



BUDGET DISCUSSION TOWN BOARD MEETING

Lansing Town Hall Board Room
Wednesday, September 24, 2025
6:30 PM

AGENDA

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Public Hearing on Proposed 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**
 - [a.](#) Public Comments Received
 - [b.](#) Motion to Open/Close
 - [c.](#) Proposed Local Law # 7 of 2025 - Land Use Moratorium
- 5. Motions and Resolutions**
 - [a.](#) Resolution Approving Consolidated Abstract # 109
- 6. 2026 Budget Discussion**
- 7. Executive Session if Needed**
 - [a.](#) Motion to Enter/Exit
- 8. Adjourn Meeting**
 - [a.](#) Motion to Adjourn Meeting

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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,
Anyia

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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 !!!!

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.

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

First Name Sara

Last Name DiLorenzo

DO NOT BUILD AND AI CENTER ON THE LAKE!

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.

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

do not build ai center on the lake

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

COMMENTS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 4:03am

First Name Mackenzie

Last Name Robertson

This comment is pertaining to the meeting on 9/24 regarding zoning laws and the bill to pass large scale development on Cayuga lake. My family and I, residents of Lansing,ny vote NO

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 6:07am

First Name Carolyn

Last Name Lyon

This comment is for town board meeting on 9/24/25. Please establish an immediate moratorium on large scale development, which is an act of extreme importance for the future health of Lake Cayuga, its human neighbors, and especially the ecosystem therein. The TeraWulf processing plant could create irreversible damage in our lifetimes and perhaps beyond, at no concern for the residents who call this land home. The lake struggles enough with HAB and other toxins because of human ignorance. Please put in place the chance to review the laws and create zoning that will prevent outside profit-driven companies from mining this landscape for profit, with no regard to the natural world, or impact on the people. We owe it to our grandchildren and beyond. Thank you.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 7:15am

First Name Natalee

Last Name McCarty

Please no AI data centers. It will destroy this lake we love so much.

It's not worth any short term benefit it provides.

Please do not vote to destroy our home.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 8:21am

First Name Heidi

Last Name Faulkner

I do not support an AI data center being built here. It will harm the environment and affect NYSEG customers. I support the one year moratorium as well.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 9:02am

First Name Kameron

Last Name Lincoln

We oppose AI data centers using our lake water

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 9:21am

First Name Sage

Last Name Graves

Say no to the TeraWulf ai power plant!! New York is not for this, Ithaca is not for this. The ecosystems would be at large risk on OUR lake due to the plant rising water temperatures and inevitably causing the potential mass decline or extinction of certain marine life species and specimens in our waters. Choose to keep Ithaca historic and beautiful as it is not industrialize it like every other trashy city.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 9:24am

First Name Jen

Last Name Bideaux

Please don't let a data center be built on Cayuga Lake, that would be detrimental to the environment and to the surrounding neighborhoods!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 9:27am

First Name Nichole

Last Name Graves

I would like to express my deep concern on the approval of TeraWulf AI power plant. As a resident of Tompkins County for over 30 years, I care deeply about the preservation of our ecosystems, our water, and natural environment. That is also where many of our tourists are attracted to this space. We are a pocket of natural beauty and have an obligation to protect it. When the temperature of our water rises we will not see the immediate effect of this decision, but it will be present and evolve into destruction nonetheless.

As a resident, I am already paying exorbitant energy cost and the offset of cost to power this plant being placed on the surrounding customers, is just unacceptable. Protect our County. Protect your constituents. Vote no.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 9:44am

First Name Jasmijn

Last Name Janse

I do not approve of the AI data center being built on lake Cayuga. It will pollute our lake and lands and put the health and safety of the people of Tompkins county at risk.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 9:45am

First Name Caroline

Last Name Brophy

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

I support the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments and oppose AI- data centers in Lansing in general.

Thank you.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 9:57am

First Name Joan

Last Name Ayala

Intended for Town Board meeting 9/24 -

I wanted to speak against the construction of a proposed AI data center near Cayuga Lake. Let's stop selling out our land for the rich to profit, and stop screwing over regular people for billionaires to prosper.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 9:59am

First Name julia

Last Name berkey

My comment is meant for the Town Board Meeting on 9/24

I strongly oppose the proposed AI data center in Cayuga Lake. This will harm the environment as well as deter people from visiting the beloved Cayuga lake. This is the last thing our community needs.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 10:05am

First Name Haley

Last Name Rayfield

Hello! I support the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments and I oppose AI data centers in Tompkins County!! We live in such a beautiful place and this development would harm the environment and ecosystem of Tompkins County. Say no to AI data centers!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 10:10am

First Name Alli

Last Name Brunner

This comment is intended for the Town Board meeting on 09/24. As someone who lived in Ithaca for several years, I am appalled to hear about the possibility of an AI data center being built on Cayuga Lake. Without even going into my personal feelings on the use of AI, I am worried about the economic impact on Ithacans and the environmental impact a center like this could have. I watched Ithaca become more and more expensive while I lived there, and I saw people get priced out and have to leave. This would only exacerbate that. Surely you are aware that living in close proximity to a large data center causes a spike in utility costs, forcing residents to shoulder the costs of operation. I do not want to see Ithaca become a place where only the rich can afford to live. And as for the environmental impacts, you should be ashamed for even considering allowing something like this to happen. Ithaca has always touted itself as a place that cares about the environment. That's why I chose to go there to study environmental science. How could anyone not completely fall in love with the natural world there? From the abundant gorges and waterfalls, to the creeks winding through rich green

forests, to the magnificent Cayuga Lake. So much of Ithaca is WATER. And that is something that we should be protecting, fiercely guarding, not offering up to the highest bidder. What happens when the water temperature rises from the hot wastewater being dumped back into the lake from the data center? What happens when the lake is filled with electronic waste? It is our responsibility to protect the plants and animals that live in this water, drink this water. It is our responsibility to protect each other. It is our responsibility to speak for everything that has no voice. I strongly urge you to reconsider allowing TeraWulf to build this data center. Not on our lake. Not anywhere.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 10:10am

First Name Tiffany

Last Name Thompson

This is a comment to be read to be read into the record for the data center set to be built on Cayuga Lake. I wholeheartedly oppose the building of this data center, as do many (if not most or all) of the residents of Ithaca. NYSEG customers do not deserve an increase on bills because of this and the lake and other environments around the data center do not deserve to be polluted and destroyed because of it. I urge you to support the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments and I especially urge you to say NO to any useless data center to be built.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 10:12am

First Name Olivia

Last Name Brzozowski

This comment is meant for the Town Board meeting on 9/24. I wholeheartedly oppose the building of an AI Data Center on Cayuga Lake.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 10:21am

