

## **COMMENTS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 20, 2025**

Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 2:28am

First Name Eliza

Last Name Gifford

\*This comment is meant for the Lansing town board meeting on 9/24..\*

I want to express my opposition to the building of an AI data center on Cayuga lake and support the 1 year moratorium on large scale developments! Lansing absolutely does not need a data center that will consistently require ridiculous amounts of energy (potentially leading to higher utility prices) and contribute to the development of artificial intelligence technology. The center could also have significant environmental impacts - carbon emissions that TeraWulf doesn't want to outright admit to and possibly warm water expulsion and electronic waste that could negatively affect key aquatic species and ecosystems in our wonderful lake.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 6:14am

First Name Sarah

Last Name Sexton

an AI data center is going to absolutely destroy this beautiful city. please look up more research on how people around these data centers are being affected. if this IS what you want for YOUR people, then we all need to reconsider your part as our town council.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 7:18am

First Name Erika

Last Name Reed

I urge you to not allow the data center. These facilities are harmful to the environment and do not provide benefit to the communities that they invade. This decision impacts not only the Town of Lansing but the entire Cayuga lake area and threatens our region, not only environmentally but also financially. I urge you to vote for the long term health of our region and Cayuga lake.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 7:40am

First Name Sean

Last Name Dembrosky

I am extremely disheartened to learn that a huge AI datacenter is being proposed in our area. We live a short distance from the old power plant and the idea of a massively energy consuming tech company that doesn't support our local economy, burdens our already super high energy bills with

even more shared cost, heats our lake and just fundamentally provides 'service' that we actually don't need as a society is just bleak and depressing.

We need a focus on healthy water, clean air and a livable future for our children, we don't need an AI bot telling us product reviews on a smart phone.

PLEASE do the right thing and cut this one down, the vast majority of your voting community will be on your side with this I'm sure of it, and thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 9:00am

First Name Natalie

Last Name Kelsey

Good morning,

This comment is to respond to the proposed AI data center on Cayuga Lake and is meant to be read at the Town Board meeting on 9/24. I am a frequent visitor to the lake and longtime resident of the area. My two main concerns with this proposal are the economic impact to NYSEG users and the environmental impact the project would have on the lake.

NYSEG rates have risen precipitously in recent years and I wonder if any research has been done to investigate the potential impact on homeowners in the area surrounding this proposed project. Homeowners near other AI data centers elsewhere in the country have experienced higher bills, blackouts and brownouts, and water use restrictions as a result of the data centers. How can we know this project won't result in the same issues for those in the local area? Is there an estimate for how much more per year homeowners can expect to pay NYSEG as a result of this project? Additionally, any jobs created to build the data center will go away once it is built, is that correct?

AI data centers use water to cool their facilities in order to keep their processors from overheating. Therefore, hot water is emitted as a result of their use. Has there been any research into the affects this could have on Cayuga Lake? I am particularly interested in its affect on harmful algal blooms, as we have had problems with HABs in Cayuga Lake. I'm also concerned about the affect this will have on wildlife who depend on the lake's cooler waters for their habitat.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. I hope we can address these issues together.

Sincerely,

Natalie Kelsey

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 9:24am

First Name Marina

Last Name Morris

I'm writing in to support a moratorium on large development and oppose the development of an AI data center in Lansing in general. It would bring very little value to the area but would harshly impact energy supply and peaceful living in and around Lansing, and would make the lake less of an enjoyment for both locals and tourists, potentially hurting businesses around the lake or that rely on tourism.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 9:45am

First Name Kathy

Last Name McLaren

I support a 1 year moratorium and am against any AI plant on our lake.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 9:54am

First Name Sean

Last Name Korbass

Please oppose the building of an AI data center. It's proven they reduce the quality of life of residents near by through consistent noise pollution. Also AI data centers use more water and electricity than any other current data centers in the US. This would be a serious mistake in protecting the watershed of Cayuga lake and will undoubtedly harm wildlife and people alike who call this one of a kind finger lake home.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 10:08am

First Name Cam

Last Name Olmstead

As a community member, I am highly concerned at the development of the data center on the lake. We cannot trust large corporations with something so fragile - our beautiful lake. This is not an investment into the community, it is cashing out to unseen forces and investors.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 10:09am

First Name Anya

Last Name Kramer

I'm not sure if this is the right place to submit this comment, but I hope it can find its way to the right people:

Building an AI data center on Cayuga lake is a terrible idea. My concerns are economic and environmental. Locals don't want this!

