

**COMMENTS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 12:04am

First Name Lineysha

Last Name Shivakumar

FOR TOWN BOARD MEETING 9/24 (TeraWulf)

My name is Lineysha Shivakumar, and I am strongly opposed to the construction of the proposed AI data center on Cayuga Lake. This project threatens the health of our lake through excessive water use, increased heat discharge, and risks of pollution that could permanently damage the ecosystem.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 12:32am

First Name Zinc

Last Name Brice

DO NOT let an AI data center be built on, or anywhere nearby the lake. The environmental consequences will be disastrous for inhabitants there and will negatively impact everyone who lives in the area. Let Cayuga Lake stay Cayuga Lake!

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 1:11am

First Name Jaya

Last Name Badhe

Save the environment!

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**From:** CLAYTON DOW

**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2025 6:36 AM

**Subject:** TeraWulf AI and HPC data center

Clayton Dow

Geneva, NY

I'm writing to ask you to please put a moratorium on development of the TeraWulf AI and HPC data center, while you rewrite the zoning rules to disallow this type of development indefinitely.

There is more to life than money. Money is useless on a dead planet. But also consider that the Finger Lakes tourism industry generates \$4 billion a year. We won't be able to sustain that tourism economy with dead lakes.

Regards,

Clayton Dow

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 7:16am

First Name Madison

Last Name Hoerbelt

This is in regards to the town board meeting on 9/24. I have been a resident for over 6 years and consider Ithaca one of the most beautiful places in NY (and possibly the country). An AI data center would make a detrimental environmental impact on the community. I highly suggest reconsidering placing an AI data center in Lansing/Cayuga Lake and am highly opposed to it. Thank you for your time.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 7:30am

First Name Molly

Last Name Flerlage

Hello,

I am making a comment for the 9/24 evaluation of the the TeraWulf project and other potential future developments. I write as a community member who is deeply concerned and in opposition to the myriad environmental impacts that this facility could have. Please listen to the community and make a decision with care for the generations of community that will follow, say no to TeraWulf and future lakeside development.

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**From:** Kait Towner

**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2025 7:54 PM

**Subject:** Re: Local Law 7

To Whom it May Concern,

We are writing concerning Local Law #7 of 2025 - Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Land Use Development Reviews and Approvals and Land Development Actions for a Period of 365 Days.

Our extended family is in the process of planning a subdivision of our family property to create a 2 acre parcel in order for my immediate family to build a single family home. The land is zoned in Lansing as agricultural. In communication with the Town of Lansing, we were told that we would be able to subdivide the land and build a single family home on the subdivided property without any issues, including zoning changes.

We are concerned about the impact of local law #7 on our ability to build a single family home on agricultural land. **We are urging you to add an exemption to the proposed law to allow the subdivision of agricultural land and in turn build a single family home. If our proposed construction is exempt from this proposed law, we would appreciate a letter stating this fact.**

Please note the following:

- The subdivided land will be on non-tillable land and have minimal impact on the local farmers that rent the land for their crop
- One single family home will be built on the property
- Our children will be the eighth generation in our family to live on the land. Our family has made valuable contributions to the Town of Lansing and Tompkins County. We are both in the human services (speech language pathology and mental health counseling) and are looking forward to making our own positive contributions to the local community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Kait and Clement Towner

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 7:55am

First Name Sierra

Last Name Wayman

Comment meant for the town board hearing on 9/24/2025.

My concern is involving the development of an AI data center in Cayuga Lake. This would not be a beneficial move for any of the community members. The data center will inevitably raise electric bills higher than the average user can comfortably handle. This will also disrupt the precious ecosystem of the lake and other nearby water sources that are used by many generations and make this a beautiful place to live. If we want to keep the lake and surrounding areas ravishing and engaging we can NOT have an AI data center built here.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 7:55am

First Name Melanie

Last Name Munzer

Comment meant for town board meeting on 9/24- I'm opposed to the proposed data mining center attempting to come to our town. As someone who uses the lake regularly, it would be detrimental to the water and will increase HABs which are already disrupting our waters. It will also help to contribute to increasing electricity costs which are already skyrocketing. And for what? A few jobs? Protecting our public spaces and the environment should take priority over a few people getting richer off of our resources.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 8:07am

First Name Steffani

Last Name Farquharson

For the town board meeting on September 24th:

Lansing MUST NOT allow TeraWulf to build an AI data center on Cayuga Lake. Communities are the ones who have to face the brunt of the consequences of this center while benefiting minimally. It is NOT worth it. Citizens will have their own electric bills increase in an area

that already struggles with maintaining their bills. It is unjust to force this upon citizens who should not be financially responsible for the massive amount of energy used by the data center. Furthermore, Cayuga Lake CANNOT handle a data center on its waters. Using the lake as the cooling source for the data center is beyond damaging to the ecosystem that is Cayuga Lake. It would be disgraceful to ruin such beautiful waters that the surrounding area has been working hard to keep clean and useable. Useable for PEOPLE and the COMMUNITY! NOT usable for large companies that bring nothing for our community. A vote for the AI data center is a vote against your own people and your own self interest. I strongly oppose this construction and demand an end to it.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 8:14am

First Name Brian

Last Name Dozoretz

Comment for the town board meeting on Wednesday September 24th regarding discussions around the former coal power plant.

As a resident of Seneca County in the town of Covert, we live and own property within the Coal Closure Energy Community boundary, and thus wish our voices to be included in the discussions of future development of this particular site.

