

## **Wawa entering St. Johns County**

Gas station chain already has 14 sites  
identified in Duval and Clay.

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Wawa Inc., with 14 identified sites in Duval and Clay counties, filed plans for a gas station and convenience store in St. Johns County.

That boosts the Pennsylvania-based chain's profile in Northeast Florida to 15 of the eventual 40 locations it hopes to open in the area.

A preapplication filed with St. Johns County shows Wawa would replace the existing Z-best building on 2 acres at U.S. 1 and St. Augustine Drive South.

Wawa wants to replace the 15,000-square-foot Z-Best furniture store with a 6,199-square-foot Wawa and 16 fueling stations, filings show.

Wawa expects to open three stores by year-end at The Crossing at Town Center and Wilson Boulevard and Lane Avenue in Jacksonville and at Blanding Boulevard and Filmore Street in Clay County.

In addition to three Clay County sites, Wawa has been identified at 11 Jacksonville locations.

It has been scouting property in St. Johns County and the U.S. 1 site is the first to surface.