# Home Depot eyes Canton, Redford locations

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STAFF WHITER
CANTON Township is on the road to becoming a hondyman's pairidise.

When Home Depot USA Inc. obtains a building permit in Can-

Square are known rivals, "Those two will go head to head," said Tom Yack, Canton Township su-pervisor.

But Yack believes Home Depot will draw more from customers east of Canton.

Canton has already given site approval to Home Depot USA, which is expected to build on 15 vacant acres at the southeast cor-ner of Ford and Lotz. The company gained site plan approval in June, according to

Casey Hans, Canton's municipal services information coordinator. The Home Depot USA in Canton will be about 130,000 square feet — 99,250 square feet with a 6,700-square-foot receiving area and a 23,000-square-foot garden center. It will employ 200 full-time, Hans said.

Mike Mans of Mans Do-It Center corporate offices in Trenton said his store has probably benefited by the increased traffic Buildors Square brought in. However, Mans caters to a slightly different market of builders and contractors.

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"We're not crazy about it (the proximity of Builders Square) but actually our sales have gone up," Mans said. "I'd be noive to say it (Home Deport) won't have any im-pact. But we don't position our-selves to be head-to-head compet-itors with them. We're specialists in projects. We have a lot of field experience."

Builders Square and Home De-pot have higher profit margins, Mans added.

In Redford, Home Depot USA
Inc. is buying 16 acres on Inkster
Road, between Plymouth and 136. It will be the only home improvement company in Redford
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The Company in Redford
We're a bedroom community."
Redford is a stable community,
We're a bedroom community.
Redford is a stable community,
with little room for expansion.
Few new homes are built enually,
Home Depot USA company
gained site approval Oct. 13,
Snage said.
The store will replace an Erb's
Lumber, a ministorage site and
two houses, Snage said.
Home Depot will increase Redford's tax base. "It definitely
could fall into the top 10 range (of
taxpayers)." Snage said.
Warehouse Club, which moved
into Redford in 1935, was the last
business of similar size to locate
there. Warehouse Club is slightly
smaller, Snage said.
Builders Square officials could
not be reached. Home Depot officials did not return home calls.

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