Thanks,  
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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 10:55am

First Name Naiya

Last Name Patel

Hello, I'm a public health graduate student at Cornell. I'm based next to the coal power plant and I've heard about the new terawulf projects in discussion. I just want to raise a serious concern about hosting a AI data center or more. As a public health individual this can't necessarily prove well for the air quality or safety of biodiversity of Cayuga lake if may used to cool off data center equipments. I've only recently been made aware of this but I would like to trust what the meeting decides hopefully accounting factors like potential NYSEG bill rises.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 10:57am

First Name Lucas

Last Name McManus

Building a ai data center on the lake will not solve any issues we have and cause more issues that it will solve. It's been proven by other states and towns that the power bill for the data center will be split between the residents that live in the area and could increase it by up to 30%. That is not the worst part though, this data center will greatly impact wildlife around it as it will be using the lake to cool it and spitting the hot water back out into the lake killing the cooler water spices. If these factors aren't enough to even make you concerned you have massive issues. If this center gets built it's only going to cause chaos that will be irreparable.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 11:41am

First Name Kaya

Last Name Koss

Building a Ai data center on one of our largest finger lakes is not only a waste of money manpower and resources, this is climatically irresponsible. Please do not do this. This comment is meant for the town board meeting on 9/24.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 12:42pm

First Name Chayton

Last Name Hart

I support the one year moratorium on large scale developments and oppose the creation of an ai data center on Cayuga lake or in any of the areas under the jurisdiction of the town of Lansing. I believe this is a bad idea both for ecological reasons and for concern for the negative economic impacts on the people of Lansing and surrounding communities.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 12:48pm

First Name Sierra

Last Name Bouchard

We oppose the AI data center proposed for Cayuga Lake!!! Please take a look at all of the environmental impacts that this type of development can have on our lake environment. Monetary gain should not be made at the expense of what natural and sacred lands and waters that we have left.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 12:49pm

First Name Chelsea

Last Name Guy

I am writing against allowing an AI Data center to set up shop in the neighborhood. Electricity prices could really harm locals who are struggling and the environmental impact is not worth it if we want to keep the area sustainable. Stand up and do what's right for our community and environment!

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 1:32pm

First Name Bennett

Last Name Waltz

This is intended for the Town Board Meeting on 9/24.

I am a resident of tomkins county and I pay NYSEG bills. Regardless of the fact that allowing the construction of an AI data center would personally affect me financially and disadvantage me as a working student, the town should absolutely not allow this sort of facility to be constructed. AI data centers have an observable and horrible effect on the local environment, and the energy input required to power them is unacceptably high and unjustifiable. In Memphis, TN, where the Grok AI facility was built, locals are dealing with new and worsening COPD, emphysema, and other adverse non-pulmonary health effects as a result of the emissions from the facility. AI data centers pollute at appalling rates, and our local government cannot adequately justify constructing something so harmful to the local environment and the people of Lansing.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 2:22pm

First Name Talia

Last Name Shaw

To be read at the Lansing Town Board meeting on 9/24. No to AI data centers on Cayuga lake

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 2:59pm

First Name Chloe

Last Name Wiederhorn

We do not want an AI data center on Cayuga lake.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 3:00pm

First Name Hope

Last Name Byers

In regards to the town board meeting on Wednesday, 9/24, I support the 1-year moratorium on large developments and strongly AI data centers in general, especially on Cayuga.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 3:02pm

