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## Real Estate Insider: Amazon nabs a third facility at Tradepoint Atlantic

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**Amazon.com** is expanding in Maryland — again.

The online retailing giant has leased a third warehouse at **Tradepoint Atlantic** with plans to run a last-mile operation out of the former Sparrows Point steel mill site.

The 520,000-square-foot "sort center" is still under development and will open in the fall, said **Emily Hawkins**, an Amazon spokeswoman in Maryland. Such centers are a part of the new generation of Amazon's operations in the state. There, orders are parsed out by final destination and consolidated onto trucks, allowing for fast, often same-day deliveries.

Last summer, the Seattle-based e-commerce juggernaut moved to open seven last-mile facilities in the state, including several in the Baltimore metro region.

Amazon already has two facilities at Tradepoint Atlantic totaling more 1.85 million square feet — more than 30 football fields in size. The new facility will grow Amazon's presence at the Baltimore County site to more than 2.3 million square feet.



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A drone shot taken last week shows a burst of new development at Tradepoint Atlantic including a new Amazon.com facility and the 400,000-square-foot Pompeian Olive Oil warehouse (forefront). Near the waterfront sits the 1.8 million square foot McCormick warehouse in the works.

"We are excited to continue to invest in Maryland with a new sortation center that will create hundreds of new job opportunities for the talented workforce," Hawkins said Monday, in an email. "This new facility represents Amazon's unwavering commitment to safety, technological innovation and skilled teams who are obsessed with delivering for our customers."

**Aaron Tomarchio**, director of corporate affairs for **Redwood Capital**, owner of Tradepoint Atlantic, said Friday the new Amazon warehouse is located in the bullseye of what has become a beehive of development activity this spring at the former steel mill site.

The private developer sent up a drone last Thursday to capture footage of several new industrial facilities going up. They include: the 400,000-square-foot Pompeian Olive Oil warehouse; a 120,000-square-foot facility for Ineos Pigments and the massive 1.8 million-square-foot McCormick & Co. warehouse. A 400,000-square foot spec warehouse is also under development nearby and will be located across from the newest Amazon sort center.

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