

## **COMMENTS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 7:10am

First Name Emily

Last Name Davio

My comment is for the town meeting on 9/24. I am writing in support of the one year moratorium, and beyond that, I am writing in full disapproval of the building of a data center in Lansing. I urge town officials to stand up for Lansing's environment and its people. The unknown threats this development poses would put the health of our wildlife, our waters, our air, and our people at risk. People's paychecks are also at risk, as a data center would cause already inflated utility bills to rise.

Protect Lansing. Vote to hold a one year moratorium. Thank you.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 7:41am

First Name Danielle

Last Name D'Onofrio

This comment is to be read at the 9/24 town board meeting. Approving a data center will have long lasting effects on the environment and on peoples wallets. It's already financially difficult to live. Do not let this AI center ruin our lake and community.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 7:43am

First Name Peter

Last Name Glennon

Hi there, this is meant for the town hall meeting 9/24 on the discussion of the AI data center on Lake Cayuga. As someone living in the Rochester area/fingerlakes region, I don't want the lake waters to be used for this purpose. The data center will most likely disrupt the local environment of the lake and raise the utility bills of people in the area. I want wildlife to be able to live normally without being infected by toxic chemicals, and utility bills/electricity is already expensive enough. The American people are already struggling and do not have the money to pay more for bills. These are my thoughts, thank you for listening and considering them when discussing the decision to allow the data center to be built.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 8:12am

First Name Julia

Last Name Tricomi

This comment is meant for the town board meeting on Wednesday 09/24/2025. I support the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments and AI data centers in general in Lansing and surrounding Cayuga Lake in general. Building an AI data center here would increase energy costs for people in the area and will have detrimental environmental

impacts on the region, including the wasting of fresh lake water to cool the data center's equipment. In return, hot, toxic and chemical-ridden water will be dumped back into the lake, which will harm the ecosystem and poses serious health risks to the marine environment and the people living in the area. As a frequent visitor to Cayuga Lake with many cherished memories tied to this one of a kind place who hoped to continue enjoying my time there, adopt the moratorium and do not build an AI data center, now or ever.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 8:12am

First Name Brittany

Last Name B

Creating an AI data center right on Cayuga Lake will be one of the hugest mistakes- Ithaca is known for its natural beauty and wildlife that people travel from all over to come see. Cayuga Lake is an iconic part of Ithaca and it needs to remain that way not only environmentally and for the sake of wildlife habitats, but even thinking from a tourist standpoint as well. Who knows the long term affects of this AI data center on the lake and its natural surroundings? We need to be smart and think long-term, not short-term for whatever amount of money that's being funded into this ridiculous proposal. I went to Ithaca College because of the beautiful surrounding area and progressive mindset of many there, however if this proposal is approved- I fear Ithaca has lost its roots and meaning behind why so many , like myself, chose to go there.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 8:35am

First Name Sarah

Last Name Baker

I am writing to say that the AI center should not be made in Lansing. This will pollute our airs, steal our electricity and hike electric bills, and waste so much drinkable water that Lansing needs for it's own people.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 8:43am

First Name Jessica

Last Name Lucey

I would like to oppose any land rezoning that would impact or allow an AI data center project to move forward in our County! Not only will this be a massive impact on the natural ecology of Cayuga Lake and lead to massive greenhouse gas emissions, it will also be an enormous power consumer that will be pushed on the local residents to pay for! We don't want this!! This will impact a lot of seniors and low income residents the most and push more people from being able to afford to live in their homes. We have an obligation to protect our beautiful natural resources, and we absolutely have an obligation to protect the vulnerable people in our district. This can not be allowed!

Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 8:47am

First Name Chari

Last Name Fuerstenau

I understand that the Town Board will be voting on changes to the zoning and town use regulations today. I am writing to express concern about a proposed AI data center that could impact Lansing and Cayuga Lake. If, as I understand it, the data center proposes to use circulated lake water for cooling purposes, I think it's worth a careful thought: Cornell's lake-source cooling project has already upset the balance of the lake, and may have contributed to this year's harmful algal blooms. While I appreciate the need to move forward with technology, we have only one chance to preserve and protect our lake and our community. (I dread to think what an AI data center would do to NYSEG bills, which are already skyrocketing.) Please, if you cannot vote to retain the current regulations, at least table the vote and get adequate public input before making your final decision. Our community's agricultural roots and natural beauty are prime reasons that people choose to live here, so I hope you can give this matter the serious consideration it requires.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 9:01am

First Name Arnie

Last Name schwartz

i oppose granting the old power plant on the lake for use as a data center.  
Arnie c schwartz

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 9:01am

First Name Annelise

Last Name rigsbee

No AI !!!!! Save Cayuga [lake.no](https://lake.no) AI plant!

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 9:13am

First Name Emma

Last Name Denman

Hello, I am a concerned resident of Tompkins County that opposes the use of the old coal plant for an AI data center. The AI data center would have lasting negative impacts on cayuga lake and the surrounding watershed. The data center ultimately is NOT a resource that local residents would benefit from and would only increase utiltiy bills and spoil our lake. No thank you!!

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 9:31am

First Name Rachel

Last Name Herron

I would just like to state my staunch opposition to the proposal of an AI data center on Cayuga Lake. I am not from Lansing, but I live on the northern end of Cayuga Lake, and it would not take long for the detrimental effects of the data center to reach me and my community. Companies like TeraWulf don't care about the lake or the creatures that live in and around it. To allow them to leave a mark on our beautiful pocket of the world would be sickening. It would result in nothing but increased pollution and higher energy/electricity costs for the taxpayers. Smaller, rural areas such as ours (like Newton County in Georgia, a case worth looking into) often end up with polluted water or shortages of water due to data centers like the one being proposed. Please do not allow this to happen. Thank you.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 9:33am

First Name Ila

Last Name Rose

As a long-time member of the community, I support the one year moratorium on large scale developments and oppose AI data centers. These centers will negatively affect our beautiful lake and its wildlife as well as raise NYSEG bills for myself and all residents. Please prioritize the communities and wildlife that live here and love this place.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 9:37am

First Name Caitlin

Last Name Mathes

I want to support the moratorium on large scale developments and oppose the AI data center. I believe this will be a disaster for the cost of electricity, and the environmental impact will be terrible and tremendous.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 9:44am

First Name Leslie

Last Name Strebel

I am NOT in favor of a data center where the coal plant was. I keep my boat in Lansing and am all too familiar with the challenges facing Cayuga Lake. More lake source cooling is a terrible idea, and data centers take up way more power than we can currently generate. No, no, no, no, no.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 9:44am

First Name Caitlin

Last Name Finlay

I support the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments and strongly oppose the AI data center.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 9:55am

First Name Rebecca

Last Name Utz

I support the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments and oppose the AI data center.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 10:18am

First Name Kayla

Last Name Carpitella

Hello,

This comment is for the Town Board meeting tomorrow, 9/24. As a member of the Finger Lakes community, I want to express my sincere concern about allowing a new AI data center on Cayuga Lake, or really anywhere in our region. There are huge environmental concerns around AI data centers, including the high energy demand required by these data centers to operate, the cost of which gets passed on to us as customers. We have an opportunity to STOP these corporations from ruining our communities and beautiful lakes. AI take over is not inevitable. We can still say NO and protect our land and our people.

Thank you,

Kayla

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**From:** Domenic Gagliano

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2025 10:19 AM

**Subject:** Opposing The Data Center at Miliken Station

To whom it may concern,

I appose the building of the Terawulf Data Center at Miliken Station. As a resident of Ithaca, I've come to love the beautiful landscape of this area and Cayuga Lake.

I'd much rather have the lake as it is than to bring in an energy absorbing, fresh-water consuming, noise-polluting facility like what is being proposed.

Please block the project from coming to fruition.

thank you

Domenic

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 10:21am

First Name Diane & Tony

Last Name BOZZELLI

Dear Lansing Town Board,

Please keep our lake and area safe by not approving the data center. We, as a community, cannot afford an increase in any of our utility costs or more impacts to our Finger Lakes region.

