

# Fernandina Beach Forest Products Manufacturing: Supporting the Local Economy

Economic Contributions of Forest Product Manufacturing in Fernandina Beach, Florida - Sponsored Project to RYAM, Smurfit Westrock, and LignoTech

## Economic contributions of forest products manufacturing to Nassau County's economy:

**\$1.22 billion**

in total output contributions to the Nassau County economy in 2023

**\$442 million**

in value added contributions, representing 9.6% of county GDP

**1,445 employed**

at the three companies, and a total of

**2,883 jobs**

supported throughout the Nassau County economy

**\$260 million**

paid to employees and proprietors throughout the Nassau County economy

From 2021-23 they invested more than

**\$136 million**

in capital improvements for buildings and equipment.

**\$22 million**

in tax contributions to Nassau County and the State of Florida

In addition to the manufacturing sector, the three companies supported significant economic activity in the Transportation/Warehousing, Wholesales Trade, Agriculture/Forestry, and Administrative/Support services sectors.





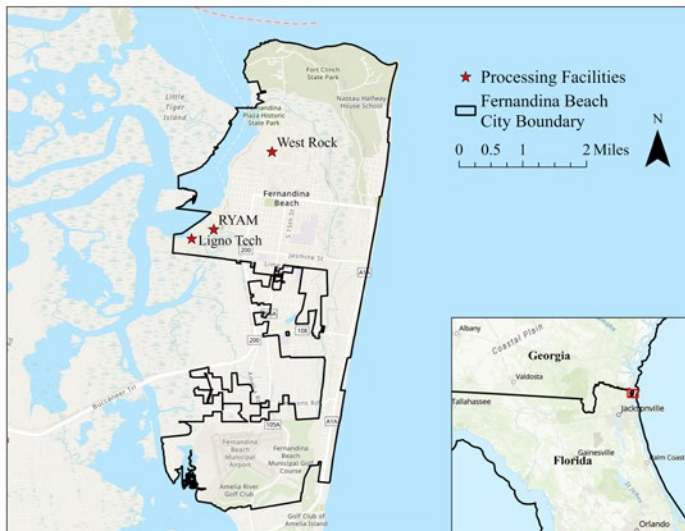
# Economic contributions of local forest product manufacturers

**Nassau County is home to beautiful beaches, great weather, colorful history, and ample recreational opportunities.**

It's also home to three world-class forest product manufacturers, that support 6.6% of jobs within the local economy: Rayonier Advanced Materials Inc. ("RYAM"), LignoTech Florida, LLC ("Lignotech"), and Smurfit Westrock.

- Smurfit Westrock manufactures paperboard (linerboard).
- RYAM produces high-purity cellulose fibers found in many technology products.
- LignoTech utilizes byproducts from the RYAM mill, manufacturing refined lignin products supplied to specialty chemical markets globally.

These facilities source wood fiber from forests across a 41-county region in northeast Florida and southeast Georgia.



Location map of Fernandina Beach, Florida, and company locations on Amelia Island.

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