First Name Milo

Last Name Inman

For the 9/24 board meeting:

We support the moratorium against AI data center development on Cayuga Lake. All signs point to this type of development causing massive, of subtle harm to its neighbors. Cayuga Lake needs to be protected from pollutants and disturbance by big tech exploiting natural resources necessary for the survival and wellbeing of living beings - human and otherwise. Please prioritize protecting the constituents of your municipality from this exploitation above whatever short term incentives are being offered - human lives and ecosystems are immeasurably more valuable than the technology being pushed at the expense of all else.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 3:05pm

First Name Sydney

Last Name Terfloth

Please do NOT put an AI data center in Ithaca. It will destroy the beautiful landscape and increase health issuers across the entire area. DO NOT!!! NO ONE WANTS THIS!

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 3:19pm

First Name Elle

Last Name Schumacher

I am very against the proposed AI data center on Cayuga lake. It is detrimental to everyone in the surrounding community. To allow this to be built would be disrespectful to the lake we love, the environment around us, and the hard working Tompkins County community members as this will increase NYSEG prices as well. This issue is larger than Lansing; however, as the zoning board you have the power to improve life for everyone in Cayuga lake. I sincerely hope you make the right decision, and listen to your constituents over a "Big Money" AI firm that doesn't care about the little guy.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 3:31pm

First Name Jake

Last Name Smith

In regards to the Town Board meeting on 9/24, I want it to be know that I am strongly against the building of an AI datacenter.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 3:52pm

First Name Cody

Last Name Zusman

This comment is meant for the town board meeting on 9/24. We absolutely cannot let an AI data center be built anywhere here. Please do not allow Blackrock (who owns TeraWulf) to poison the land and suck the resources of the town and area dry.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 4:00pm

First Name Melissa

Last Name Zarem

Is the Lansing board meeting on September 24 open to the public? I want them to know that I strongly oppose the proposed data center. It will effect the community negatively as it impacts our energy costs, our drinking water and natural environment , and our ultimately our quality of life.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 4:35pm

First Name Satya

Last Name Celeste

My comment is meant for the Town Board meeting on 9/24. As a resident who recreates on Cayuga Lake, pays NYSEG bills, and cares about the lake life and land creatures, I strongly oppose any AI data centers on Cayuga Lake. Our shared natural resources are precious beyond any conceivable monetary value, and corporations do not have the right to exploit these shared resources for short-term gain at the cost of long-term sustainability. We need our local representatives to stand up to companies like Google, who is the largest shareholder in TeraWulf, who have no regard, connection, or true care for the communities they pollute. The Lansing town board must uphold a 1-year moratorium on any large scale development and oppose AI data centers in general.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 4:39pm

First Name Steven

Last Name Parus

Regarding the Terawulf datacenter ; Massive corporations are bad! Cayuga lake must be protected from things like this.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 4:52pm

First Name Kathryn

Last Name Oliver

This is in reference to the 9/24 town board meeting regarding an AI data center. Cayuga lake is an integral part of the Finger Lakes community, and is the central hub of towns like Lansing, Ithaca, Trumansburg, and even places as far north as Seneca Falls and Waterloo. Building an AI data center on the lake would not just affect Lansing. Research, such as what's depicted in <https://iee.psu.edu/news/blog/why-ai-uses-so-much-energy-and-what-we-can-do-about-it> , indicates that AI centers create excessive water usage and carbon emissions. This is incredibly harmful for any community, but especially this one. Dams that provide Ithaca with fresh water are weak in integrity and due for replacement (<https://ithacavoice.org/2025/07/dammed-if-you-do-damned-if-you-dont/>), most of New York State is on a drought watch (<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quantity/drought/current-drought-conditions>), and the lake is actively facing health issues such as harmful algae (<https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/All-Departments/Whole-Health/EH/Harmful-Algal-Blooms-HABs>). Adding an AI center will jeopardize the health of the lake and the communities that relies on it, human and otherwise. This area has such rich natural history. We should not stain it so quickly and with such disregard.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 4:59pm

First Name Maral



Last Name Asik

This comment is meant for the town board meeting on 9/24.

