

Board approves site plan for distribution center at Hauppauge industrial park



Link Logistics has proposed a 118,575-square-foot warehouse with an office on a 10-acre parcel at 88 Parkway Dr. South in Hauppauge's Long Island Innovation Park, seen here in a Google image. Credit: Google

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A proposed distribution center in Hauppauge's Long Island Innovation Park — one of six planned or in development in Smithtown — has site plan approval from the town board.

Link Logistics, a unit of financial giant Blackstone, proposed a 118,575-square-foot warehouse with an office on a 10-acre parcel at 88 Parkway Dr. South. Media conglomerate Thomson Reuters last occupied an empty 31,000-square-foot industrial building now on the site. That building will be demolished as part of the development, but another 42,500-square-foot building will remain, according to documents filed with the town Planning Department.

The Smithtown Town Board approved the site plan with a 5-0 vote at its Sept. 22 meeting.

Newsday reported in August that more than 11 million square feet of warehouse space was proposed across Long Island by developers seeking to take advantage of record-low vacancy rates, high rents and strong demand for storage by Amazon and other businesses.

Some of that space is intended to serve consumers here and in Brooklyn and Queens by allowing retail giants to make fast local deliveries, experts said.

Link proposed two other warehouse projects elsewhere in the Innovation Park earlier this year. The company did not respond to a request for comment.

The Parkway Drive South project is being built on spec, town planner Peter Hans said this week. Many of the developers are "scrambling to get started before winter," he said.

The finished project will create 100 jobs and generate up to 88 vehicle trips per hour, according to Planning Department records.

According to property records, Link bought the Parkway Drive South site last year for \$20,500,000 through a subsidiary from Central View Property, a limited liability company registered in Plainview. The site previously sold for \$10 million in 2020.