



## Home Depot picks Battle Ground for new store

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Home Depot will open a store in Battle Ground, and other large retailers are likely to follow.

The mega fix-it chain plans to break ground in June on a \$20 million store on the south side of Northeast 219th Street at 102nd Avenue, about five miles east of Interstate 5.

The road will connect 219th Street (state Highway 502) with I-5. Scheduled to open in 2009, the \$56 million interchange will also open Battle Ground to new

commercial opportunities, said Pam Lindloff, a senior sales associate with commercial real estate firm NAI Norris Beggs & Simpson in Vancouver.

"The amount of traffic on that street is certainly going to attract retailers," said Lindloff, who expects other big-box merchants to follow Home Depot's lead.


With more than 16,500 residents, Battle Ground consumers are the biggest attraction for retailers, Lindloff said.

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