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\$5.8M INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FROM ST. CHARLES COUNTY HELPING CREATE NEW \$45M INDUSTRIAL PARK, 400 JOBS

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO --- The first phase of development at a new \$45 million industrial park in Wentzville to serve the General Motors Wentzville Assembly Center and other users now is moving forward, thanks in part to \$5.8 million in roadway improvements. The project was approved by the St. Charles County Road Board and is being funded equally with the community's half-cent transportation sales tax and by the developer.

The new park, named the Wentzville Logistics Center, will be located on a 132-acre tract near the intersection of Highway A and Highway 40/61 near the GM plant. North Point Development, a Kansas City-based logistics park developer, is developing the new park and, initially, an approximately 1.1 million-square foot building. The company estimates more than 400 new jobs will be created at the new logistics park.

"We join with the City of Wentzville in welcoming North Point Development and the hundreds of new jobs they will be helping create at their new logistics park to St. Charles County," said County Executive Steve Ehlmann. "This is a wonderful example of how local governments can partner together and wisely use incentives to help in creating good-paying jobs. It is further proof that manufacturing is alive and well in St. Charles County."

"St. Charles County is not interested in moving big box retail stores around the region," Ehlmann continued, "but we are fully onboard with playing a role in expanding industrial and office commercial developments that create new jobs in Missouri."

Ehlmann pointed out there are other previously undeveloped, or greenfield sites, in St. Charles County that could make for ideal industrial development in Wentzville, as well as along the I-64/Highway 40 and I-70 corridors. "We look forward to working with local officials and developers on other projects in the future that foster real job creation and don't involve tax increment financing for retail and residential purposes," he said.

For more information about business growth opportunities in the community, contact the St. Charles County Department of Workforce & Business Development at 636-225-6060.

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