First Name Hallie

Last Name Kessler

I oppose a new AI data center near Cayuga Lake in Tompkins County, NY. This will have irreversible environmental impacts that will ruin a beloved county in the beautiful state of New York.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 10:41am

First Name Malcolm

Last Name Raley

Don't put a data center on Cayuga lake. We don't need it. Electricity bills are expensive. AI is not helpful to anybody.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 10:51am

First Name Tanya

Last Name Smith

If this new "Data Center" can consume enough power to power 500,000 homes in New York, you can use that power to power the New York homes and NOT a Data center. That's a huge waste of electricity and energy where it isn't necessary!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:02am

First Name Olivia

Last Name Valdez

Don't put an AI Data center on Cayuga Lake! Everyone works so hard to keep the area and the water beautiful and safe to swim in and spend summers in. You probably won't listen to anyone's requests or pleas though because at the end of the day Data Center = money and no one rejects a wad of money to protect our planet and our communities! We're becoming an ugly world and this is what's doing it

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:03am

First Name Federica

Last Name Bologna

FOR THE TOWN BOARD MEETING OF 09/24: I have lived in the Ithaca area for 4 years now. I love Cayuga Lake and I want its ecosystem to be protected. The data center will disrupt the lake's wildlife as it will extract cool lake water to cool their equipment and dump hot water back in changing forever the ecosystem of the lake and harming the many beautiful species inhabiting it. This is unacceptable. At the core of the identity of Ithaca and Lansing is the idea of a quiet restful life conducted in accordance and harmony with nature. There is no space for data centers in this equation and there should never be.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:07am

First Name Allie

Last Name richter

this will be terrible for our community and lake

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:09am

First Name Teddy

Last Name Leane

Comment for the town board meeting on 9/24:

TeraWulf's plans to build an AI data center here in Lansing are dangerous and predatory. The data center will put a huge energy burden on NYSEG, which gets passed on to customers, dramatically increasing utility bills for ordinary people living nearby. Why should Lansing residents pay for this corporation's electricity costs? Similar data centers in other places have been proven to leach electronic waste containing hazardous substances like mercury and lead into the air and water, posing a serious health risk to people living near the plant, especially young children who are particularly vulnerable to lead poisoning and can face permanent brain damage. If they

plan to use the lake for cooling, this will also heat up the lake water, killing local species of fish.

These AI companies make billions of dollars for themselves by exploiting small towns, driving up their energy prices, destroying their natural resources, and dumping pollution onto the local residents. Don't sell out the health of our environment and our community!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:11am

First Name Steven

Last Name Porpora

I strongly suggest to not build an ai data center on cayuga!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:19am

First Name Leah

Last Name Mintz

For town board meeting on 9/24: As an Ithaca College alumna, I believe it would be detrimental to the environment and the spirit of the area to open an AI data center on Cayuga lake.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:20am

First Name Janelle

Last Name Jusino

Please, this would be extremely detrimental to the environment in Tompkins County. Please don't build the AI center.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:22am

First Name Libi

Last Name Warmund

I oppose the new AI center on Cayuga lake.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:23am

First Name Sophie

Last Name Glassman

Opposed to the AI data center being built. Meant for town hall meeting 9/24

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:34am

First Name Sandy

Last Name Cobb

Regarding the proposed AI development, resident NYSEG bills are already high enough with another increase proposed. AI developments use a tremendous amount of power. Residents should not have to pay higher rates to subsidize these developments. Make them pay their own way.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:40am

First Name Valerie
Last Name Lyon

We don't need a data plant here in Lansing. Many are against this and I am one. Thank you

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:56am

First Name Charlie
Last Name Young

We support a 1-year moratorium on large scale developments. We oppose AI data centers. We oppose the economic impact of high demand data centers on local NYSEG customers. Protect our beautiful lakes from pollution, artificial warming, and egregious water usage.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:57am

First Name Sarah
Last Name Callender

I support the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments like the AI data center (and AI data centers are wasteful and ruinous anyway). It'll raise NYSEG bills even more and hurt the lake, which hurts humans. Don't let this data center happen.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:59am

First Name Hailey
Last Name Howgate

I am writing to fervently oppose the plan to build an ai data center near Cayuga Lake. This is not what our community represents and will negatively impact the people of this amazing place we live in substantially. We are a community that cares about sustainability, the environment, and prioritizing the earth at a time that it is more important than ever to do so. I urge you not to go through with this plan. The impact this will have on wildlife and ecosystems is detrimental with the inevitable use of lake water to cool down the ai data center, not to mention the impact it will have on the grid, increasing costs for hardworking individuals and students. Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope you understand that this is not something the community wants at all.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 12:22pm

First Name isabella
Last Name imburgia

My comment if for the town board meeting on 9/24.

As someone who engages with the lakes around NY with my family and friends quite often, it is important to me as well as the thousands of people in New York to say how

much we appreciate the natural land New York gives. We need to preserve this land with its beauty and wildlife in it. I stand to support the one year moratorium on large scale developments as to oppose the AI data centers. Thank you

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 12:30pm

First Name Julie

Last Name Mills(nee Bacorn)

growing up in Lansing NY, we have something special in our environmental surroundings. That deserves to be preserved in our community /WITHOUT/ the ever-encroaching threat of AI and large scale construction companies reaching our slice of paradise. If I move back with my children i'd like to be able to show them all the natural creeks, trees, and hidden oasis' that I grew up exploring. I SUPPORT a 1-year moratorium on large scale developments, and I do NOT support ANY AI data centers—no matter the size.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 12:40pm

First Name Audrey

Last Name Stoker

This comment is for the Town Board meeting on 9/24. I disapprove of the building of an AI data center on the beautiful Cayuga Lake! Why would you want to destroy a natural beauty of this land? It'll never come back the same! AI is a only a brief technology hype, it will eat it's own crap outputs and dumb itself into oblivion. Do not support temporary wonders over the forever gorgeous wonder of the land.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 12:44pm

First Name Matthew

Last Name Scott

No AI data center!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 12:50pm

First Name Charles

Last Name Heinke

I would like to take a hard stance against the proposed AI data center on Cayuga lake. I am a NYSEG customer and don't want to see my bills go up and the lake ecosystem damaged, all to increase profits for a private company.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 12:56pm

First Name Jenna

Last Name Szczepanski

Please support the moratorium on large scale developments. Particularly, the AI / TeraWulf project. If a datacenter is built in the Cayuga lake area, you can say goodbye to the environment that brings people like me to vacation, and to your residents who

won't be able to afford paying electric costs for datacenter. This idea is a one way ticket to screwing the reputation, ecosystem, and quality of life of Lansing and surrounding areas.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 12:56pm