My main concerns for the proposed conversion to a data center are:

1) the known noise output of myriad cooling systems (i.e. fans/airflow) to maintain 24/7 operation will most likely be audible across the lake.

For reference, I am able to clearly hear people talking on their boat in the well known fishing spots immediately in front of the power plant. I can only imagine the sound of thousands of small powerful fans within the structure creating a monotonous hum that modulates across the lake depending on wind speed/direction.

Please ensure any plans clearly account for sound transmission across flat water using air pressure, average wind speed, and temperature unique to this geographical area when seeking details (as most environmental impact documentation do not include study of narrow bodies of water with these depths, situated within a system of valleys).

2) Any proposed Solar array of this scale will have a reflective quantity at scale, which dependent on the extreme variation of season in this latitude will be visibly uncomfortable for those of us located west, southwest, and north west of the planned solar array field. Given the slope of the current property, the reflective quality of the panels will create a swatch of solar, and lunar reflection that will disrupt an otherwise non-reflective area during various points of each day/night.

This reflection will also have potential impacts on migratory bird patterns whom frequent that section of the lake, and rely on the adjacent protected lands north and south of where

this large solar array is to be situated.

While on paper, this concept of providing power to the grid to help offset the proposed plant's usage, there is zero reason to locate the array onsite beyond the ownership of the large area of currently unused land.

A solar array could be proposed in numerous areas far from this site (in "the flats"), where servicing, connectivity, and generation can all be maximized, as opposed to a site that "misses" many morning hours of solar generation being on the west facing slope. Given how interrelated the companies involved in ownership of the current property, proposed operations, and the support/funding of both, it brings me great concern for much more detailed approvals and inspection of plans to ensure a monopoly-like structure is not inserting itself into the Lansing township.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 8:24am

First Name Danielle

Last Name Wiedmer

I would like my comment read into record at Wednesday, September 24th board meeting. I want the board to know that I support the 1 year moratorium on large scale development and that I oppose AI data centers in general.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 8:44am

First Name judith

Last Name lawson

I oppose the AI data center and would like the town board to hear my comment at the 9/24 board meeting. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 8:45am

First Name Sydney

Last Name Hogue

This is for the town board meeting on 9/24. Ithaca is a quaint and beautiful little city, where thousands of students come for school because of its environment. By adding a huge data center to Cayuga Lake, not only would the ecosystem be disturbed, but our electricity would go up (in an already expensive area). Not to mention that a giant data center would be ugly and disturb the breathtaking view that we have of Cayuga Lake. Ithaca so and has always been about nature, sustainability, and love for our small area of the country, and we can't disturb that image.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 8:58am

First Name Calder  
Last Name Martin

For the town hall meeting on 9/24, I would like to raise my concerns about the proposal for an AI data center in Cayuga. It is evident from across the nation that Data Centers pose drastic and existential consequences for the nearby community. We see this in Memphis, where Colossus has poisoned the air of boxtown. We see this in Texas, where residents were told to severely limit water usage as a combined result of drought conditions and the massive need for water that data centers require. We see this in communities across the country, where the introduction of a data center has caused electrical bills to skyrocket. I'm sure it's worth noting as well the environmental consequences, but is Lansing willing to accept the ensuing lawsuits that would surely result from all the environmental and quality of life impacts that a data center would bring?

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**From:** Diane Beckwith  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2025 9:01 AM  
**Subject:** Data Center and moratorium

Dear board members,  
I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the development of the Data Center and the subsequent impact on our community's electric costs. It seems that this project will financially harm our residents while the only benefit would be the tax revenues for the town.  
I support the 1 year moratorium on major project development in the town until town zoning and planning are figured out.  
Sincerely, Diane Beckwith

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 9:04am  
First Name Kay  
Last Name Farney

No!!! To the AI data center

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 9:12am  
First Name Alexander  
Last Name Feinberg

Hi!  
I strongly oppose any data centers around Cayuga lake. Our lake is a gift and meant to be shared by the community. It would be a shame to try to harvest more profits from it by re-opening the coal power plant which will cause environmental damage. Please read this comment at the town board meeting on September 24. Thank you!

Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 9:13am  
First Name Isabelle  
Last Name Levy

This comment is for the town board meeting on 9/24. I am writing with great concern over the potential AI data center being built on Cayuga Lake. I grew up swimming in this lake and worry for the future of its inhabitants. The electronic waste that would be produced by the data center would be extremely harmful to both aquatic species, and the people who find joy in frequenting the lake. I urge you to PLEASE vote against this. Thank you.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 9:36am  
First Name Harrison  
Last Name Buttrick

I'm saying NO to a new AI data center on Cayuga Lake based on environmental concerns. Reconsider your position during the 9/24/2025 Town Board meeting.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 9:46am  
First Name Madeleine  
Last Name Glahn

I'm leaving this comment on the Lansing town board to say that I support the one year moratorium on large scale developments and that I STRONGLY oppose the proposal to develop an AI data center on Cayuga lake. Having a AI data center on the lake would have monumental negative impacts to the surrounding area and property owners. This would have major environmental impacts as well as passing off the cost of these centers to constituents. Please reject any and all proposals for AI centers in the Lansing area. Thank you

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 9:58am  
First Name Erin  
Last Name Magnus

This is comment is intended for the Town Board meeting on 9/24/25. I do not support TeraWulf's plans for a new data center on Cayuga Lake, or in the Finger Lakes region whatsoever. Even with the claim of using zero-carbon power, the project poses significant environmental risks that will disproportionately harm residents to the benefit of the company. I urge you to discourage any further enabling of TeraWulf's project through zoning and land regulation rewriting. Our lake is a precious and beautiful resource, and it would be a tragedy to let this project pollute our landscape. Thank you.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 9:59am  
First Name Mary