Thank you,  
Diane and Tony Bozzelli  
Northeast Ithaca

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 10:24am

First Name Mateus

Last Name Blakeslee

This comment is for the town meeting on 9/24, I am in opposition of having an AI data center built on Cayuga Lake, and I support the 1-year moratorium plan. An AI data center will increase prices for NYSEG customers and hurt the environment of Cayuga Lake, which is hugely important to our tourism and our lives here. Please make the right choice and vote against TeraWulf and the Data Center.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 10:34am

First Name Allison

Last Name Freeman

Comment for Town Board Meeting 9/24

Hard no on the AI data center. Having lived nearby in Ithaca for a long time, this does NOT reflect what the community is about in that area. NO to large scale developments!

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 10:35am

First Name Parker

Last Name Howland

This comment is meant for the town board meeting which is to take place on 9/24/2025. I recently spent my summer in Lansing for approximately three months for work. It is my understanding that the town, its residents, and visitors take great pride in their natural water resources and water related activities. It is also my understanding that Wednesdays meeting will discuss TeraWulf and an AI facility that, through their practices, will contribute to a higher water temperature and harm the wildlife who inhabit these bodies of water. TeraWulf claims a predominantly zero-waste power. However, this does not mean no emissions. The data center will call on the resources of the surrounding area (i.e. bodies of water) to cool their equipment, thus returning hot water as outflow. As if this wasn't bad enough, data centers such as this also produce electronic waste, which often contains hazardous substances, like mercury and lead. During my stay in Ithaca I visited Ithaca falls,

where there is currently a sign posted that you should not go near a section of rocks due to the increased likelihood of lead in that area caused by a pencil factory which used to reside in that location. I then walked up the nearby hill and found that, on the side of the road, where shallow ditches provide runoff for water from rain, cars, etc. the ditches were shiny and full of lead which had built over the years from, no doubt, tons of water passing through. Our waters are already dangerous, we do not need to risk more. And if that doesn't matter to you, companies such as these pass on the cost of the huge demand that data centers require to the surrounding customers who live in the area. I think it is safe to say that no resident, in today's economic recession, would validate this decision with the knowledge that they will be expected to pay even more than they do now. So after all of this, ask yourself. Are you okay allowing a company to further damage our area and our home, both physically and economically? Place us and our families at possible risk of being harmed? And continuing to destroy an ecosystem for fish, turtles, etc. who are already swimming in microplastics, plastic bags, trash, straws, and more?

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 10:38am

First Name Shea

Last Name Oleksa

This comment is meant for the town board meeting taking place tomorrow on 9/24/25.

As a local resident of Cayuga Lake for my entire life I urge you to SAY NO to TeraWulf taking over the old coal power plant to create an AI data center. This will be detrimental to all life in and around the lake. This data center will likely use lake water to cool their equipment, returning hot water as outflow. Warmer waters lead to conditions that will NOT support aquatic species that require colder water. It can lead to more thermal stratification, which can affect aquatic life by reducing the movement of nutrients and dissolved oxygen between shallow and deep waters. Data centers produce electronic waste, which often contains hazardous substances like mercury and lead. I am sure this will increase the amount of HAB in the lake as well. This will also increase utility prices for everyone surrounding the plant.

If you care at all about our lake, our towns, our people, and our planet then you will put an end to this idea without hesitation now and for good.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 10:43am

First Name Cynthia

Last Name Herron

This message is directed to the Lansing Town Board for their upcoming meeting on 9/24 at which a 1-year moratorium on large scale developments and a proposed AI Data Center will be discussed. As a lifelong resident of Seneca Falls, a town which shares our beautiful Cayuga Lake with Lansing at the other end, I would like it known that I strongly support the

1-year moratorium on large scale developments in the Town of Lansing and fully oppose AI Data Centers in general. AI Data Centers produce considerable electronic waste, which often contains hazardous substances like mercury and lead. Where would this waste be disposed of? AI data centers use large amounts of energy, which would likely increase utility costs throughout the area. They also require vast amounts of water to cool electrical components. Obviously this water would come from Cayuga Lake. Warm water pumped backed into the lake would jeopardize the health of the lake and the fragile ecosystems it supports. Finally, as indicated in a study published online in December 2024 by Caltech and UC Riverside (UCR) scientists, pollution from AI Data Centers can be far reaching, further even than just to Seneca Falls at the other end of Cayuga Lake from Lansing . This study found that pollution from backup generators at data centers in Northern Virginia drifts into Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and the District of Columbia! It is for these reasons I believe a 1-year moratorium on large scale developments would be a very prudent course of action. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 10:45am

