mall’s parking lot.

As plans for redevelopment play out, entrepreneurs like Lena Watson are bringing their businesses to Moorestown.

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