

Amazon announces third facility in St. Lucie County



A 220,000-square-foot Amazon delivery station will be built in Legacy Park at Tradition.

Port St. Lucie/Jan. 25 – Amazon will be opening a 220,000-square-foot facility, its third St. Lucie County facility, in Port St. Lucie.

Amazon will operate a delivery station to be constructed in Legacy Park at Tradition and plans to hire 200 full-time workers to prepare customer orders for last-mile delivery within 45 miles of the facility.

The Sansone Group is the project developer. Threecore has been selected as general contractor for the single-story, 44-foot-tall building. The project's site plan was approved by the Port St. Lucie City Council in May under the code name "Project Senior." Construction is projected to be complete by September 2022.

"Sansone Group is very pleased to be developing this state-of-the-art building for a first-class tenant. Amazon is an outstanding anchor tenant for Legacy Park's five million square feet of Class A industrial space," said Nicholas Sansone, principal of the Sansone Group. "We are proud to be able to contribute to the creation of 200 jobs and prosperity to Port St Lucie."

"Amazon is excited to expand operations in St. Lucie County, investing in a new delivery station in Port St. Lucie," said Sam Blatt, economic development manager for Amazon. "We are committed to providing efficient delivery for customers and creating hundreds of jobs for the talented workforce in the area."

Amazon will join FedEx Ground, Cheney Brothers and others at Legacy Park, located just off Becker Road at exit 114 on Interstate 95. FedEx Ground will open its new 245,000-square-foot sortation center this

month. Once completed, Legacy Park will include a total of approximately 5.4 million square feet of single and multi-tenant class-A, institutional quality light industrial and distribution facilities.

"I am delighted that Amazon is adding to its already substantial investment in the city of Port St. Lucie with this last-mile delivery station. Just a few months ago we celebrated the news that Amazon had chosen our city for a regional fulfillment center with jobs for 500 residents, now we can add another 200 full-time jobs to that number," said Port St. Lucie Mayor Shannon Martin.

Nationwide, Amazon offers a starting wage of \$15 per hour and provides comprehensive benefits starting day one on the job. The company also offers an innovative Career Choice program which pays 95% of tuition and fees (up to a yearly maximum) towards a certificate or diploma in qualified fields of study, leading to in-demand jobs.

While the delivery station will have 200 Amazon employees, opportunities will also be available with the company's delivery service partners, independent businesses which partner with Amazon for package delivery.

The Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County (EDC) assisted with expedited site plan review and master site plan approval in 57 days. Commercial real estate broker Robert Smith of CBRE worked with the Sansone Group to bring Amazon to Legacy Park.

"Amazon opened its first facility in St. Lucie County in 2019, and now, just over two years later, we are welcoming our third location for the second largest company in the U.S.," said EDC President Pete Tesch. "Commerce parks coming on line in Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County are ideally located for logistics and distribution needs. The EDC, our county and our cities are committed to bringing new jobs here so the 60% of the county's workers who out-commute each day can find work here at home."

Amazon is not receiving any financial, tax or job performance incentives. Once the project is completed, the value of the property and equipment invested will generate full tax revenue for the city, county, schools, fire district, South Florida Water Management District, Children's Services Council, Florida Inland Navigation District, and help pay down the debt for the Crosstown Parkway.

About the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County

The EDC is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting economic vitality in St. Lucie County through the attraction, retention and expansion of businesses in the community. The EDC works in partnership with local governments and the private sector to advance its goals of creating more and better-paying jobs for residents, broadening the tax base and improving St. Lucie County's economic quality of life. Contact the EDC at 772.336.6250 or www.youredc.com.

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