

TRANSPORTATION CLAIMS TO FAME



First Coast Expressway
Connecting I-10 to I-95



2 CSX Rail-lines



Clay County Port
St. Johns River Frontage



2 Airports in Clay
12 Regional

Advanced Manufacturing

110

Advanced manufacturers in Clay.

1.2K

Manufacturing workers in Clay.

8

Related Industry certification programs taught in high

FTZ
64

Part of Foreign Trade Zone 64.

OUR POINTS OF PRIDE:



A-Rated School District

JH & HS Career and Technical Education program offers 35 specialties with students earning approx. 2,000 nationally recognized industry certifications each year.



Highest population growth projections

in the region over next 15 years. Population growth projections are 4x that of



Labor costs are 15 to 30% lower

in Clay County vs. Jacksonville MSA



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Immediately south of Jacksonville along the western banks of the St. Johns River, Clay County has all the amenities of a major metro area. Clay is home to a variety of industries, technical businesses, and numerous business parks. North Florida's newest interstate, the First Coast Expressway (FCX), is currently under construction and will connect I-10 in Duval to I-95 in St. Johns. New business development is already under construction along the path of the FCX.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Clay County seat, Green Cove Springs, is one of the best sites on the East Coast for a manufacturer to relocate or expand.”

-John Boyd

The Boyd Company, a Princeton, NJ site selection firm with clients like PRATT & WHITNEY, PEPSICO and DELL

In a highly cost-competitive industry, Clay County offers affordable real estate and lease terms compared to other major metro areas in the region. Industrial development sites are available that can accommodate special needs, including water access, runways, and hangar space. Concurrently, there is room to expand with plenty of industrial zoned acreage.

Clay County’s proximity to key land, air, rail, and marine transportation routes serving the southeastern United States and beyond (including the Port of Jacksonville), combined with the cost advantage of being on a “back-haul” shipping route, allows local manufacturers to receive raw materials and ship final products on a reliable schedule at competitive costs.

Clay County offers the kind of highly-skilled, motivated, and trainable workers that are needed by today’s sophisticated manufacturing operations. They are available at a price that is lower than in many other metropolitan areas in the southeastern United States. Much of the area’s workforce has military ties and experience, giving them specialized and highly technical expertise.

TOP 10 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Company	Employees
Parallon Business Solutions	1,700
Orange Park Medical Center	1,500
St. Vincent’s Clay	1,200
WalMart	1,014
bestbet Orange Park	600
VyStar Credit Union	365
Vac-Con, Inc.	300
Life Care Center of OP	273
Kindred Hospitals, N. FL	245
Vallencourt Construction Co.	250

COUNTY INCENTIVES

Economic Development (Tax Increment Grant)

Targets commercial projects that add to the tax base, project new employment in excess of 10 direct, full-time equivalent employees and makes at least a \$1M capital investment.

Manufacturing Equipment Capital Investment Grant

An incentive designed for relocating companies that invest at least \$1M in manufacturing equipment at the Clay County business location.

Regulatory Relief

The Clay County government focuses on remaining very pro-business and supportive through fast-track permitting and approvals for job creating economic development projects.

Large Employer Retention Grant

An incentive designed to retain large employers (over 100 employees) in Clay County.

Industrial Development Revenue Bonds

Tax exempt bonds to finance the expansion or relocation of industrial development.

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