Last Name Csorny

I oppose the larger scale development

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 9:59am

First Name Alexis

Last Name Self

I'm writing to submit a comment to be read on record regarding the proposed 1-year moratorium on all large-scale developments and the proposed AI data center on Cayuga Lake that's being discussed at the 9/24 Town Board Meeting. My name is Alexis Self and I'm a resident of the town of Hector, but I live in Perry City, between Trumansburg and Mecklenburg. I'd like to comment in favor of the 1-year moratorium and very against the proposed AI data center. Cayuga lake is a very special place to me and it's part of what led me to want to live here. It's the place I first heard loons calling. North Point at Taughannock State Park is where I spend so many summer evenings with my family and my community, eating dinner, swimming and watching the sunset. I want this lake to be protected for future generations of both humans and wildlife. I can't imagine living here without a healthy lake to swim in and enjoy time along its shore. I feel so deeply connected to our lake, and no amount of money can make it worth harming this amazing natural resource. Tourism is a thriving industry in our area and the lakes are a huge part of what draws people here. We must do all that we can to protect our natural resources and not sell them off for profit. Please, please, please say NO to AI and all it represents. Not only would a data center damage our lake and our wildlife, but our electricity rates would increase. Increasing electricity rates is already a problem for our community and I cannot imagine how much worse it could get if we sell out to a corporation trying to take advantage of our resources. They don't care about us, our lake, or our wildlife — they just want to profit from our resources. Climate change is the largest looming threat to our civilization and the lakes are precious. Let us make choices based on what is best for our planet and protect our precious natural resources, as they are far more important than money. Thank you for your time.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 10:03am

First Name Isabella

Last Name Watts

We do NOT want a data center anywhere near Cayuga Lake or the Town of Lansing. The board must take measures necessary to prevent it. This is meant for the September 24th meeting.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 10:16am

First Name Nanci

Last Name Benson



For the town board meeting on September 24th:

Lansing MUST NOT allow TeraWulf to build an AI data center on Cayuga Lake. Communities are the ones who have to face the brunt of the consequences of this center while benefiting minimally. It is NOT worth it. Citizens will have their own electric bills increase in an area that already struggles with maintaining their bills. It is unjust to force this upon citizens who should not be financially responsible for the massive amount of energy used by the data center. Furthermore, Cayuga Lake CANNOT handle a data center on its waters. Using the lake as the cooling source for the data center is beyond damaging to the ecosystem that is Cayuga Lake. It would be disgraceful to ruin such beautiful waters that the surrounding area has been working hard to keep clean and useable. Useable for PEOPLE and the COMMUNITY! NOT usable for large companies that bring nothing for our community. A vote for the AI data center is a vote against your own people and your own self interest. I strongly oppose this construction and demand an end to it.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 10:17am

First Name Grace

Last Name Koury

I would like it to be read on to the record at the September 24th, 2025 town board meeting that I, as a concern citizen, support the 1-year moratorium on any large scale developments and I oppose not only the AI data center on Cayuga lake, but all AI data centers in general.

I care deeply about the lake, the animals that live in and around it, and the negative effects that this will have on the people of Lansing. There are absolutely no positives to allowing an AI data center on Cayuga lake. Our environment is at risk, please do the right thing.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 10:47am

First Name Allison

Last Name Roy

I dont live in Lansing but I have a comment to be read into the record on the 1 year moratorium, which I support. I also oppose AI data centers from coming to this area. I've grown up in central NY (Auburn) but the whole finger lakes and surrounding areas are HOME. There is no place like this in this country and it needs to be protected. I understand small towns needing money because everything is a struggle right now but it is not worth it in the short or long term. It will harm our water systems, our wildlife and it won't even gel money stay in our pockets. Look anywhere around the country. Opening this up, particularly letting AI companies would set a dangerous precedent and open the doors to absolutely destroying this area. Please, please keep that moratorium in place and definitely do not let AI sully this beautiful home of ours.

Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 10:50am  
First Name Olivia  
Last Name Carpenter

This is meant for the town board meeting on 9/24. I am a Tompkins County resident and business owner concerned about the AI data center that TeraWulf is looking to build. I strongly oppose this! AI datacenters use a ton of electricity and often water in the area, and they overwhelmingly dump the utility costs onto the residents in the areas they operate in. We do not consent to this! The use of the water will hurt the local ecosystem, as they use it to cool their equipment, then pour out the hot outflow. Data centers also produce electronic waste, of which often contain hazardous substances like mercury and lead. We cannot let them do this. It will hurt all of us.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 10:57am  
First Name Lydia  
Last Name Pevarnik

This message contains concern about discussions to be held on the 9/24 town board meeting. The implementation of the AI data centers is not only damaging to our natural resources but also will use carbon credits to offset significant emissions into our natural spaces. This will have many effects such as economic impact for NYSEG customers and creates very important environmental concerns, not to mention the natural resources being stripped away in order to produce enough cooling for these kinds of centers. I am a teacher, I enjoy the recreational activities allotted by lake access, and am concerned about the effects of this bill on the health of our natural lands and the health of young people. I am urging the chairs to vote NO on this bill.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 11:07am  
First Name Cat  
Last Name Conley

I'm a landowner in Tompkins County within the Cayuga Lake watershed who places a high priority on ecological stewardship and sustainability. I'm writing to express my very strong overall opposition to commercial AI data centers in Tompkins County, and to support the proposed 1-year moratorium on large-scale developments in Lansing that could increase local power usage and degrade our communities and environment.