First Name Roseann

Last Name Pluretti English

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

I strongly condemn the approval of Terawulf gaining access to the old power plant on Cayuga Lake. As a native of Seneca Falls, NY on Cayuga Lake I am familiar with the detriment of environmental effects of business decisions, like the landfill in my hometown. Allowing Terawulf access to that land is not good for our citizens as well because it will most likely increase electric costs for everyone. We gain so much money for tourism to the FLX, why would we ruin that by ruining the environment that people come to see? As well as increase electric costs for our businesses and citizens alike? Please consider the costs of this decision, they are steep.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 1:04pm

First Name Caroline

Last Name Buell

I strongly oppose the proposals for the AI Center. Please preserve our natural beauty!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 1:31pm

First Name Adam

Last Name Messinger

No AI data centers anywhere our community !!!! Shame on you for even considering this. They add nothing for the people who live here and pollute our natural resources.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 1:34pm

First Name Ethan

Last Name Fletcher

This comment is meant for the 9/24 planning board meeting. I am writing to convey my household's strong opposition to the proposed data center on Cayuga Lake. This project is not in line with what the Lansing community wants or the values we hold as a town.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 1:45pm

First Name Dominique

Last Name Saint Malo

This message is regarding the AI data center proposal. I am a proud resident of Lansing, and this data center would be completely antithetical to the beliefs and values

of this community. Farming, nature conservation, safety, general environmentalist efforts... these are the priorities of this community. Consider how many other valuable uses for this space there are. I am wholeheartedly against a data center being built here. Thank you for your time.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 2:01pm

First Name Sarah

Last Name Gill

Hi there,

I am commenting regarding the 1-year moratorium on large scale development. I believe the board should fully support this moratorium as AI data centers are harmful to community members, as well as the nature that surrounds them. This area is known for its natural beauty and the board must ensure this remains.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 2:14pm

First Name a

Last Name r

Please don't proceed with this. On an environmental, financial, and social basis, this could be extremely detrimental and not something that should find a home on our Lakes.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 2:16pm

First Name Maddie

Last Name Etman

I oppose a new AI center on Cayuga Lake.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 2:19pm

First Name Johanna

Last Name Allen

This comment is to be heard at the Town Board meeting on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. I SUPPORT the 1-year moratorium on large-scale developments and OPPOSE any sort of AI data center/AI development in this town or any neighboring town.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 2:41pm

First Name Mary

Last Name Cunningham

Please do not build an AI data center on the lake. No part of an AI center is worth losing one tree or gallon of water, let alone the amount of destruction that would be caused by this construction project. AI is not worth our world.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 2:43pm

First Name Madison

Last Name Zaccagnino

This is regarding the september 24th meeting about the moratorium on the data center. The data center should NOT be built! An AI data center would have extreme and immediate effects on local wildlife and would tarnish the Cayuga Lake community significantly. It would be detrimental environmentally (with long lasting impacts), as well as negatively impacting NYSEG customers by raising power and electricity prices. There is absolutely ZERO REASON to create this data center that will so significantly negatively impact the greater Lansing and Ithaca communities.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 3:14pm

First Name Rodger

Last Name Aguayza

LEAVE OUR LAKE ALONE. WE need it. #NoAI. We (the community) care deeply about it.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 3:17pm

First Name Alex

Last Name Finn

Don't build a huge AI data center on Cayuga lake. That's ridiculous.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 3:35pm

First Name Sophia

Last Name Jones

This comment is meant for the town board meeting on September 24, 2025

Please do not TeraWulf to build their AI data centre on Cayuga Lake. The data centre will likely use the water to cool equipment, returning the water to the lake and causing major environmental damage. Data centres also produce large amounts of electronic waste, often carrying hazardous substances like lead and mercury. Many of our aquatic species who live in and around the lake will be harmed by the centre, likely leading to the lake becoming a dead-zone, much like Chesapeake Bay. For a place that relies on water-based tourism, this data centre will not only harm the environment, but the tourism to Ithaca and Tompkins County.

If you have the answers to some of these questions, please share them:

1. Was an environmental study conducted before approval with a focus on long-term effects?
2. How will HABs (Harmful Algae Blooms) be impacted?
3. Will the centre have limits enforced regularly on water usage?
4. Is there a plan being made incase of a drought?

Thank you for your time.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 3:36pm

First Name Ace

Last Name Eagan

no AI data centers!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 3:55pm

First Name Lilah

Last Name Dowling

I think that the new ai power plant will use too much of the environmental resources and will significantly hurt cayuga lake. The amount of water it will use from the lake is too much.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 3:56pm

First Name Daniel

Last Name Dixon

This comment is meant to be read into the record at the meeting*

As an Environmental Scientist and Cornell University alumnus, I strongly support the proposed one-year moratorium on large-scale developments and oppose AI data centers. The Finger Lakes are a unique and invaluable landmark for New York State and must be protected to ensure their long-term preservation. I urge you to prioritize the voices and concerns of local residents over the interests of corporations that do not prioritize people or the environment.

Thank you for your time,

Dan D.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 4:05pm

First Name Elizabeth

Last Name Christmas

Please do not add the new AI Data Center to Cayuga Lake! It is extremely dangerous to the ecosystem and environment surrounding the lake! This is unethical and will impact communities more than we know. Please don't do this!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 4:06pm

First Name Ava

Last Name Dunton

My comment is meant for the Town Meeting on 9/24. As a former citizen of Lansing, I am deeply opposed to our beautiful Cayuga Lake being defiled by AI technology. It is already a crime how much of the land in Tompkins County is privately owned and

inaccessible to the public - we should be aiming to REVERSE this fact, not CONTRIBUTE to it.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 4:11pm

First Name Brianna

Last Name Petracca

I support the 1-year moratorium on large-scale developments in Lansing, and I urge the board to consider extending it beyond that initial year. A short pause is not enough time to fully study and address the long-term impacts of projects like AI data centers.

Data centers of this size threaten the health of Cayuga Lake and the surrounding land by consuming enormous amounts of water and energy, straining NYSEG resources, and putting the balance of our local ecosystem at risk. These projects don't serve the people who live, work, and recreate here—they benefit corporations at the expense of our shared natural resources and quality of life.

