



## St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

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### Encompass Health Expanding to St. Johns County with New Rehabilitation Hospital

**St. Johns County, FL** - St. Johns County Administration and the St. Johns County Economic Development Office have worked with Encompass Health to expand its network of state-of-the-art rehabilitation hospitals and bring high-quality, inpatient services to St. Johns County. Encompass Health recently announced the purchase of land at the northwest corner of Silver Lane and State Road 207 for the future development of a 40-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital.

*"We are proud to be working with Encompass Health to bring this critical service to an area of the county where there is a need," said Joy Andrews, St. Johns County Deputy County Administrator. "This project also benefits our residents by bringing many new impactful jobs in the healthcare industry to the area."*

Once construction is complete, the 47,000-square-foot rehabilitation hospital will provide up to 119 full-time jobs, including nurses, physical therapists, nutritionists, and office staff. The Encompass Health rehabilitation hospital will work closely with acute care hospitals in the area to assist patients recovering from debilitating illnesses and injuries, such as strokes, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, amputations, and complex orthopedic conditions. The opening date of the rehabilitation hospital is to be determined.

*"We are aggressively pursuing balanced and measured growth and expansion of the healthcare industry in all specialties. Strategically locating the facilities will ensure all of St. Johns County will be served," said Andrews. "With our county's population growth, the expansion of healthcare services is critical for the continued health and well-being of our community."*

#### About St. Johns County

The St. Johns County Economic Development Office is committed to working with existing businesses, attracting new businesses, expanding and diversifying the county's tax base, and creating jobs for residents. St. Johns County encompasses 608 square miles of rural, urban, and suburban communities along 42 miles of northern Florida Atlantic coastline. The resident population of St. Johns County is approximately 254,000, including the historic City of St. Augustine and the City of St. Augustine Beach. St. Johns County features pristine beaches, long-standing history, and several world-renowned golf courses. For more information, visit [www.sjcfl.us/economicdevelopment](http://www.sjcfl.us/economicdevelopment).

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