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**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2025 11:14 AM  
**Subject:** Support for moratorium on large developments  
Greetings --

I'm a landowner in Tompkins County within the Cayuga Lake watershed who places a high priority on ecological stewardship and sustainability.

This email expresses my very strong overall opposition to commercial AI data centers in Tompkins County that would use water from Cayuga Lake, and supports the proposed 1-year moratorium on large-scale developments in Lansing that could increase local power usage and degrade our local communities and environment.

Please read this comment into the public record of any special or general meetings in which topics related to AI and data center developments and moratoria are discussed.

Many thanks,  
-- Cat Conley

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 11:26am

First Name EDWARD

Last Name POTTER

I read that a new AI data center will affect the precious freshwater habitat of Cayuga lake. This certainly will not be a zero emissions project even though it is branded as a zero carbon project. This will have unforeseen long term affects on fishing, hunting, and wildlife, in our already delicate CNY ecosystems. The people in this region don't need more data, higher NYSEG bills, or a warmer more polluted lake. We need representatives the actually represent the will of the people. Please listen to your constituents not the bag of money you are looking down the barrel at. These data center are not built to last the long haul, but our lake ecosystems have existed since the last ice age. What authority does the town of lansing have to destroy such a beautiful part of our New York lakes for profit? May your actions weigh heavy on your soul.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 11:29am

First Name Tim

Last Name Kemptin

Are you trying to make Cayuga as polluted as Onondaga lake?! We know what happens when large industry pours water into Central New York lakes. We end up with the most polluted lakes ever measured. Will cayuga lake be next? Best of luck to those of you who would put industry over the health and safety of your neighbors and your environment.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 11:30am

First Name Ash

Last Name Canino

As a resident, I support the 1 year moratorium on any large-scale development in town while zoning laws and land use regulations are being revised. I do not want an AI data center in our town or on our lake. It will drive up the cost of our NYSEG utility bills and have

unpredictable environmental consequences on Cayuga Lake. I strongly urge our board members to uphold the 1 year moratorium!

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 11:50am

First Name Madi

Last Name M

For the town board meeting on September 24:

I oppose the use of Cayuga Lake as a site for an AI data center. The warming of the water from cooling this data center would have a negative impact on biodiversity, the ecological health of the lake, and the species that live there. I support a moratorium on large scale developments as changes in zoning and land use regulations are being considered. Thank you.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 11:50am

First Name l

Last Name c

Please do not ruin cayuga lake with an AI data center. It's not worth it and it's a public safety nightmare. Please do not reenact the Lorax.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 11:55am

First Name Tanya

Last Name Neumann

I would like to vote against the AI data center on Cayuga lake.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 12:04pm

First Name Katherine

Last Name Kopajtic

I am a New York resident and yearly visitor to the Finger Lakes. I had some of the best swims of my life in Cayuga. I support the one year moratorium on large scale developments and I OPPOSE AI data centers in general. Please HALT this development while the town rewrites their zoning laws and keep Cayuga beautiful!

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 12:04pm

First Name Luke

Last Name Savage

I just want my voice to be heard, since I am unable to make it in person to the town hall on September 24th, I do support the 1-year moratorium on large scale development, and I am especially concerned about TeraWulf and the "predominately zero-carbon" AI data center. I

grew up here and now I'm studying at SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry, and my main worries are the thermal pollution and how incredibly harmful that it is to the local ecosystem, and the increased amount of electronic waste that data centers like this produce. AI data centers have been shown time and time again to do nothing but harm and put a huge strain on the communities that they inhabit, they don't care about us and that's why I have to wholeheartedly oppose the construction of any data center on Cayuga Lake.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 12:10pm

First Name Howard

Last Name Rice

I vehemently oppose the construction of the data center.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 12:18pm

First Name Natalia

Last Name Steves

Hello! Please vote AGAINST the potential AI Data Center that is going to be proposed on Cayuga Lake. It would be incredibly damaging to our environment and ecosystem as we know it. AI also damages our ability to think for ourselves and improve upon our critical thinking. As a student at Ithaca College, this would negatively impact my experience and my life in my town. Vote against AI!

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 12:23pm

First Name Maeve

Last Name Stone

My comment is meant for the Town Board Meeting on 9/24 as I cannot attend in person.

As an environmental sciences student, and as a human being, I cannot stand for the construction of this data center. This land is precious to the people of this area, Native and non Native. This beautiful place cannot be destroyed.

Data centres produce electronic waste, which often contains hazardous substances, like mercury and lead.

The data center will likely use lake water to cool their equipment, returning hot water as outflow.

Warmer waters will lead to conditions that may not support aquatic species that require colder water.

There are also economic downsides to this, as utility rates will spike in the surrounding

areas. We do not need this data center. We need our land safe and protected, and our community reassured that you care about their home and their money.

Please do not let this happen.

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**From:** Heather Lambert

**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2025 12:35 PM

**Subject:** In defense of Cayuga Lake

To whom it may concern,

I am a longtime Ithaca resident. My family has owned a cottage across the Lake from the now defunct Milikin Station since the early 1980's. I am writing to let you know that I diabolically oppose the building of the TeraWulf high-performance computing (HPC) and AI data center on the eastern shore of Cayuga Lake. The sound alone from the plant will echo around and across the lake. When there used to be a shift change at Milikin we could hear the announcement clearly on the Ulysses side of the West coast of the lake, the humming will be unbearable for humans, birds, fish and mammals alike.. I am including several articles on the negative effect of similar data and AI centers on lake ecology, surrounding environments and drinking water, not to mention noise pollution.