Whether someone lives in Lansing, spends time on Cayuga Lake, or just pays a NYSEG bill, these developments affect us all. I urge the board to put the community and environment first, not outside corporate interests.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 4:40pm

First Name Anna

Last Name Biuso

Comment for the upcoming board meeting - no to a new data center at the old coal power plant. Potential to ruin the environment and ecotourism of the region.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 4:46pm

First Name Ceianna

Last Name Dempsey

Hello, I am sending a message intended for the town hall meeting on 9/24 to discuss a new AI data center on Cayuga Lake. I vehemently oppose this decision. As a local college student and a close friend and colleague of many Ithaca locals it is incredibly disheartening to hear that the town board is bringing this plan forward. By stealing art from artists online and using it to produce a new inhuman product, AI is beyond harmful to the many different kinds of artists that reside in Ithaca. Additionally, it creates an increase in millions of carbon emissions into the New York atmosphere, further worsening the Earth's climate changes. AI data centers use up thousands in tons of water to cool their systems down, taking clean drinking water from the thousands of families and communities within a 30 mile radius. I urge you to rethink this decision as it will only lead to more pollution and unrest about our climate in Ithaca as well as in the state of New York. I care deeply about our community and I know many others do too. If this goes through, the community will not go down without a fight. For the good of Lansing, Ithaca, and New York, I beg you to reconsider these plans as our tax dollars

should be used for something far more beneficial to the community like a community garden or even an arts center for students who can't always access resources. Thank you for your time and I appreciate your consideration.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 4:47pm

First Name Sydney

Last Name Tomishima

This comment is for the town board meeting on 9/24. I am highly opposed to the construction of the AI data center on the eastern shore of Cayuga Lake. Construction here does not just impact the lives of those in Lansing- it impacts everyone who recreates on or around the lake and the wildlife that depends on clean and regular lake conditions. Not only is it highly unethical to allow TeraWulf to build on Cayuga lake- but there could be significant implications to the economy if tourists and locals find the lake unsightly and unclean when- not if- pollutants and contaminants damage the ecosystem and appearance of the lake. This is horrifically unfair and unethical to everyone in the Cayuga Lake area. I demand officials do everything in their power to support the 1 year moratorium and figure out a way to cancel TeraWulf's 80 year lease.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 4:47pm

First Name Kailyn

Last Name Beath

My comment is meant for the Town Board meeting on 9/24 discussing the data center on Cayuga Lake.

Data centers are KNOWN to cause havoc on the environment. AI may seem like a necessary integration, but it is nothing more than a fad for companies right now. Please do your job to preserve the environment and listen to the people of your community. I strongly oppose the creation of the data center.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 4:47pm

First Name Anabel

Last Name Velloso

Hello. I am a student at Ithaca college and I just protest this data center which will warn the waters of Cayuga lake, increase light pollution and contribute to a slew of other environmental issues. Please stop this.!!!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 4:47pm

First Name Anabel

Last Name Velloso

Hello. I am a student at Ithaca college and I just protest this data center which will warn the waters of Cayuga lake, increase light pollution and contribute to a slew of other environmental issues. Please stop this.!!!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 4:54pm

First Name Ben
Last Name Hurty

Don't accept the data center at Cayuga!!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 5:19pm

First Name Joel
Last Name Dennis

I strongly oppose the development of AI data centers, especially those within the environment of Cayuga lake. It's not going to be helpful to our ecological system and will only line the pockets of large companies who have no stake in our communities.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 5:23pm

First Name Milene
Last Name Garbim Gaiotti

I am very disappoint to hear that there's even a consideration for an AI data center in our region. Every town where data centers have been settle the electric bill increased significantly and water and ecosystem damage is irreparable. As NYSEG consumer and someone who enjoys the Cayuga lake as it is., I am leaving my strong disapproval of this proposal.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 5:25pm

First Name SB
Last Name Barlow

This comment is meant for the Town Board meeting on 9/24. I am concerned over the economic impacts for NYSEG consumers, electronic waste that would be detrimental to the environment, and the community that would be subsequently polluted. I do not think we should be humoring a company like TeraWulf in Tompkins County. I also find it ironic that there is a discussion around AI development, while people are having to fill out a "are you a human" test in order to submit commentary. Thank you for your time.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 5:36pm

First Name Kate
Last Name Sustick

This comment is meant for the town board meeting on 9/24: NO AI data center on Cayuga Lake! This is not something that anyone in the community needs or wants.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 5:44pm

First Name Vanessa
Last Name Scarpelli

I support the moratorium on large scale developments. I oppose AI data centers, Cayuga Lake and beautiful and an important part of the community and an AI data

center would cause irreparable damage to the lake and to the community. Leave nature be!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 5:49pm

First Name Emily

Last Name Miller

This comment is for the town board meeting 9/24/2025. I absolutely do not want an AI center to be built in this area. I support the 1 year moratorium on large scale developments.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 5:58pm

First Name Grace

Last Name Clark

I am a resident of Ithaca . We take our students to the lake. We observe water life and nature. This data center will ruin the ecosystem that lives in the water. The animals that need cold water will no longer have it. This is also just such an ugly thing to have by such a beautiful area. Do not ruin Lansing and submit to the rich.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 6:40pm

First Name Danielle

Last Name Carlino

I am writing to express my support on the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments. As an environmental science student, I am especially privy to how harmful AI data centers are for local communities and ecosystems. This data center will essentially strip Cayuga Lake of its water and then churn it back out, warmer. The organisms within Cayuga lake are adapted to live in the current temperature. The warming of the lake will be harmful to the ecosystem, not to mention the carbon/greenhouse gas emissions that stem from AI data centers. Please, for the love of your community and its creatures, do not support the construction of a data center. It will pollute our home and make the innocent animals and plants that live here suffer.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 6:42pm

First Name Hannah

Last Name Caine

I'd like this comment to be read on record during the 9/24 land use hearing

I strongly support the 1-moratorium on large scale developments and deeply oppose the construction of AI data centers as a whole. These centers are known to deplete surrounding resources thus greatly impacting the health of the local environment. Not to mention the pollution of the nearby air and water supply. This will leave residents with poor air quality and extremely high water bills. It may line pockets, but it puts real people at risk. Thank you.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 6:43pm

First Name Ben

Last Name Bocul

Please do not let the data center be built. You will take water away from thousands and ruin YOUR OWN TOWN. You will tear down your own power grids and kill thousands of living beings, plants and animals alike. Do it for the good of the people in your town.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 6:51pm

First Name Sabrina

Last Name Layman

I fully support the moratorium on the AI data center, and do not support its construction whatsoever. As someone whose family has gone to the lake every summer for years, I believe that it would be detrimental to the area because of the emissions and light pollution.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 6:57pm