I am writing to strongly oppose Terawulf's proposed AI data center on Cayuga Lake, and support a moratorium on such developments until there is proper consideration of all the consequences. AI data centers can have detrimental effects on the surrounding human and environmental health through noise, air, and water pollution, and can raise energy prices for all surrounding residents. Cayuga Lake is the region's greatest freshwater resource, and we should be very careful protecting it from large corporate interests that don't care about residents. Thank you.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 5:07pm

First Name Mara

Last Name Hanson

My comment is meant for the 9/24 Town Board meeting.

The town should not approve purchase and building of an AI data center by TeraWulf, at least until the town rewrites its building and zoning laws. AI datacenters are dangerous for everyone- they use up valuable drinking water, increase prices of electricity bills as these companies refuse to pay their share, and are massive polluters. As a resident who lives near Cayuga Lake, I want the beauty of this area to be maintained forever. Studies show that AI data centers are extremely polluting and could harm the wildlife in the lake's ecosystem. Please deny the request for TeraWulf to build this data center in Lansing

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 5:10pm

First Name Casey

Last Name McGlynn

The proposed data center on Cayuga Lake will destroy the town. Ithaca is supposed to be one of the most eco friendly towns in America, this data center will completely tarnish this reputation. This is a terrible idea to install one and me, along with MANY others will be vehemently against it, and many residents will likely move out. It will destroy the ecosystem of this place.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 5:25pm

First Name Katie

Last Name Knipe

I believe that putting in an ai center would be a bad idea for all of what Ithaca and nearby areas represent. Everything in the area is based on the gorges and the lakes and how beautiful and

important the nature is around us, and an ai center would suck the water out of it, and suck the Ithaca out of Ithaca.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 5:46pm

First Name Aud

Last Name Fitzgerald

DO NOT LET THEM BUILD AN AI PLANT ON CAYUGA LAKE !!!!

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 5:53pm

First Name Samantha

Last Name Burns

This comment is for the Town Board meeting on September 24th. I oppose the AI data center that is to be developed in Lansing. There are many enviornmental concerns that come with large data centers. Utility prices will most likely increase with this new data center as in many cases where towns add a data center and the electricity price increases. Aquatic life in Cayuga lake relies on the healthy conditions that exist at the moment. A new data center could increase the temperature of the waters and upset the wildlife. This data center could also produce electronic waste such as mercury and lead. New York state is already on warning for drought conditions. It is important that we keep Cayuga lake and all surrounding enviornments as safe as possible. Community pollution is large issue right now and the Lansing community does not need to be a part of enviornmental degradation.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 5:56pm

First Name Sara

Last Name DiLorenzo

DO NOT BUILD AND AI CENTER ON THE LAKE!

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 6:04pm

First Name Kahli

Last Name Lo Piccolo

Do not allow an AI data center to take root in Cayuga lake.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 6:09pm  
First Name Lorna-Rose  
Last Name Brown

do not build ai center on the lake

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 6:17pm  
First Name Clare  
Last Name Lickona

Please keep AI centers out of Upstate!! They drain and pollute the natural resources! - A  
concerned citizen

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 7:10pm  
First Name Katie  
Last Name Pericak

This comment is for the meeting happening this coming Wednesday 9/24 about the one-year moratorium. Specifically, about the proposed AI data center. As a past Lansing resident and current Ithaca resident, this data center will increase utility bills for me and my community, who are already being charged too much as it is. Also, the beautiful Cayuga Lake, a universally beloved body of water will also be negatively affected, as the AI data center would need to use the cold lake water to cool their equipment and return hot water as outflow. This will affect the wildlife that reside in the lake and it will reduce the movement of nutrients and dissolved oxygen between shallow and deep waters. The environmental impact of AI is widely known now, and it is not good. This amazing town has an opportunity to choose to be on the right side of history and stand up to corporations that couldn't care less about the people and wildlife they very negatively affect. If this AI data center is approved, make no mistake the response from the community will not be pretty. Please make the right decision on this and choose to love this community over robots.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 7:13pm  
First Name Lucia  
Last Name Curran-Lane