This is an irresponsible project that will negatively affect the lake and all the surrounding communities for decades to come. Please do the right thing.

With best intentions,  
Heather Lambert

#### **Water Usage**

<https://www.eesi.org/articles/view/data-centers-and-water-consumption>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy8gy7lv448o>

#### **Noise Pollution**

<https://www.techtarget.com/searchdatacenter/tip/Understanding-the-impact-of-data-center-noise-pollution>

#### **Other Projects impact - case studies**

<https://andthewest.stanford.edu/2025/thirsty-for-power-and-water-ai-crunching-data-centers-sprout-across-the-west/>

<https://utulsa.edu/news/data-centers-draining-resources-in-water-stressed-communities/>

#### **Overall Environmental Impact**

<https://netzeroinsights.com/resources/data-centers-environmental-cost/>

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 12:56pm

First Name Teddy

Last Name Miller

Hello, this is meant for the town board meeting on the 24th. I would like to urge everybody to reject the building of this data center. AI poisons the earth, it uses up freshwater, it is wildly inaccurate and dangerous, and uses modern-day slavery for labor in exploited nations. We do not need AI and we will only be harmed in the long run if this is built.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 1:06pm

First Name Daniel

Last Name Geisler

Hello board,

I support the one year moratorium on large scale developments and opposed the AI data centers in general. They will NOT provide jobs and simply pollute the beautiful finger lakes we have in this part of our country

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 1:39pm

First Name Simone

Last Name Mena

Stop the AI data center at Cayuga Lake if you care about the people and environment you represent at all.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 1:42pm

First Name Erinn

Last Name Pollock

To the members of the Lansing Town Board,

My name is Erinn Pollock and my comment is for the 9/24 town board meeting. I'm writing to express my concerns regarding the Terawulf data center, and urging the town board to reconsider allowing large scale developments such as these. I'm concerned about the economic impacts on citizens of Lansing and surrounding areas, due to the large amount of electricity that these data centers utilize. With western New Yorkers already struggling to keep up with rising utilities costs, I'm concerned that the cost of these huge electric demands will be passed onto us. Additionally, I'm concerned about the environmental impacts of the data center on our beautiful Cayuga lake. Growing up in western NY, I've come to love Cayuga deeply and have many fond memories here. Cayuga lake is a hub of biodiversity for many species, and fishing and outdoor recreation on the lake are so important to so many families in this area. I hope that Cayuga Lake and Lansing will remain

protected from large scale development, so future generations can enjoy the beauty of this area and communities can thrive.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 1:54pm

First Name Anna

Last Name Riley

The TerWulf AI data center absolutely cannot happen. A center like that will only be a drain on the community's resources while providing little to no benefit. From the information I could find, it sounds like a lot of the energy they would be using would be coming from our power grid, not even the solar panel project they're going to build alongside it. They're also planning on draining the lake? They say they're planning on using the lake for their water cooling system, but they're not planning on releasing the warmed water back into the lake, and rather evaporating it into the atmosphere. While dumping warm water doesn't sound great for the environment either, literally draining the lake seems insane. Then there's also the concerns of noise pollution. Not to mention the ethics of AI are sketchy at best. This will only hurt the quality of life for residents of our community. And I truly don't believe the economic payout is going to be substantial enough to make up for that. There has to be a way to stop this project from happening.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 2:28pm

First Name Margaret

Last Name Palumbieri

I do NOT support AI DATA center on Cayuga or any other lake.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 2:35pm

First Name Tess

Last Name Noble Strohm

I am requesting that this comment be read at the upcoming Town Board meeting on 9/24/25. This is a comment regarding the proposed 1 year moratorium on large scale developments and changes in zoning and land use regulations that would allow the development of an AI data center. I am a local community member and I am strongly opposed to the prospect of this! I urge you to please vote NO and please do not allow this development! This change would be disastrous to the local community, to tourism and recreation on the lake, and to the natural life in and around the lake. This would not be the first data center of this type made by TeraWulf or its subsidiaries in the upstate NY area; The Ithaca Voice reported that residents near the TeraWulf Somerset, NY, facility "say the fans that cool some of the on-site computers produce a constant 95-decibel hum — about the same as standing next to a running lawnmower or motorcycle." Is that level of noise



pollution something we want in the area? Allowing this facility will diminish the value of our land and the quality of our life. Additionally, this facility will contribute to rising NYSEG prices due to its high energy demand and constant 'turned on' status. Please, listen to the many people in the local community and say NO to TeraWulf's data center!

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 2:37pm

First Name Yaret

Last Name Hernandez

Re: town board meeting 09/24

For the town board meeting on September 24th:

Lansing MUST NOT allow TeraWulf to build an AI data center on Cayuga Lake. Communities are the ones who have to face the brunt of the consequences of this center while benefiting minimally. It is NOT worth it. Citizens will have their own electric bills increase in an area that already struggles with maintaining their bills. It is unjust to force this upon citizens who should not be financially responsible for the massive amount of energy used by the data center. Furthermore, Cayuga Lake CANNOT handle a data center on its waters. Using the lake as the cooling source for the data center is beyond damaging to the ecosystem that is Cayuga Lake. It would be disgraceful to ruin such beautiful waters that the surrounding area has been working hard to keep clean and useable. Useable for PEOPLE and the COMMUNITY! NOT usable for large companies that bring nothing for our community. A vote for the AI data center is a vote against your own people and your own self interest. I strongly oppose this construction and demand an end to it.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 2:48pm

First Name Sara

Last Name Andrews

I am imploring you to say NO to a new AI data center on Cayuga Lake!! Please do not ruin one of the few places that remains serene and sacred for so many in the area. This is stolen land to begin with -- do not steal it again.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 2:57pm

First Name Erika

Last Name Liberati

As a former Ithaca College student seeing this made me stop i my tracks. An AI data center would not only be bad for the community (by forcing them to offset the costs in their electricity bills) but also the lake in cleanliness & aesthetic. It would fundamentally change

the town of Lansing & not in a good way. No to All data centers & yes on the one-year moratorium!