First Name Brianna

Last Name Hand

This comment is meant for the Town Board meeting on 9/24. It has come to my attention that the Board will be discussing land use regulations and zoning, and that TeraWulf intends to create a large AI data center on Cayuga Lake. I am unsure if your committees have looked into the environmental impacts of these centers, but they can be astronomical. I would encourage you to sincerely and thoroughly research this before allowing TeraWulf to come into our beautiful area and destroy it. Here are some links to get you all started with a baseline understanding of the harm that would come with this project - a harm that would not be isolated to your town and would impact so many others whose voices you are not considering.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2025-ai-impacts-data-centers-water-data/?embedded-checkout=true>

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

<https://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/2025/04/09/artificial-intelligence-water-climate/>

<https://news.vt.edu/articles/2025/07/eng-cee-data-centers-threaten-energy-and-water.html>

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2024-3-fall/feature/big-data-centers-heres-what-happens-when-takes-over-small-town?amp>

<https://stpp.fordschool.umich.edu/sites/stpp/files/2025-07/stpp-data-centers-2025.pdf>

<https://www.aaas.org/programs/epi-center/datacenters>

<https://wedocs.unep.org/handle/20.500.11822/46288;jsessionid=F9B4CF75FC8BDAC40CE31A9CA4219EC0>

Furthermore, as a resident of Cayuga County, I believe that in making a decision about this development it should be discussed with all of the residents who live in towns and villages abutting Cayuga Lake. This will affect so much more than just Lansing. It would be unconscionable for you to move forward with this project without such considerations.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 7:25pm

First Name Bella

Last Name W

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

I am writing to express my full support of the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments and I completely oppose any and all AI data centers in general.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 7:35pm

First Name Emily

Last Name McDonald

No ai data center on Cayuga lake. Preserve our area.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 7:59pm

First Name Maliha

Last Name Aamir

Absolutely not is all I have to say about the AI center!

Town Board Meeting 09/24.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 7:52pm

First Name Margaret

Last Name McKinnis

I would like to submit this comment for the upcoming board meeting on September 24. I am writing to express my concern about the AI data center on Cayuga Lake. I am deeply concerned about the environmental implications of this project. Pursuing developments that threaten the environment's wellbeing is antithetical to our community's best interests as well its values. Additionally, this projects is likely to have economic implications that place newfound burdens on community members through

costly utility prices. In light of this context, I would like to express support for the 1-year moratorium on larger scale developments.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 8:05pm

First Name Nairobi

Last Name Pena

I want to let the board members know that I support the one year moratorium on large scale developments and that I oppose AI data centers in general. I am saying NO to a new AI data center on Cayuga Lake. I urge everyone to think about the economic impacts on NYSEG customers and the environmental impact that will be exacerbated by the data centers effects on the changing climate. This comment is meant for the Town Board meeting on 09/24/25.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 8:07pm

First Name Samantha

Last Name Koepele

Hi, I have a concern that I would like to be heard by the Lansing Town Board on their 9/24 meeting. Cayuga Lake is a beautiful feature in Lansing, and I am deeply concerned about the company TeraWulf and their 80 year lease with the old coal power plant on the lake. AI data centers are incredibly damaging to the ecosystems that surround them, and I would hate to see the incredible biodiversity in the Cayuga be destroyed for a development that no one is asking for. Residents near the center will also have to take on the cost of electricity that this plant uses, which is incredibly unfair and concerning with the amount that utility bills have been increasing country-wide. Please do not let TeraWulf place their AI data center on the Cayuga.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 8:17pm

First Name Margaret

Last Name Harper

MEANT FOR MEETING ON 9/24!!!!

LEAVE CAYUGA LAKE ALONE!!! IT WOULD BE EVIL TO BUILD AN AI DATA CENTER THERE. Anyone who disagrees hates the planet and is ready for fascist regime. Please don't be the evil you don't wish to see in this world.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 8:21pm

First Name Nicolas

Last Name Francis

Good afternoon. My comment is for the town board meeting on 9/24. I wish to express my deep displeasure as a member of this great state of New York in the want to build the ai data center on Cayuga lake. There is no need to destroy the environment to build worthless developments that will in tern destroy more of the environment. Large data centers like this have also been known to have horrible effects on the surrounding

ecosystem and on the utility price of those who live nearby. It has also been known for large data centers like this to use the lake water as a coolant and to replace the cool water with warmed water. This could be detrimental to aquatic life in the lake. These data centers also produce electronic waste often lead or mercury. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns and I hope you make the correct decision on this matter.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 8:23pm

First Name Delaney

Last Name West

This comment is in protest of any AI company development on the lake for the meeting board 9/24.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 8:25pm

First Name Kaitlyn

Last Name Dellegar

NO REZONING FOR AI!!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 8:27pm

First Name Teagan

Last Name West

Expressing a resounding NO to the Lansing board decision to build an AI center on Cayuga lake. PLEASE DONT DO THIS! We can't go back!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 8:28pm

First Name Daniel

Last Name Bartholomew

Please do not approve the proposed local ai data center. Not thanks!!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 8:33pm

First Name Christopher

Last Name Palace

Don't want a data center on Cayuga lake

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 8:38pm

First Name Patricia

Last Name Harper

Please do not approve of the proposed AI development
On the lake. This would destroy the community in myriad ways from ecological damage to the preservation of Lansing's natural beauty. Please do not allow this project to destroy our area. Thank you.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 8:46pm

First Name Jenna

Last Name Caster

Lansing has a wonderful opportunity to prevent an ecological disaster BEFORE it happens by NOT ALLOWING an AI plant on Cayuga Lake! This comment is meant for the 9/24 meeting.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 8:46pm

First Name Ellen

Last Name Howell

I am writing to let the board members know that I support the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments and am strongly opposed to AI data centers in general. I urge board members to consider both the potential negative economic impacts on NYSEG customers and the dangerous environmental impacts including hot water outflow and other hazardous waste released into Cayuga Lake.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 8:54pm

First Name Amanda

Last Name Kamarck

For the town board meeting on 9/24: I am a homeowner on the west shore of Cayuga Lake in Ulysses and vehemently oppose potential AI data center development on Cayuga Lake. I am in support of the moratorium on large scale developments while the town of Lansing rewrites their zoning and land use regulations. We must protect the fragile ecosystem of the Finger Lakes and prevent this type of development on our lakes.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 9:24pm

First Name Erika

Last Name Etkine

For Town Board meeting on 9/24 –

Say no to data centers that pollute waters and air, increase energy prices, and displace and disrupt natural lake life. The world is quickly losing natural reserves in place of developments and projects that make the rich richer. This won't improve life for the nearby population, it won't add a significant amount of jobs or opportunities, it will just be a long-term drain on the land and its people.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 9:37pm

