

“Joe Taylor of Matrix Development promised 2,000 jobs, and he is more than delivering on that commitment. How refreshing! The news gets even better, because there will be even more job opportunities for Staten Islanders.”

-BP ODDO

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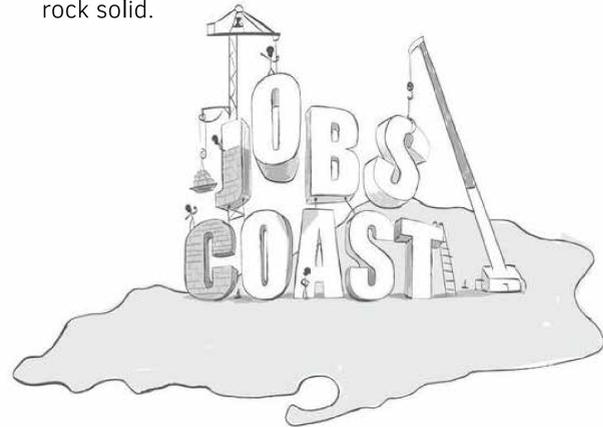


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We call the West Shore of the island the “Jobs Coast,” and now, with good reason. During 2017, we announced the spectacular news that Amazon was coming - a linchpin of that job growth. This was followed by even more good news: Ikea will be opening a distribution center on the same site. The new Amazon fulfillment center will create several thousand jobs at its new 855,000 sq. ft. facility, set to open in 2018. The 975,000 sq. ft. Ikea distribution center will create another 200 jobs.

This is all possible because of the investment made in our community by the Matrix Development Group. Matrix believes in our community and continues to work on its plans to further develop 200 acres of the former GATX Terminal facility and proposed NASCAR racetrack site. Plans ultimately include the construction of approximately 3.4 million square feet of logistics space.

Throughout his tenure, BP Oddo has continuously reiterated his opinion that the NASCAR proposal was not a good fit for the Borough, and he was confident that another end-user would step up and provide real jobs for the Island. Looking at the progress being made by Matrix, it appears this strategy was rock solid.



Inside an Amazon fulfillment center

BP Oddo played an important role in bringing Amazon to Staten Island, aggressively offering assistance from the time he first learned of the possibility. In New York City there are myriad bureaucratic hurdles to overcome, and Borough Hall played a big role in clearing them. Our staff helped Matrix navigate both the agencies involved and the jumble of rules and regulations they faced.

And the best part is that Amazon and Ikea are just the start of the jobs bonanza that is coming. Other major companies are eyeing not only this site, but others on the Island as well. This activity will directly benefit Staten Islanders looking for work on Staten Island and provide a boost to our borough's economic development.



The Jobs Coast

AMAZON AND IKEA ARE COMING... AND BRINGING JOBS WITH THEM