First Name Sophia

Last Name Fabrizio

Considering implementing a data center for AI would join a long line of politicians putting profit over people. History has shown us what happens to the land and to the people in the area when we build these kinds of centers. History has shown us the kinds of people who are forced to bear this burden and whose struggles are taken for granted so that companies can profit. We do not need more AI. It is not intelligence it is a large language model who is only an expert in whatever topics you don't understand well enough to realize it is not an expert, nor should it be trusted. Our planet needs us to protect its land, its water, its inhabitants. And that includes us. These AI centers harm us more than they could ever hope to help us. Please block this from happening.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 10:53am

First Name Jordan

Last Name Reilley

The possible construction of an AI data center and the impact it would have on the environment are incredibly concerning to me. The lake belongs to everyone and the last thing we need is a giant data center that will take far more than it gives. It's reprehensible that this would even be considered - all we would be doing is taking away from future generations and ensuring they wont have access to the same natural resources that we currently do.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 10:56am



First Name Brinna  
Last Name Michael

I would like to submit a comment in support of the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments to be discussed at the 9/24 Lansing Town Board meeting. I strongly oppose the construction of an AI data center in our community. First, the presence of AI data centers place a heavy drain on community power grids which will only serve to dramatically increase utility prices for local NYSEG customers, above and beyond the steep increases we have witnessed over the past year. Second, the proposed AI data center would draw on Cayuga Lake to cool the center's data processors, resulting in heated water being cycled back into the lake. Research has shown that increased water temperatures negatively impacts native aquatic species, and specifically, can cause an increase in harmful algae blooms, an issue which necessitated the creation of the Cayuga Lake Harmful Algal Blooms Harriers Monitoring Program. I urge the Lansing Town Board to consider the grave consequences that the construction of an AI data center would have on our community and to approve a 1-year moratorium on large scale developments.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 11:07am

First Name Jennifer  
Last Name Skala

This comment is meant for the Town Board meeting on Sept. 24th, 2025.

I am reaching out to express my opposition to the construction of an AI data center by the company TeraWulf. Setting aside debates on the use of AI as a whole, the construction of data centers elsewhere have clearly shown the risks to the local communities, namely in the form of overuse of the local water and electrical supply. Local municipalities are simply not equipped to handle the massive loads these centers draw, leaving residents to pick up the slack with skyrocketing electric bills, increased brown outs and blackouts, and plunging water pressure in homes and businesses. Even if the plant uses lake cooling, that simply leads to more concerns on the environmental impacts of the vast amounts of returned hot water damaging the ecosystem for native fish and plants, and potentially increasing the risks of Harmful Algal Blooms. The damage to the community is not worth it - DO NOT allow TeraWulf to build their AI data center!

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 11:18am

First Name Emma  
Last Name Rizzo

My name is Emma Rizzo and I am writing in opposition of the proposed AI data center. The environmental concerns of these data centers are known, and I have concerns about the burden that the high electricity usage would put on the residents. Thank you!

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 11:28am

First Name Hannah  
Last Name McDonald

For the 9/24 board meeting: due to the economic impacts and environmental concerns associated with AI data centers, I support the 1-year moratorium and I oppose AI data centers in general. I urge the board members to do the same. We must preserve our lake for future generations and for those (humans and animals) who live there now.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 11:51am  
First Name Ashley  
Last Name Lombardo

NO AI data center!!!!!!

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 11:52am  
First Name Zoe  
Last Name Foster

This is for the 9/24 meeting!

As a community member, Cayuga Lake is so important to me. It's a precious natural resource that must be protected. That is why I am in opposition of the AI Data Center and say NO to the lease.

Allowing this data center will increase NYSEG bills, contribute to light and water pollution, and make our lake unsafe to swim and recreate in and around.