First Name Zoe

Last Name Fish

In regards to the rezoning changes that are being discussed at the town board meeting (9/24)... any zoning changes that make it easier and more acceptable to remove forested land or add large buildings/parking lots will almost ALWAYS result in trouble

down the line environmentally. There are so many issues with the ways we are using and abusing the existence of AI. It uses large amounts of energy, the benefits of convenience have never and will never our way longevity of the human race through environmental protection, not to mention the area in question is in a SACRED/CRUCIAL AREA OF THE NORTH EAST. The finger lakes are a fresh water source and continuing to building infrastructure on and near the lakes contributes to the degradation of a WONDERFUL RESOURCE (FRESH WATER). There is no logical price that can be put on protecting our fresh water resources because water gives and sustains life to all living things on this planet. Please please please think carefully about our best interest as living things when making decisions about zoning and land use. Love a central ny community member ♡

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 9:37pm

First Name Kaylee

Last Name Johnson

Hello! This coming Wednesday there will be a town hearing and iv heard there will be discussions of building a new AI center near Cayuga lake. This would be detrimental mistake, the long lasting effects that these giant centers create would ruin the city of Ithaca and its surrounding environment. Ithaca is built on preserving its natural lands and eco- friendliness. This would be like a slap in the face to all Ithacacans.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 9:41pm

First Name Caroline

Last Name Knight

This comment is meant for the town board meeting on 9/24, showing support for the 1-year moratorium on large scale developments, and opposition to AI data centers in general.

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 9:48pm

First Name Tracy

Last Name West

You gotta be kidding...This serves as my "NO" to a AI center on Cayuga Lake!!!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 10:23pm

First Name Lisa

Last Name Trent

This is a comment for the 9/24 town board meeting:

As someone who lives in this community and is very grateful for Cayuga Lake, I would like to express support for the one year moratorium. I have heard there is interest in an AI data center on our beautiful lake. I strongly oppose any large scale development, but especially in AI data center. Thank you for your consideration..

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:03pm

First Name Chris
Last Name Davis

Do not DARE desecrate Cayuga lake with an AI data center. Absolutely disgusting idea.
We will not let this happen

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:12pm

First Name Mel
Last Name Ordaz

Hello,

I would like to let you know that I support the 1 year moratorium on large scale
developments and that I oppose the AI data centers in general!!! No AI on Cayuga
Lake!!!

Submitted on Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 11:23pm

First Name Parker
Last Name Piccolo Hill

Meant for meeting 9/24. I'm deeply concerned about the possibility of the TeraWulf
center. I don't like the possibility of increases in electric bills, and I especially don't like
the risk of environmental change. Lake Cayuga is a natural wonder. Vote in the
moratorium!

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.

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!

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

First Name Jaya

Last Name Badhe

Save the environment!

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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?

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

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

No!!! To the AI data center

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.

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.

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

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.

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

First Name Mary

Last Name Csorny

I oppose the larger scale development

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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

First Name Howard

Last Name Rice

I vehemently oppose the construction of the data center.

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!

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 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.

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/>

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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

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.

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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Last Name Oaks-Doan

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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!

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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!

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.

COMMENTS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

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

First Name Emily

Last Name Davio

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

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

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

First Name Danielle

Last Name D'Onofrio

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

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

First Name Peter

Last Name Glennon

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

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

First Name Julia

Last Name Tricomi

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

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

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

First Name Brittany

Last Name B

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

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

First Name Sarah

Last Name Baker

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

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

First Name Jessica

Last Name Lucey

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

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

First Name Chari

Last Name Fuerstenau

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

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

First Name Arnie

Last Name schwartz

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

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

First Name Annelise

Last Name rigsbee

No AI !!!!! Save Cayuga [lake.no](#) AI plant!

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

First Name Emma

Last Name Denman

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

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

First Name Rachel

Last Name Herron

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

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

First Name Ila

Last Name Rose

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

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

First Name Caitlin

Last Name Mathes

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

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

First Name Leslie

Last Name Strebel

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

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

First Name Caitlin

Last Name Finlay

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

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

First Name Rebecca

Last Name Utz

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

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

First Name Kayla

Last Name Carpitella

Hello,

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

Thank you,

Kayla

From: Domenic Gagliano

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

Subject: Opposing The Data Center at Miliken Station

To whom it may concern,

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

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

Please block the project from coming to fruition.

thank you

Domenic

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

First Name Diane & Tony

Last Name BOZZELLI

Dear Lansing Town Board,

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

Thank you,
Diane and Tony Bozzelli
Northeast Ithaca

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

First Name Mateus

Last Name Blakeslee

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

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

First Name Allison

Last Name Freeman

Comment for Town Board Meeting 9/24

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

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

First Name Parker

Last Name Howland

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

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

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

First Name Shea

Last Name Oleksa

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

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

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

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

First Name Cynthia

Last Name Herron

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

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

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

First Name Sophia

Last Name Fabrizio

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

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

First Name Jordan

Last Name Reilley

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

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

First Name Brinna
Last Name Michael

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

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

First Name Jennifer
Last Name Skala

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

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

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

First Name Emma
Last Name Rizzo

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

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

First Name Hannah
Last Name McDonald

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

Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 11:51am

First Name Ashley
Last Name Lombardo

NO AI data center!!!!!!

Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 11:52am

First Name Zoe
Last Name Foster

This is for the 9/24 meeting!

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

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

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

Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 12:08pm

First Name Devin
Last Name Conde

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

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

From: jamie love

Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 11:32 AM

Subject: Urgent Opposition to TeraWulf Data Center at Miliken Station

Dear Members of the Lansing Town Planning Board,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely, Jamie Love

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

First Name Emimly

Last Name Petrina

Hello! Please share this comment for the Lansing Town Hall public meeting on 9/24/25.

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

Thank you! Emily Petrina

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

First Name Erin

Last Name Harkenrider

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

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

Thank you so much for your time.

Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 12:41pm

First Name Allison

Last Name Aretz

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

Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 12:43pm

First Name David

Last Name Kensek

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

Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 1:04pm

First Name Elizabeth

Last Name Herman

Hello,

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

Thank you,

Elizabeth Herman

Submitted on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 1:09pm

First Name Chloe

Last Name O'Shea

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

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

First Name Bethany

Last Name Silber

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

MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 7 OF 2025 ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON LAND USE DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND APPROVALS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE DAYS

Councilperson _____, moved to **OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 7 OF 2025 ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON LAND USE DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND APPROVALS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE DAYS** at _____ pm.

Councilperson _____ seconded the motion.

All in Favor – Opposed –

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Councilperson _____, moved to **CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 7 OF 2025 ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON LAND USE DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND APPROVALS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE DAYS** at _____ pm.

Councilperson _____ seconded the motion.

