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Amazon buys land for \$3M in Raleigh, developer files \$8M permit for sort facility

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An \$8 million building permit was pulled Tuesday for the planned Amazon facility in Raleigh.

The permit didn't list the name of the e-commerce giant, instead referring to the warehouse as "Project Iris," its codename.

The guessing game has been rendered moot, however, as Amazon used its own name in purchasing two parcels in a special warranty deed filed Nov. 12.

According to the Shelby County Register of Deeds, Amazon.com Services Inc. bought the properties for more than \$3 million. Signing for Amazon was authorized representative Mark Griffin. The seller was Belz Investment Co.

The transaction includes 98 acres over two parcels: all of a 65-acre plot and part of an adjacent, 100-acre plot.

Neither the company developing the facility, Atlanta-based Seefried Industrial Properties, nor Amazon had previously confirmed the secretive e-retailer's involvement in the project, but plans obtained by the *Memphis Business Journal* bear the corporate giant's name.

The facility is set to be located just north of the Nike North America Logistics Campus, on New Allen Road, and employ more than 1,000 people.

The engineer named on the building permit is Joseph Tomasello.

Amazon — the fifth-most-valuable company in America, according to *Fortune* — has been expanding its Mid-South presence at a blistering pace during the past two years.

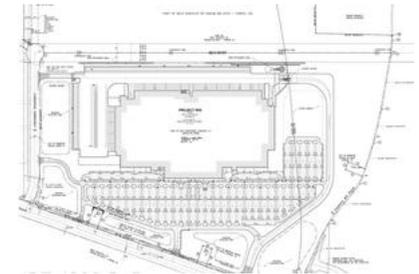
Since October 2017, the company has announced its use of huge facilities at 3292 E. Holmes Road, 5155 Citation Drive, 3347 Pearson Road — all in Memphis — and a 554,000-square-foot building on the northeast side of Hwy. 72 in Marshall County, Mississippi.

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Project Iris plans