

# Battle Ground Walmart The Facts

#### **Walmart Goods and Services in Battle Ground**

Walmart has plans to build a new full service store in Battle Ground at the intersection of SW Scotton Way and State Route 503. The new store will include everyday household items with the added convenience of a full-service grocery department that includes fresh fruits and vegetables, a drive-through pharmacy and vision center, as well as new products and merchandise, such as apparel, home goods, health and beauty aids and electronics, and an outdoor garden center.

### **Location and Design**

The store will be located near the intersection of SW Scotton Way and State Route 503 as part of the Mill Creek Town Center. The store will be approximately 150,000 square feet. The grand opening is anticipated for early 2014.

## **Jobs and Career Opportunities**

The store will create approximately 300 quality jobs for associates and additional temporary contract jobs during the store's construction.

Walmart associates receive competitive wages and benefits. Walmart's average wage for regular full-time hourly associates in Washington as of July 31, 2012 is \$13.00 per hour. Walmart's benefit program is available to eligible full- and part-time associates and provides a variety of affordable health and well-being benefits including health care coverage with no lifetime maximum.

Walmart also offers eligible associates matching 401(k) contributions of up to 6 percent of pay, discounts on general merchandise, an Associate Stock Purchase Program and company-paid life insurance. Additionally, eligible associates receive a quarterly incentive bonus based on store performance.

#### **Economic Impacts**

Walmart stores are often a large source of sales tax revenue for local government, funding important public services that are essential to protecting a community's way of life, such as public safety, schools, roads, and other critical infrastructure needs.

On the state level, Walmart employs over 18,000 Washington residents. In FYE 2012, Walmart spent \$2.4 billion for merchandise and services, supporting over 120,000 supplier jobs in the state.

#### **Community Benefits**

Walmart is proud to support the local charitable causes that are important to our customers and associates in their own neighborhoods.

In 2011, Walmart stores, Sam's Club locations and the Walmart Foundation gave more than \$15.1 million in cash and in-kind donations to local organizations in the communities they serve in the state of Washington. Through additional funds donated by customers, and Walmart and Sam's Club associates throughout the state, the retailer's contribution in Washington totaled more than \$16.2 million.

Walmart makes the majority of its charitable donations at the local level – through financial contributions, in-kind donations and store-associate volunteerism – where it can have the greatest, most positive impact. Walmart has become similarly involved in Battle Ground's nearby Vancouver communities,

giving to local organizations like the Vancouver Watersheds Council, the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington and Vancouver's Police Activities League.

#### Sustainability

Walmart is a leader in the industry when it comes to sustainable construction practices. Our facilities include some of the most innovative environmental practices as standard features. Features in the new store will include:

- Water-conserving restroom fixtures including low-flow faucets and toilets will be installed. These
  measures could save approximately 70% of water used annually at this store.
- White, energy-star rated TPO roofing will be used which will reflect the sunlight rather than absorbing, lowering the heat island effect, and reducing the cooling load of the store.
- Refrigerated food cases, restrooms and a few other areas will be illuminated with light emitting diodes (LEDs).
  - LED lights are projected to last at least six years beyond conventional lighting, reducing maintenance costs.
  - In refrigerated food cases, LEDs will perform well in the cold and produce less heat than fluorescent bulbs – heat which must be compensated for by the refrigeration equipment.
- Centralized Energy Management System to monitor and control energy usage, analyze refrigeration temperatures and observe HVAC and lighting.
- Energy efficient HVAC units. The new HVAC system will utilize super high efficiency packaged HVAC units. While the Washington State Energy Code minimum SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio) is 13.0 (for 3 and 5 ton units) and EER 11.0 (for 10 ton units), the proposed new units are rated at approximately 16.1 (3 ton), 15.5 (5 ton) and EER 12.1 (10 ton).
- The store will be actively dehumidified. Lower humidity allows the refrigeration system to operate more efficiently and mitigates condensation on refrigerated glass doors.
- Occupancy sensors will be installed in most non-sales areas. The sensors will automatically turn the lights off when the space is unoccupied. These areas include: restrooms, break rooms and offices.
- Walmart will utilize xeriscape principles, leveraging drought tolerant plants to reduce water consumption.

#### More Information

- More information about Walmart in Washington is available at: <a href="www.walmartwashington.com">www.walmartwashington.com</a>.
- Walmart media hotline: 1-800-331-0085

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