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Wawa Announces Grand Opening Date for First Store in Lowndes County
Grand Opening Ceremony on July 16th to Include Festivities and Community Support

Wawa, PA – (June 27, 2024) Today, Wawa announced the date of **Wednesday, July 16th** for its first store opening in Lowndes County with details as follows:

4598 North Valdosta Road, Valdosta, GA 31602

Doors Open: 8:00 a.m.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: 8:30 a.m.

During the grand opening event, Wawa will host festivities and ribbon cuttings, announce community partnerships and support for local organizations, and celebrate local, everyday heroes with its signature "Hoagies for Heroes" initiative.

Following the festivities in Valdosta, Wawa will open its second store in Ware County at 1725 Memorial Dr, Waycross, GA 31501 with a ceremony at 11:30 a.m.

"We are excited to continue our expansion into Georgia with our first store in Lowndes County," said Nancy Dulaney, Director of Store Operations. "We look forward to continuing to bring our unique brand of fresh food, beverages and convenience to new areas and to further our commitment to providing the community with not only a new level of convenience but a strong, committed community partner."

Wawa Expansion in Georgia

With the opening of its first store in Valdosta and its second store in Waycross, Wawa will have 9 stores open in Georgia serving Brunswick, Jesup, Bainbridge, Hinesville, Pooler, Waycross and Valdosta. Over the next 5-8 years, Wawa plans to build and open more than 26 stores in Georgia, at the pace of around 3 to 4 stores per year. To build each store, Wawa will invest approximately \$7.5 million and employ, on average, 140 contractors and local partners. Once open, each store will employ an average of 35 associates, with Wawa expecting to create 900 long-term new jobs.

About Career Opportunities: Soar with Wawa!

Wawa's expansion plans will create thousands of new jobs and career opportunities for those interested in soaring with us as we expand to North Carolina. Joining the Wawa team makes you part of a longstanding tradition of success that spans decades, hundreds of stores, multiple states and counting! Wawa associates own 39% of the company through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). View [career opportunities at Wawa](#) and examples of fulfilling careers.

About Wawa, Inc.

Wawa, Inc., a privately held company, began in 1803 as an iron foundry in New Jersey. Toward the end of the 19th Century, owner George Wood took an interest in dairy farming and the family began a small processing plant in Wawa, PA in 1902. The milk business was a huge success, due to its quality, cleanliness and "certified" process. As home delivery of milk declined in the early 1960s, Grahame Wood, George's grandson, opened the first Wawa Food Market in 1964 in Pennsylvania as an outlet for dairy products. Today, Wawa is your all day, every day stop for freshly prepared foods, beverages, coffee, fuel services and surcharge-free ATMs. Wawa stores are located in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Florida, North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Ohio, Indiana and Washington, D.C. with over 1,100 locations to date. The stores offer a large fresh foodservice selection, including Wawa brands such as custom prepared hoagies, freshly brewed coffee, hot breakfast sandwiches, hand-crafted specialty beverages, a dinner menu including burgers and pizza, an assortment of soups, sides and snacks. Forbes.com Ranks Wawa as #22 of America's Largest Private Companies.