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 3:11pm

First Name K

Last Name L

For the town board meeting on 9/24:

Allowing this potential development and change in zoning and land use regulations is doing an absolute disservice to your residents, economy, and environment. The benefits do not outweigh the harm and detriments.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 3:18pm

First Name Dan

Last Name Hughes

Let's not entertain the idea of building an AI data center on the shore of Cayuga Lake. This community will not benefit from a spike in their energy bills nor will the lake benefit from the waste generated by this type of development. Cayuga Lake is near and dear to the hearts of many and is a vital resource for the people that live here and the wildlife that rely on it year-round. This will only harm the lake and residents of Lansing and the surrounding areas. Full stop.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 3:35pm

First Name Alex

Last Name Marans

No AI data center PLEASE. The short term gains are no worth the long-term damage

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 3:55pm

First Name Nora

Last Name Greenspun

For the Town Board meeting on 9/24:

I speak for myself and any other family that pays NYSEG bills; we are saying no to a new AI data center on Cayuga Lake.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 4:02pm

First Name Andrea  
Last Name Martinez

Hello,

I oppose the plan to build an AI data center on Cayuga due to the associated energy costs and lake warming that can cause imbalances to the aquatic ecosystem.

Thank you,  
Andrea

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 4:13pm  
First Name Emma  
Last Name Sosebee

Hello,

This comment is addressing the Town Board meeting on 9/24.

I am a local, and have swam and recreated on Cayuga Lake since I was a young child. I am writing to say that I support the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments, and **STRONGLY** oppose the establishment of TeraWulf AI data center on our lake. There's increasingly more evidence of large data centers causing a boom in the price of utilities for community members surrounding the plant, which would be difficult for many of us to afford amidst the already soaring prices of general goods from federal tariffs. Furthermore, we do not fully understand the environmental effects of the equipment that would be used to cool this AI center; if lake water is used to cool the equipment and then emptied back into the lake, it could cause devastating effects for the aquatic species that require colder temperatures to survive. Warmer water temps also lead to an increase in harmful algae blooms, which keep us humans out of the lake too. I love Cayuga Lake and the natural beauty it provides all of us, and would hate for future generations to not also be able to enjoy its charm.

Let's not give up our lake access for AI--- a field that is continuously being proven as harmful to the environment and communities surrounding them.

Thank you,  
Emma Sosebee

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 4:19pm  
First Name kendra  
Last Name salsana

I am a resident of Tompkins county and oppose the data center that is proposed to be built on Cayuga Lake. This center would have demonstrably negative impacts on our community that are not countered by any “positives” like short term jobs for building/converting. There will be increased electricity costs passed on to county members - proved by a study in north carolina. The center will also have untold and unknown ecological harm on our community for generations. There has not been enough research on the impact it can have on the lake itself let alone our surrounding areas. Any benefits told such as job creation will be brief and limited in time - these are data center storage areas, not la place of commerce or creation for actual humans. the Economic and ecological harm is so bad for our area. I hope you are strongly moved by these points and others who show concern for our community and landscape.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 4:42pm  
First Name Breanna  
Last Name Oaks-Doan

Please no AI data center on our lake! I can’t believe this could even be an option, especially in a “green city” such as Ithaca. Really dissapointing.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 5:01pm  
First Name Elizabeth  
Last Name Parker

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

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 5:44pm  
First Name Gwen  
Last Name Burrows

Hello. I am writing this comment for Wednesday's discussion about the proposed AI data mining center along Cayuga Lake. I am concerned about the many negative impacts that this could have on the diverse wildlife in and around the lake, as well as the impacts to people living nearby. AI data centers consume an immense amount of energy and are always running with no downtime. Their plan to pull water from the lake for cooling is particularly concerning to me, as the amounts they need would be very disruptive to wildlife. I am also concerned about the level of noise produced by data mining centers like this. Constant noise pollution, even at a relatively low level, takes a serious toll on residents and wildlife. This data center would directly contradict the efforts of environmentalists in the Finger Lakes, and open the door for future damaging projects. I urge those in power to do what they can to stop this project from being approved.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 5:57pm

First Name Megan

Last Name Ross

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

I oppose the plan to install a new data center in Lansing in the former Cayuga Power Plant building. The environmental concerns alone in such a Green-focused area are astounding. It would raise the cost of utilities which are already too high for most folks, it could effect the lake if used to cool the massive amount of technology, which could harm the ecology of the entirety of Cayuga Lake. More studies are needed to show that this kind of massive energy suck wouldn't harm our community which strives so consistently for green solutions.

Tompkins deserves better than this.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 6:09pm

First Name Kyra

Last Name Allen

I am writing in regard to the proposed plan to build a data center of an AI data center in town. This is completely unacceptable. While the long-term impacts of data centers have yet to be observed, current research has already begun to reveal several concerning impacts to the environment and surrounding communities. Data centers produce electronic waste including mercury and lead, while siphoning off the fresh water supply that our communities rely on. They have also proven to impose a considerable increase in utility payments on local residents while consuming their resources and contaminating their environment.