All in Favor – _____ Opposed – _____

TOWN OF LANSING
Local Law No. __7__ of the Year 2025

**A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON LAND USE
DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS AND APPROVALS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT
ACTIONS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE DAYS**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Lansing as follows:

Section 1 **TITLE:** This local law shall be known as the “local law” or the “moratorium,” each as the context thereof so admits or requires. Among the purposes of this local law are to freeze-in-place current land uses and development activities (such as construction) while the Town undertakes to fulfill the requirements of a New York State grant that is funding the comprehensive update of the Town’s zoning code, including the terms and standards for discretionary reviews (such as site planning, and related land use reviews), the allowed uses in differing areas and zones of the Town, and to implement the multi-year project the Town has long considered to implement environmental protection overlay districts (“EPOD”) to protect important riparian areas, Cayuga Lake, and other unique ecological, environmental, cultural, aesthetic, and archeological resources of and in the Town.

Section 2 **AUTHORITY AND INTENT:** This local law is a police power and land use regulation. It is intended and declared to address matters of local concern. This local law is intended to be consistent with and adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town Board under the New York State Constitution and the laws of the State of New York, including but not limited to Town Law §§ 130 and 261, *et seq.*, the New York State Constitution Article IX, Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, and the Statute of Local Governments §10. It is the intent of the Town to consider and duly update and amend its zoning law and related land use regulations (including site plan, special permitting, and subdivision codes, and potentially adding EPODs and open development area rules), among other code amendments as are necessary or desirable to implement the Town’s Comprehensive Plan and several significant zoning changes the Town has been considering for years. The time is now right to undertake a moratorium given that the New York State grant has been approved, the Town has created the required citizens committee to help steer the amendment of the zoning code, a third party consulting firm with expertise in planning and zoning has been engaged, its agricultural and farmland protection plan has been updated, and the Town has completed its open space index, its natural resource inventory, a viewshed analysis of important areas in the Town, and has updated agricultural zoning rules in parts of the Town.

Section 3 **PURPOSES AND GOALS:** The following are among the purposes of this local law:

- A. The Town Board places moratorium on the consideration, approval, and construction of certain residential and almost all commercial and industrial projects, including those land use and development activities subject to subdivision, special permitting, site plan reviews, sign permitting, and junkyard permitting, among others specified in this local law, pending the completion and adoption of an amended zoning code (and other related land use development regulatory updates). After careful deliberation, the Town Board duly finds and declares that the Town's lack of an updated comprehensive zoning scheme likely does and will prevent or impede the accomplishment of the goals and community visions as are outlined in the Town of Lansing's Comprehensive Plan (the "Comprehensive Plan," which term shall be herein deemed to include both local and state master plans and policies implemented since the adoption of such Comprehensive Plan, such as, but not limited to, the Natural Resources Inventory, the Open Space Index, the designation by New York State of the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway, Updated Flood Maps, the Town's recreation and pathways plans, and updated master plan being pursued concurrently with the zoning and code updates, etc.). In accordance with these determinations, the Town Board believes that it is necessary to enact a temporary moratorium so that the Town and its boards, officers, and employees can, during the pendency of the moratorium, consider and adopt resolutions, policies, and local laws necessary to implement changes to the Town Code and local laws, and consider and adopt an updated zoning code, which will promote and maintain the rural character, livability, and natural resources of the Town, and protect the health and safety of its residents.
- B. In accordance with its Comprehensive Plan the Town Board declares that resource and land use planning are central and vital to public health, safety, land values, and rural character of a residentially-oriented small town in the Finger Lakes Area of Upstate New York. Thus, the Town desires to consider any recommended land use regulations that guide future residential and commercial land use developments in order to ensure that all projects are allowed, sited, and reviewed in congruence with the vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan, including to ensure that impacts are managed by appropriate land use regulations and resource protection laws and requirements. These may include measures that guide not only development within a single parcel but also shape the nature and distribution of development within the boundaries of the Town in order to promote the goals and aspirations of the community as identified in the Comprehensive Plan.
- C. The Comprehensive Plan calls attention to the unique vulnerability of Lansing to loss of rural character and natural resources by unplanned growth, which can be avoided or controlled by updated land use regulations, including zoning. The Comprehensive Plan stresses the importance of maintaining the rural nature and natural resources of the Town and protecting important soil and water resources, while balancing a vibrant local economy that encourages harmonic growth and

businesses and commercial development that integrate well with the Town's goals of remaining and agriculturally oriented.

- D. Having in place a 365-day window to consider zoning and code updates, for the purposes of enhancing and implementing the vision of the Comprehensive Plan, including regulating where certain land uses may be sited, is therefore deemed to be vital to the public health, safety, and interests of the Town and its citizens, visitors, and surrounding communities, and to the natural resources of the Town, to Cayuga Lake, to the Finger Lakes areas of Central New York, and for the remarkable inventories of natural areas and unique ecological communities found in this area of New York State (which the Comprehensive Plan seeks to preserve and protect). At the same time, there are areas well suited to business and light industry, and several business parks are situated in areas that need further examination to determine the potential to expand and amend such zones. Without a moratorium, projects and land uses could arise that run contrary to the harmony the zoning seeks to achieve between varying land uses and the need to protect vital local and natural resources.
- E. A comprehensive zoning amendment and code revision plan is selected as the most appropriate way to achieve the goals of, and implement the visions within, the Comprehensive Plan. Further, because the New York State grant is itself 18-months long, it is possible that, despite diligence, not all updates to zoning and the Town Code will be completed within 365-days. Hence, the Town Board declares its intent to try to complete and implement all zoning and code changes within said timeline, but it also reserves the right to extend this moratorium when needed to fulfill the purposes of this local law, including to ensure full public participation and comprehensive environmental reviews of any zoning and code proposals so developed.

Section 4 **FINDINGS AND SUPPORT:** The Lansing Town Board finds, determines, and makes the following declarations:

- A. Certain actions subject to discretionary review in and under the Town Code, such as special permitting, site plan reviews, subdivision reviews, planned development area reviews and approvals, sign permits, and junkyard permits (hereinafter "Actions"), may affect the overall nature and patterns of development within the Town. Unchecked and non-regulated Actions create unreasonable risks pertaining to the loss of important local resources of value, as well as create potential conflicts between residences and other uses. These potential losses and conflicts require consideration and mitigation to preserve desired characteristics, resources, and harmonies between adjacent uses in a rural environment.
- B. The Comprehensive Plan identified the following issues, plans, goals, and needs:

