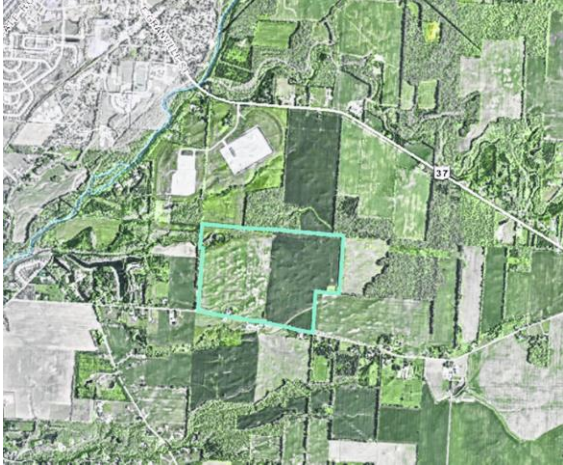


Amazon Data Services coming to Sunbury

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SUNBURY — An economic development incentive for Amazon Data Services, Inc. to build a data center in the city's new limited industrial business park was approved Wednesday by the Sunbury City Council.

The Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreement states the Seattle-based tech giant will build a \$2 billion data center campus in the newly named Sunbury Business and Technology Park on the city's east side, beginning operations in 2034 and employing 50 full-time employees with an annual payroll of \$4.5 million.

"City Council approved this incentive to help achieve our strategic goals of diversifying the city's tax base and providing high-quality job opportunities for our residents," said Mayor Joe St. John, in a news release issued today. "This is the direct result of visionary work done by City Council last year to expand our CRA, establish a limited industrial zoning district, and partner with local school districts to create the financial framework needed to contend for competitive economic development projects."

City officials say this megaproject is the first economic development incentive approved in the newly annexed and zoned area of nearly 1,300 acres.

"The investment is part of Amazon's planned \$7.8 billion expansion to its data center operations in the region, which was announced by Gov. Mike DeWine and Lt. Gov. John Husted last year," said the release, issued by the City of Sunbury. "To date, Amazon's investment of \$10.3 billion and its operations have generated more than \$3.8 billion in economic benefit for Ohio and supported on average more than 4,700 jobs per year at local businesses."

The city said the project will also benefit the "Big Walnut Local School District, Delaware Area Career Center, BST&G Fire District, and other county-based taxing authorities such as library

services, Preservation Parks, Board of Developmental Disabilities, and 9-1-1 emergency communications.”

In 2021, Sunbury was officially recognized as a city, by virtue of having more than 5,000 residents in the 2020 U.S. Census. Now the city says its population is more than 7,500 residents, making it one of the fastest growing cities in the state. Delaware County is also the fastest growing county in the state of Ohio.

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