Again, I am in opposition of the lease of land for the AI Data Center and believe that the data center will negatively impact our community.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 12:08pm  
First Name Devin  
Last Name Conde

I would like this comment to be read at the 9/24 Town Board meeting.

I am in support of the one-year moratorium on large scale developments, and I am in staunch opposition to AI data centers. These centers have proved harmful both to our environment AND to our communities. Any AI data center construction is unethical and directly harms the good people of our local communities.

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**From:** jamie love  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2025 11:32 AM  
**Subject:** Urgent Opposition to TeraWulf Data Center at Miliken Station

Dear Members of the Lansing Town Planning Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed TeraWulf data center at the former Miliken Station. Cayuga Lake is a cherished natural treasure, supporting local wildlife, recreation, and the well-being of our community.

Building a massive data center threatens the lake's fragile ecosystem. The facility will consume enormous amounts of water and energy, increase pollution, and alter the character of our region. These impacts are irreversible and would compromise the health of the lake and its residents for generations to come.

I urge the Board to prioritize the protection of Cayuga Lake over industrial development. Please deny or revoke approval for this project and safeguard our community's natural heritage.

Thank you for listening to the voices of those who care deeply about our environment and it's people over profits.

Sincerely, Jamie Love

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 12:26pm

First Name Emimly

Last Name Petrina

Hello! Please share this comment for the Lansing Town Hall public meeting on 9/24/25. My name is Emily Petrina, I am a local architect in Ithaca and the current chair of the City of Ithaca Planning and Development Board. Please block the development of the proposed Terawulf AI facility on Lake Cayuga until a full Environmental Assessment can be done. Our greatest natural resource is Cayuga Lake, and as our local climate warms residents and visitors around the lake are finding it harder to use it, enjoy it, and make their homes and livings near it. Algal blooms render many summer days harmful near the lake, which is a direct result of rising water temperatures and pesticide runoff. We need to carefully review any business which proposes a change to the lakes ecosystem. Please require a Full Environmental Assessment for this project, which will no doubt lead to a positive delcaration of environmental significance, allowing Lansing the funds to further study the Terawulf's proposal in depth and using third party experts.

Thank you! Emily Petrina

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 12:40pm

First Name Erin

Last Name Harkenrider

Hello, this is for the 9/24 meeting!!

I am strongly in favor of preventing the AI data center that's planned for Cayuga Lake. I am expressing my concerns about the environment, noise pollution, stress put on our power grid, increased electricity prices for us and our fellow citizens. I strongly encourage you to not go forward with this process and think of our environment and the community first.

Thank you so much for your time.

Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 12:41pm  
First Name Allison  
Last Name Aretz

Please do not build AI around Cayuga Lake. When I come to Ithaca, I think of the nature and the love for the seasons. Environmental issues surrounding AI is extremely concerning. Any ethical person would be opposed to the destruction that AI will bring. We want to protect our sacred land and CONSERVE it.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 12:43pm  
First Name David  
Last Name Kensek

Meant for the Town Board Meeting on 9/24: Please do NOT approve the proposal for a new AI data center to be built on Cayuga Lake. These centers are disastrous to neighboring communities, environments, and wildlife. We need to protect our beautiful green spaces and push back against these destructive efforts.

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 1:04pm  
First Name Elizabeth  
Last Name Herman

Hello,  
I am Lansing resident, but unable to attend the Town Board meeting on 9/24/2025. I want to express my strong support for the temporary land use moratorium and my opposition to an AI data center being built in our community. I feel it is an enormous waste of energy that may further drive up our (already high) NYSEG rates, and am equally concerned about the potential environmental impacts on Cayuga Lake as water is used for coolant. Please feel free to read this at the meeting, or simply count it as a vote for the moratorium.  
Thank you,  
Elizabeth Herman

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 1:09pm  
First Name Chloe  
Last Name O'Shea

Comment for Town Board meeting on 9/24, We are concerned about the potential environmental repercussions of having an AI powered data center on Cayuga Lake. This will have negative environmental impacts for NYSEG customers as well as deleterious results to Cayuga's natural wildlife. Please stop this!

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 1:32pm  
First Name Bethany

Last Name Silber

Re: Town Board Meeting on 9/24/25: I support the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments and oppose the AI data center.

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