

BJ's considering location in St. Johns County

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The Massachusetts-based wholesaler BJ's Wholesale Club is inquiring about 58.3 acres of vacant commercial real estate in St. Johns County, although the company couldn't confirm whether they were interested in opening a new location in the area.

Requests from civil engineering firm Prosser Inc., on behalf of BJ's, asked about the availability of utility services in the area. However, BJ's Communications Manager Jennie Hardin was unable to confirm whether BJ's was interested in the property.

"At this time, we have no additional information on future locations but are actively reviewing opportunities to bring the value of a BJ's membership to new communities," Hardin wrote in an email.

The property, owned by Beachwalk Retail Developers LLC, part of a 3,000-acre community being developed adjacent to County Road 210.

Hardin added that two new BJ's clubs are set to open in Taylor and Madison Heights, Michigan this year, with a third club expected to open in Pensacola by the end of their Fiscal Year 2019. A fourth club is also scheduled to open in Chesterfield, Michigan in early 2020.