

Walmart starts construction on North Highlands store

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Construction is underway on a Walmart in North Highlands, expected to open by early 2015.

The Walmart Supercenter at the corner of Watt and Orange Grove avenues will replace a Cargo Largo store that has been vacant since closing in 2008. The Cargo Largo building will be demolished during the construction process.

The North Highlands store will span 118,000 square feet and employ approximately 250 people. Walmart expects to open a temporary hiring center near the store this fall.

In 2012, the **Sacramento County** Board of Supervisors gave the go-ahead to a Walmart Supercenter in North Highlands. **Wal-Mart Stores Inc.** put the project on hold for several years after deciding in 2007 to reduce its capital spending globally and slow the development of new supercenters.

Walmart has owned the North Highlands property since 2006.

"The new Walmart store on Watt Avenue in North Highlands will provide economic revitalization by way of additional sales tax revenue for the county and increased foot traffic from new shoppers," Sacramento County Supervisor **Susan Peters** said in a news release.