

COMMENTS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 18 & SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

Submitted on Thursday, September 18, 2025 - 8:07am

First Name Allison

Last Name DeSario

Hello I would like the following comment to be read into public record at the 9/24/2025 town meeting:

I am a Newfield resident but I spend a lot of time on the lake near Lansing during the summer months on my husband's sailboat. We recreate weekly on the lake and appreciate it's peacefulness, access to nature, and all of the joyful memories it has brought us. I am writing to support the moratorium on any large scale developments, including the AI data center proposed by TeraWulf. I am concerned about the environmental impacts- has an environmental impact study been done on the water and land surrounding the data center? If they are using lake water to cool their equipment and returning hot outflow to the lake this could have a huge negative impact on aquatic life in the lake. I am concerned about how it will also impact the harmful algal blooms, which have only been increasing in the past few years while the temperature highs in the summers continue to break records. I am also concerned about how NYSEG customers in Tompkins county will be affected. Typically, around large data centers where the pull for electricity is high, utility companies push off the burden of their usage onto customers in the surrounding region. I am building a house with my husband next year and we are very concerned about the already exorbitant NYSEG prices I hear about from other homeowners. If this goes through we will all be impacted. Please consider writing a code that permanently bans data centers in Lansing. You have a huge responsibility to your fellow community members, both humans and non humans. Thank you for your consideration.

Submitted on Friday, September 19, 2025 - 8:45pm

First Name Briana

Last Name Binkerd-Dale

Thank you so much for putting forward the 1-year moratorium on any large scale development while you rewrite your zoning and land use regulations.

I wholeheartedly support the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments and oppose AI data centers in general and the one at the old power plant in particular. I do not want our NYSEG bills to further increase, or for our lake to suffer environmental impacts, or for our precious fresh water to be used for corporate profit. Thank you for taking a stand for all of us. Please protect the financial and environmental security of our region by voting yes on the moratorium.

Submitted on Friday, September 19, 2025 - 9:21pm

First Name Tina

Last Name Gohar

Hi, not in favor if Tera Wofe project. I enjoy swimming in the lake. I'm concerned about algae already. The future of Cayuga lake is at stake. Please keep the lake safe for all in the future. I would also hate to see any further increases in NYSEG.

Submitted on Friday, September 19, 2025 - 9:36pm

First Name Esa

Last Name Merson

I would like to enter into the record for next week's Lansing Town Board meeting (which I'm unable to attend in person) that I strongly support the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments while zoning and land use regulations are being amended. I am also adamantly opposed to any AI data centers, anywhere near communities and water. These centers affect water temperature, which impacts local species and can encourage HAB growth. The centers severely increase already soaring electric prices for residents, and produce hazardous waste. They are already damaging communities all over the country.

As an Ithaca resident who cares about my neighbors and friends in Lansing, appreciates the recreation and businesses there, and who is extremely concerned about already exorbitant NYSEG bills, I sincerely hope you will take these concerns into consideration.

Thank you,
Esa Merson

Submitted on Friday, September 19, 2025 - 11:18pm

First Name Allison

Last Name Brady

I would like to submit a comment of concern regarding the propsed datacenter on Cayuga lake for discussion at the upcoming Town Board Meeting on 9/24/2025. Clean water is an essential resource to our community which cannot be taken lightly in the face climate change. Data centers are known to use enormous amounts of water and cause utility rate spikes for communities in their vicinity. What benefits does this provide the community? What precautions would be put in place to protect our community? Will an environmental review be conducted? Would there be limits on water or power use during times of draught or emergency? Thank you.

Submitted on Friday, September 19, 2025 - 11:19pm

First Name Laura
Last Name M

To the Lansing Town Board,

Please put a moratorium on large scale developments in your zoning and land use regulations. TeraWulf, recently signed an 80-year lease for the old coal power plant on Cayuga Lake, intending to turn it into an AI data center.

Large data centers like this cause an increase in the utility price for everyone surrounding the plant. It will likely use lake water to cool their equipment, returning hot water as outflow, which in turn would not support aquatic species that require colder water. It can also lead to more thermal stratification, which can threatens aquatic life by reducing the movement of nutrients and dissolved oxygen between shallow and deep waters.

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

I am calling on the Lansing Town board to stand up for their community. Companies like Google, who are the largest shareholder in TeraWulf, have no regard, connection, or true care for the communities they pollute.
