



## **Ascension to build a hospital in St. Johns County**

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Ascension is continuing a spate of investment into Northeast Florida with the construction of a hospital in northern St. Johns County.

"We can confirm that we are planning to build a new hospital in north St. Johns County along I-95," spokesperson Kyle Sieg said. "The area and type of facility were selected based on community need."

Details are scant, however, on the project, with no address available.

"We are currently in the preliminary planning phase for this project and are now focused on providing our community with compassionate, personalized care during this trying time," spokesperson Kyle Sieg said by email. "Given this, we are unable to provide additional information at this time."

The hospital plan comes on the heels of several other projects in the works by the hospital.

The health care provider is in the process of constructing two free-standing emergency departments in Jacksonville, recently purchased a \$4.5 million parcel on Beach Boulevard and is beginning a \$22.6 million renovation of its Southside hospital. Ascension has invested more than \$300 million in Northeast Florida in the last two years.

Health care-related construction has been booming across the region, with hundreds of millions of dollars invested in 2019. Projects are underway by Mayo Clinic, Baptist Health, Flagler Health and Orange Park Medical Center, as well as the work being done by Ascension.