I am extremely against the TeraWulf AI data center on Cayuga Lake. Large data centers will raise the utility price for everyone surround it. Its huge and electricity prices will increase and our beautiful lake will suffer. The aquatic species will face sever consequences from the need of colder water to survive. Not only will this disturb the people of towns day to day life but it has the potential to severely harm the environment we live in.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 8:18pm

First Name Calen

Last Name MacDonald

I strongly oppose the construction of an AI data center. As a researcher who studies AI I do not think the potential benefits of the center's construction outweigh the harm it will do to our environment and community.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 9:11pm

First Name Zoe

Last Name Dake

hello, this is a comment pertaining to the 9/24 meeting — I am writing in to say that I support the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments and that I oppose AI data centers in general. thank you.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 9:15pm

First Name Ryan

Last Name Randle

I have a comment intended for the Lansing Town Board on September 24th regarding the moratorium on large scale developments. I staunchly oppose the construction of data centers via TeraWulf on Cayuga Lake. These data centers would increase residents' electricity bills from NYSEG, introduce electronic waste into the lake water, and warm up its temperature such that it would become inhospitable for much of the aquatic wildlife there.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 9:40pm

First Name Gretchen

Last Name Rymarchyk

This comment is for the 9/24 Board meeting:

I urge you to vote no to an AI data center on Cayuga Lake. Too much is unknown about environmental impact - ANY impact to the lake is too much, and affects more than just the people in Lansing. The costs for an AI center will end up raising resident utility costs, and we are already struggling under recent increases, and fighting some newly proposed ones.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 10:53pm

First Name Eden

Last Name Jordan

Hello. This comment is intended for the Town Board meeting on 9/24.

I am not a citizen of your township but I am a student who resides near Cayuga Lake. I found it truly appalling to consider putting an AI data center on Cayuga Lake when these centers have shown to do nothing but cause severe detriment to the surrounding environment. For the sake of future generations like mine having a healthy planet that we can not only survive on but thrive on, I urge you to vote against this action. Thank you.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 10:53pm

First Name Grace

Last Name Murry

I'm writing as a resident of Ithaca to say that I support the moratorium on large-scale developments and oppose the construction of AI data centers completely.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 10:58pm

First Name Grace

Last Name Holland

I live in the area, I am a student at Ithaca college, and it is very important to me that you know that I absolutely fully oppose the building of an AI data center. I support the 1 year moratorium, I absolutely do not support the AI data center. I'd like to be able to have water pressure.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 11:12pm

First Name Jade

Last Name DiDonato

Hello, I am writing this comment pertaining to the town board meeting next week on 9/24. The topic I am commenting on is the discussion of a one year moratorium on large scale land development projects like an AI data center. I personally am from an area In NJ where an AI center has been built less than 150 miles away. While we have not seen an impact on water or air quality as of yet, our electric bills have felt the impact and have skyrocketed. Additionally, our air is still "clean" but the air quality worsens day by day with increased usage of the data center. Overall, your constituents and residents will suffer higher living costs and a poorer environment. In this economy, no one can afford and small towns like Lansing are already hemorrhaging their populations as is due to rising cost of living and lack of job opportunities. So why would you want to threaten the stability of your population more? I hope you can appreciate this perspective and stop any development of an AI data center.

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Submitted on Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 11:38pm

First Name Angelica

Last Name Zara

AI Data centers are detrimental to the area they are built in. It sucks up the freshwater which is meant for people and lets the robot “drink” it instead. Support your constituents NOT the machines.

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