I hope that you will do everything in your power to protect our people and the land we reside on.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 6:09pm

First Name Kerry Anne

Last Name Buckman

(This comment is intended for the 9/24 Town Board meeting)

I have concerns about the impacts of the possible AI data center that is planned to be built at the old coal factory. It will have major effects on our local environment, cause disruptive noise pollution, and cause constant stress on our power grid which will result in utility prices increasing for our Tompkins County citizens.

The amount of water intake the data center needs to function on a daily basis is concerning. While the plan is to evaporate the water rather than pump warm water back into the lake, there will still be major disruption to our local ecosystems as a result of this. Also, the noise pollution that this will cause will not only lessen the enjoyment and beauty of the lake for Tompkins County citizens, but also disrupt natural mating patterns of local wildlife.

With the amount of constant power this data center needs, it will be a constant stress on our power grid, likely causing increased need for repairs and increased maintenance, resulting an unfair increase in electricity costs for our citizens.

The data center won't even be much of an economic benefit to our area. While there will be a decent amount construction jobs during the building of this data center, once it's built there won't be many long-term jobs. The skill set to keep this data center running is niche and the amount of people who are needed to keep it running seems too few for the negative impact it will have on our community.

Please consider ending the development of this project entirely. This will not only affect Lansing residents, but all of the residents on Cayuga Lake.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 6:17pm

First Name Alexandra

Last Name O'Neill

Hello,

I am writing because I will be unable to attend the 9/24 Town Board meeting but would like to voice my opposition to the proposed TeraWulf AI data center and support for the moratorium on large scale projects. Between Cornell, Ithaca College and TC3, we have the

privilege to live in an area with very smart people and I sincerely hope the Town Board will recognize the negative impacts that a data center would have. As an Ithaca area local for the last decade, I strongly oppose an AI data center here for a number of reasons.

- The recent AI boom has so far been all hype and very little overall good - as Cornell Library staff, I have personally seen online tools get worse with the addition of AI and have only seen the negative impacts to scholars and students. I also strongly oppose cryptocurrency data mining and distrust TeraWulf as a corporation - essentially doing business with itself, at the expense of the people who live here.

- Despite the wealth coming from the three area universities, much of that money doesn't make it to the local community and NYSEG prices are already getting higher. Adding a data center that must run constantly will put an enormous strain on our energy grid, and I fear that the local community will be forced to pay the price.

- There is also potential for disruptions in the form of noise pollution, and unknown environmental impacts, if the lake is used to cool the data center servers. Cayuga Lake is a thriving ecosystem and much of the local tourism in the summer is due to our beautiful natural resources. The potential negative impacts of a data center will undermine the natural beauty of the area and our place as a Finger Lakes travel destination. It also feels antithetical to the mission of Cornell University, as a land grant institution and the Cooperative Extension who work toward environmental sustainability and protection.

- There seems to be very little benefit for local residents overall. We are not a large metropolitan area where the effects of such a massive project will not be felt. I sincerely believe that this project would be a huge mistake if it were to be approved - we shall not be the guinea pigs for data corporations messing with our home. Things are difficult enough as it is without throwing our local residents to the wolves for the benefit of a large data corporation.

Thank you.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 6:34pm

First Name Corey

Last Name Bryant

I do NOT support the AI data center!! I love the lake and I am aware of the affects this facility will on eco systems in the lake and on land. Please do you all you can to prevent this data center from coming to the area!

Thank you!

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 6:36pm

First Name Alexandra

Last Name Winqvist

I support the one year moratorium on large scale developments and oppose AI data centers!

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 6:39pm

First Name Mary Kate

Last Name Buckman

This message is in regard to the meeting on 9/24/25 about the TeraWulf data center. I am firmly against the AI data center. It will have major environmental impacts in the area due to the large electricity needs and the noise it produces. The drawbacks greatly outweigh the benefits to building it. This will negatively impact our community for many years

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 6:48pm

First Name jay

Last Name Fagotti

Please don't put the data center there, man. Kids are gonna get sick. You know this. You'll be a superfund site in like 5 years max.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 6:56pm

First Name Ares

Last Name Garcia

AI data centers use drinking water, and no other type of water to keep itself cool. This will cause water bills to skyrocket, and the Cayuga lake to warm significantly (impacting local wildlife during all seasons). Not only this, but cities and towns surrounding AI data centers report experiencing increases in poor health and chronic illness diagnoses. This data center would catastrophically change the lake environment, cause a health crisis, and create an unacceptably noticeable increase in the cost of water bills. The prospect of "new jobs" should never be worth the sacrifice of destroying the land and the lives of those who live there.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 7:03pm

First Name Titus

Last Name Andersen

This comment concerns the Town Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 24th, 2025. I am in direct opposition of the plan to convert the old Cayuga Plant, Milliken Station, into a data center.



Data centers historically increase utility prices for their surrounding communities, and this economic impact will be felt heavily for NYSEG customers, due to the existing rising costs in utility prices.

The environmental impact will also be a massive blow to our existing wildlife. Piping the warm water back into the lake will cause problems for the aquatic species in the lake, and will increase the Harmful Algae Blooms that are already a growing problem due to climate change, putting a damper on folks enjoying recreational water activities like swimming at Myers park, and other spots on the lake.

The noise pollution will disrupt the local wildlife as well, including the nature preserve to the north.

This is a heinous plan that will put a damper on the natural beauty and wildlife that we all love about this area, and will put a huge economic strain on the people who are already struggling to make ends meet in the current economic climate.

