



Amy's Kitchen Breaks Ground in New York on First East Coast Kitchen

Goshen Ceremony will include remarks from Senator Schumer, Lieutenant Governor Hochul and community leaders

GOSHEN, NY – JUNE 21, 2019 – Today, family owned organic food company, Amy's Kitchen, will break ground on a new production facility and kitchen in Goshen, New York. Founders, Andy and Rachel Berliner, along with President, Xavier Unkovic, will be joined by Senator Chuck Schumer, Lieutenant Governor of New York Kathy Hochul and community leaders of Goshen, Middletown and Orange County.

"Our open-for-business approach to economic development is attracting transformative investments from leading companies like Amy's Kitchen because we have the locations, business climate and workforce to help them succeed," Governor Cuomo said. "As one of the largest development projects in the Mid-Hudson region in decades, this project will create hundreds of good jobs, boost the manufacturing industry and generate major economic opportunities for the local community."

"We couldn't be more delighted to have found a community of likeminded people here in Goshen," said Andy Berliner, CEO and Co-Founder of Amy's Kitchen. "At Amy's, we are all about taking care of each other – taking care of our consumers, our people, our local communities and the planet. We are thrilled to be breaking ground on our new kitchen in a place that truly reflects our values and are grateful for the incredible support of the local community to help us bring this dream to fruition."

Final design of the facility is still underway and completion of the site will be phased with cooking of the first products expected to begin in 2021. Additional products and capabilities will be added over time, allowing the company the flexibility to adapt to evolving consumer needs. The current plans for the phased project include an environmentally efficient facility, up to 389,000 square feet, that the company hopes will ultimately be LEED certified, zero waste to landfill and run with renewable energy. The company also hopes their presence will help support the growth of the local organic farming industry with the goal of sourcing as many ingredients as possible from east coast farms.

"Today is a great day for Orange County, New York State, and Amy's Kitchen as we celebrate the official groundbreaking of their brand new facility in Goshen. I've fiercely supported Amy's Kitchen throughout this process because I knew the company and Goshen were a microwavable match made in heaven, and the perfect recipe for meaningful economic development in the Hudson Valley," said Senator Schumer. "After years of hard work from the company and collaborations from all levels of government, I'm overjoyed that Amy's Kitchen is finally set up with all the ingredients needed to serve up 680 new jobs in Orange County--not to mention delicious food!"

"We are delighted to be in Goshen for the long-term and to contribute to the local economy, both through the jobs we provide, as well as by helping further develop the organic farming industry on the east coast of the US," said President of Amy's Kitchen, Xavier Unkovic. "We are incredibly grateful for the support of Governor Cuomo, Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand and all of the Orange County community leaders, as well as for the support provided by New York State in the form of \$6.8 million performance-based incentives and a low-cost power allocation for the new facility."

In addition to finalizing the design, the company is now focused on completing the site prep work with construction of the building itself expected to begin by next Spring. Progress across the site is already well underway. Both the building pad and employee parking lot are ready for construction to begin. 75%



of the water and sewage lines between the site and City of Middletown have been laid. The access bridge has been completed and the new intersection on 17M is expected to be operational this summer.

*“Congratulations to Amy’s for the groundbreaking of their new food processing plant in Goshen,” said **Senator Gillibrand**. “I was proud to work with the team at Amy’s as they selected Goshen as the site of their first East Coast plant. Goshen will serve as the perfect location for this facility, and as Amy’s looks to partner with local farmers for their products, they will have to look no further than the Hudson Valley’s and Upstate New York’s farmers and producers, which are the among very best in the nation.”*

*“I am so pleased Andy and Rachel Berliner, owners of Amy’s Kitchen, have selected the Town of Goshen for their next food manufacturing facility. It is absolutely one of the most exciting decisions ever made regarding our Town and I pledge to do my best to support their venture in every way that I can,” said **Douglas Bloomfield, Goshen Town Supervisor**.*

Once the final phases of the building are completed, the company anticipates around 680 full time jobs will be created. Spending to support site operations are expected to contribute significantly to the local economy.

*“Amy’s Kitchen is a transformative project that will create hundreds of good-paying jobs for Orange County residents. I appreciate the investment that owners Andy and Rachel Berliner have made in the County and look forward to working with their team. Amy’s Kitchen, one of the world’s most recognized natural and organic food producers, will thrive here and be a wonderful community partner. This is a great day for Orange County and I’m proud to be a part of the team that helped bring Amy’s Kitchen to Goshen,” said **Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus***

*“The City of Middletown is proud to be a part of this project, providing water and sewage services to the new Amy’s Kitchen site,” said **Middletown Mayor Joseph DeStefano**. “Amy’s is good news for our city. Not only will they bring new job opportunities to our residents, Amy’s investment in our community will help support the further growth of our local economy.”*

Amy’s Kitchen has remained family-owned and fiercely independent since its creation in 1987 and demand for the company’s great tasting prepared meals has only grown since then. Today, Amy’s is the no. 1 brand across its categories in natural/organic retailers and among the top 3 brands for frozen entrees across major national retailers. Over 60% of Amy’s sales domestically are in the Eastern half of the US. The new Amy’s Kitchen site in Goshen, located off 17M, is the company’s first facility on the East Coast and will help support the needs of its east coast consumer base. The company also has facilities in Santa Rosa, California; Medford, Oregon; and Pocatello, Idaho.

New York State supported this project with tax credits and other incentives. Empire State Development provided \$5.8 million in Excelsior Jobs Program tax credits and a \$1 million JOBS NOW grant to support the project. The New York Power Authority is providing a nearly 1.2 megawatt low-cost power allocation under the Governor’s ReCharge NY program.

Maureen Halahan, President & CEO of the Orange County Partnership, will officiate the groundbreaking ceremony on June 21 with remarks by Senator Chuck Schumer, New York Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus, Goshen Town Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield, Mayor Joseph DeStefano of Middletown, President of Amy’s Kitchen Xavier Unkovic and Amy’s Kitchen Founders Andy and Rachel Berliner.



About Amy's Kitchen

Amy's Kitchen is a family owned, fiercely independent prepared food company whose purpose is to make it easy and enjoyable for everyone to eat well. The company is committed to cooking authentic great tasting food with high quality, meticulously sourced organic ingredients so consumers can enjoy them in minutes.

Amy's Kitchen offers over 250 varieties of organic frozen and packaged foods, and the company is proud to offer options across gluten free, vegan, dairy free, lactose free, soy free, tree nut free, corn free, Kosher D, Kosher DE, and light in sodium categories. Amy's products are widely available in the U.S. as well as more than 30 other countries around the globe. To find Amy's products near you, please visit <https://amys.com/>.

Editor's note: For photography of the Goshen ceremony, press kit and additional details, please visit <https://amys.com/goshen-press-room>. For interviews and inquiries, please contact Kati Stadum at Kstadum@finemanpr.com.

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