

DATA CENTERS

WHAT'S THE DEAL?

DATA CENTERS ARE WAREHOUSES FOR COMPUTER INFRASTRUCTURE

Data centers are large, windowless warehouses that store large computers and servers, and therefore, information. These buildings are the home of AI and "the cloud". As demand increases, these facilities are rapidly growing in number and size and using more and more of our power and water.

CREATING NEGATIVE IMPACTS FOR COMMUNITIES

WATER



Can use up to 200 million gallons to constantly cool data center servers. Residents reported water shortages and contaminated water.

POWER



GA residents will bear the cost burden to expand coal + gas plants to meet power demand. Residents report grid outages and increased energy costs because of the increased demand

NOISE



Residents report loud noise disruptions during construction and a loud hum from the cooling systems and backup generators once the facility is operational.

DEMAND DATA CENTERS BE GOOD NEIGHBORS

Tell your commissioners to adopt a **STRONG ORDINANCE** that protects your property and resources!

These data centers are a new industry, so local governments need to update their codes with specific language to mitigate negative impacts from data centers.

Ask your commissioners if they've considered:

- Mitigating the impacts of data centers with property buffers, noise level restrictions, water reuse, and increased reporting.
- Requiring data centers to make official agreements to benefit the entire community, like paying for and updating infrastructure needs like roads, power grids, and water.
- Allowing data centers only as a special use exception and only in heavy industrial zones, not a by-right use, so the commission can review the size and intended use of each data center application.

BUT WHAT ABOUT...

DATA CENTERS CREATING JOBS?

After construction, one data center warehouse employs fewer than one McDonalds (about 30 people).

Thats not enough jobs added to justify the tax breaks data centers recieve.



DON'T WE NEED THESE DATA CENTERS?

Large-scale data centers wasting the most resources power AI models and "cryptomining".

Servers "mine" for cryptocurrency, digital currency that has no real-world monetary value, but drains our very real resources.



PROTECTING MY PRIVATE PROPERTY?

Data centers can cause nearby property values to drop and make it more difficult to sell your property if near a data center.

New infrastructure built to support data centers may impede on your property.



WE CANNOT SAY YES TO DATA CENTERS WITHOUT ACCOUNTABILITY

- What are residents getting out of data centers? Threats to drinking water access, increased pollution, higher electric bills, land degradation, and no guarantee of local revenue.
- Data centers are currently not required to disclose their resource use to us. The solution involves regulation and transparency, not jeopardizing our health, water, and homes.

TELL YOUR COMMISSIONERS YOU WANT A STRONG ORDINANCE!