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Wildlight branch of Community First complete as credit union looks toward growth



Community First Credit Union President and CEO Sam Inman introduces the institution's latest branch Sep. 24, 2026.

COMMUNITY FIRST CREDIT UNION



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One of many Community First Credit Union's many incoming branches is complete.

The locally-based institution opened the doors to a 3,100-square-foot location at 148 Kindred Lane on Thursday, in Nassau County's Wildlight community.

Of Community First's roughly 12,000 customers county-wide, roughly 2,000 are in the Wildlight area, according to the organization.

"Wildlight is one of the fastest-growing parts of our metro area," President and CEO Sam Inman said. "Serving our community one member at a time is our purpose, and this new branch gives our members convenient access to an incredible local team that's here to help them with the financial services and products they need, right in their own neighborhood."

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Auld and White Constructors built the branch, TTV Architects designed it and NAI Hallmark manages the property.

Since 2022, when it had 19 locations, the financial institution has added six more. Beyond this latest, it has multiple others planned: St. Johns County, [Middleburg](#), Green Cove Springs and Fernandina Beach.

Long before quarter four of the year, Community First found itself the beneficiary of a rising tide amongst First Coast businesses as of late. That is, an [increased appetite for growth](#).

Community First's loan portfolio increased to a historic high of \$2.2 billion, a nearly 10% increase from 2024.

Inman contributed it to strong consumer demand, disciplined pricing and a focus across consumer and commercial lending alike. Where the credit union saw momentum on the commercial side, it reported a 45% increase in auto lending.

Its assets also saw growth, surpassing \$3 billion for the first time, a 10% increase at nearly \$289 million, according to the credit union's annual report in April.

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