I implore you to reject this abhorrent deal that the rich made with themselves, to continue getting richer, which will always result in our community having to eat the cost.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 7:05pm

First Name Elisa

Last Name Pan

Please do not build the TeraWulf AI data center on Cayuga Lake! There are many environmental concerns regarding it, as well as economic impacts for NYSEG customers. Many aquatic species in Cayuga Lake cannot survive in a hotter environment (which is what will happen if the data center is built), and also can reduce the movement of nutrients and dissolved oxygen between shallow + deep waters. It will produce electronic waste such as mercury and lead, and may poison the surrounding environment.

I, as well as many other people, support the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments, and beg you to reconsider building the AI data center.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 7:15pm

First Name MELISSA

Last Name O'BANION

This comment is meant for the meeting on 9/24/25 - I have objections to the AI data center building plans on Cayuga lake and strongly encourage you to rezone the area to prevent this from being built

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 7:17pm

First Name Hannah

Last Name Toombs

Hello! This is a comment for the 9/24 meeting of the town board, in regard to the proposed moratorium on large scale developments. As an Ithaca resident, I am INCREDIBLY disturbed and concerned by the recently proposed plans to construct an AI data center at the former Cayuga Power Plant. I implore the members of the Lansing Town Board to vote in favor of the moratorium to put a hold on this data center proposal until local zoning and land use regulations are reevaluated. I have a long list of concerns about the damage this data center would cause should the proposal follow through: AI data centers cannot be "turned off," meaning a facility like this would be an incredible drain on energy consumption, and wasteful in every way. Additionally, AI itself is incredibly environmentally harmful: a massive amount of water is needed to cool down hardware used to operate (increasingly popular) generative AI models such as Chat GPT. I can't even fathom what a massive energy and resource drain this data center would be, damaging our environment and wasting resources for the sake of contributing to artificial intelligence, which is itself nothing more than a biased fancy-word generator built off of stolen labor, fueling our society's misinformation crisis while making people less critical thinkers. Perhaps even more immediately concerning is the very real possibility that the construction of such a data center would likely drive up local energy-use costs, which are already sky-high in upstate New York. There is not a single positive outcome I can think of that would come from the construction of this data center. I am imploring the members of the town board to take a small step towards preventing this destructive proposal from moving forward, by passing this moratorium on large scale developments. Thank you very much for your consideration!

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 7:20pm

First Name Stephen

Last Name Solinas

Strongly against AI datacenter. Will hugely negatively impact the community that has been established and fostered in that area. It is quite concerning the fiscal and ecological harm that it would cause for so many people and nature. Will be sorely disappointed if this comes to fruition.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 7:43pm

First Name Toag

Last Name Wolf

I do not support the proposed building of an AI datacenter near Cayuga Lake. There are many environmental impacts that will impact various aspects of the local environment, such as an increase in water temperature, production of hazardous materials (mercury and lead) and an increase in energy usage. This will create various negative effects on local

wildlife in the lake. The one-year moratorium will help the local wildlife and keep the natural land intact.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 8:11pm

First Name Kyra

Last Name Coleman

Stop the AI center in Lansing (or anywhere nearby)! The long lasting, devastating effects this center will have on our community, environment and health is not worth whatever the hell it is that we'd get out of it. Please do everything in your power to stop it.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 8:30pm

First Name Rachel

Last Name Feirman

I oppose AI data centers in Tompkins County. This will be terrible for the Cayuga Lake ecosystem, and all that enjoy the lake.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 8:33pm

First Name Zachary

Last Name Gardner

There's many things our town needs. An AI Data Center is not one of them. Please do not use our limited resources for something our town does not need.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 8:55pm

First Name William

Last Name Reese

The people of the finger lakes don't support the building of a data center. We already have enough water and air pollution because of Seneca Meadows and the EPA's mistakes/inaction. Don't turn our beautiful area into an ecological nightmare.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 9:34pm

First Name Morgan

Last Name Young

The AI data center would be a parasite to Cayuga Lake and the surrounding areas, one that would quickly and irreversibly destroy the natural beauty and wildlife that we have for so long relied on to not only survive, but to prosper. In the process to submit this comment, the Lansing municipal government has already included measures to protect against AI (the CAPTCHA security check) because, and I quote the [//lansingtownny.gov/contact](https://lansingtownny.gov/contact) page, "spam bots are not smart enough to answer correctly, while humans are". In the question of allowing or opposing an AI data center on Cayuga Lake, we need our elected officials to be smart enough to answer correctly. We need the people in charge to make the decision to protect the people they serve by opposing the AI data center and supporting the 1 year moratorium on any large scale developments. We have existed in a world without AI and will continue to do so.

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 9:38pm

First Name Niki

Last Name Mitchell

I am commenting in regards to the town hall meeting on 9/24. My husband and I are residents of Tompkins county and have lived in Danby area for almost 6 years. We are NYSEG users, and utilize the lake for recreational enjoyment. Because of these and so many other reasons, we support the moratorium on large scale developments, and oppose AI data centers in general. Please protect our beautiful lake and the communities that surround it!

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 10:15pm

First Name Cara

Last Name Cirino

I oppose the construction of the AI data center on Cayuga Lake!

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Submitted on Monday, September 22, 2025 - 11:27pm

First Name Victoria

Last Name Tidball

My family lives on Cayuga Lake and we care deeply about the ecosystems in and around this region. I vehemently oppose the creation of an AI data center. This comment is for the board meeting 9/24/25.

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