1. The adopted Future Land Use Map shows and demonstrates that the Comprehensive Plan envisions multiple new zones regulating land uses, including to achieve a better compatibility between various principal land use types by implementing zones that themselves can function as a buffer. Examples include Rural Agricultural/transitional Areas, differentiating residential zones based upon allowed uses, density, and relationship to Cayuga Lake, differentiating commercial zones based upon land use intensities, and developing recreational and special use areas or zones, from complete streets corridors to steep slopes, community facilities, and EPODs.
2. The Comprehensive Plan notes the important cultural resources that need protection, including examinations of buildings that should be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, its parks and lakeshore, and like areas that need to be protected and developed to enhance the quality of life in the Town (see e.g., pp. 9-10, see *infra*).
3. The Community Vision Statement (pp. 14-15) outlines how the nature of this rural, mixed use community needs to value and protect a wide range of natural and scenic resources, including Cayuga Lake, various streams, gorges, parks, trails, rural landscapes, and scenic views, all of which contribute significantly to the community's growth and economic base. Allowing unchecked development during the pendency of the zoning update process, particularly in the face of pressures growth can bring, can fundamentally alter the character of the Town if not properly guided through zoning and related Town Codes. Thus, the Comprehensive Plan emphasizes a need to proactively seek methods that prevent the degradation of these resources as the Town grows, and to encourage small business and industry that use safe and responsible practices.
4. Agricultural goals and policies (pp. 33-34) mirror a need for a climate where farming remains both feasible and viable, including through the concomitant need to protect soil, environmental quality, natural resources, and provide scenic working landscapes that preserve the rural character and enhance the quality of life in the Town. Without updated zoning to coordinate recent agricultural zone changes and the EPODs that crisscross these areas, this goal could be easily impaired. Examples include farmland sales that are converting agricultural and farmed lands into residential subdivisions. The population growth that is fueling housing development and increasing land prices are again part of this issue (see p. 35), and the Town Board has determined that examining the rules and locations of current residential zones, as well as diversifying such zones, is critical to affordable housing and the preservation of active farmlands and rural vistas.

5. Thus, the Comprehensive Plan again stresses the need to strike a balance between competing land uses, such as residential, commercial, agriculture, and recreational and open spaces (see p. 40). The Town Board, the Planning Board, the Conservation Advisory Committee, and others, have recently completed the studies to inform the changes needed to the Town Code and zoning regulations to find that balance, which has been lost or impaired since the last major zoning overhaul in the 2003-2005 era. Significant resources needing protection are discussed on pages 41-42, and included are the parks, Cayuga Lake (and its tributaries), the steep slopes and gorges near the lake, the agricultural areas, and state parks and recreation areas, and the Salmon Creek Valley (See also pp. 44-45, 62-64).

6. For commercial, institutional, and industrial uses the plan stresses the importance of “place” (see p. 47). To remain resilient and balance these needs, there is a need to update zoning to emphasize place-based economic development and try to avoid the sprawl and creep that can bleed harmful or inappropriate commercial development into residential and agricultural areas (this issue is also addressed in relation to existing business parks on pp. 50-51). In a related vein, developing appropriate zoning regulations for hamlets (pp. 54-55) is critical to this sense of place, as is ensuring that the small, localized services that dot hamlet areas maintain their character and augment the sense of place for hamlets by avoiding uses deleterious to such areas, and regulating use impacts that can impair orderly hamlet development and quality of life.

7. Developing walkable communities, recreational assets, tourism-related businesses, and the Town Center area are all matters heavily emphasized. Towards this end the Comprehensive Plan recognizes the need to utilize mixed use zones, senior housing and aging in place resources, form based zoning, planned development areas, conservation or clustering subdivisions, and other tools to promote housing density in proper locations, and to similarly avoid residential sprawl and the loss of farmland that the current zoning “allows” or, at the least, does not discourage (see e.g., pp. 57-60).

8. Most importantly, the Comprehensive Plan sets forth specific goals and strategies to achieve the vision of the Comprehensive Plan, most of which have long been understood to address the need to update zoning given two decades have passed since the last zoning update or overhaul. During those decades, the Town has changed, and the development pressures have created new challenges relative to preserving the natural resources and rural, residential character of the Town. Included in the Comprehensive Plan are goals aimed at developing multiple agricultural zones, farmland preservation, and densification of residential areas in the southern part of the Town. Also discussed is utilizing farmland protection grants and zoning tools to achieve these goals (see pp. 66-68).

Enhancing utilities and broadband to support residential development and businesses, as well as examining areas served by mass transportation, and using these factors as identifiers for nodal or clustered development is also identified as a goal that the Town Board believes best achieved through updated zoning codes (see e.g., pp. 69-70). Goal LU-1 through LU-4, focus on land use and development, and are direct respecting this need (pp. 70-72). These goals note things like density, clustering, environmental protection, site-specific commercial and light industrial, developing EPODs, promoting hamlets and preservation of character, using infill development standards to prevent sprawl. Similarly, natural resource goals are highly relevant and form a core purpose justifying this local law (pp. 72-75), including because they specifically reference goals to promote and protect Cayuga Lake, to protect steep slopes, to address stream corridors, and to adjust and steer development to areas that can support higher density and clustering. This, in turn, protects open spaces, and protects air, soil, and water quality, etc.

9. The Town Board believes that an updated zoning scheme, with supporting and updated Town Codes, can help implement this vision by steering residential density to a “place” where it can be supported, promoting infill, and protecting other areas from such densification and sprawl, from agricultural lands to the community’s hamlets (see also housing goals at pp. 80-82). Similar goals focusing commercial and industrial uses to proper “places,” by promoting infill and having zoning promote existing local economic drivers such as agriculture and tourism (pp. 76-77), are in the zoning toolbox for the current zoning code amendments already underway. The Cultural Resources and Hamlets goals and recommendations are replete with similar and specific goals and strategies as to how updated planning and zoning can protect these vital resources (pp. 78).

10. Directly on point is Goal HN-6 (p. 82): “Evaluate new laws/ordinances – as needed – in the Town of Lansing to cover existing and new concepts in housing.”

11. Also directly relevant is HN-7 (pp. 82-83): “Evaluate new laws and ordinances to protect both property owners and renters.” This goal suggests specific land use and zoning matters that need to be addressed, such as short-term rentals and, when read with other housing goals and recommendations, the Town Board has identified a need to update its decades old zoning law to implement these recommendations, as well as achieve a regulatory system that promotes the shared community vision of the Comprehensive Plan.

12. The “Future Land Use” section (p. 85) also directly supports zoning and code updates, including through its express references to undertaking a reevaluation of traditional zoning practices to consider form-based zoning, mixed use areas, and other tools to address perceived regulatory gaps and known short-falls of traditional “Euclidian” zoning (see also pp. 87-91, covering mixed use, increased

density goals, overlay zoning, and like matters). The goals for future land use practices (pp. 92-93) specifically address several matters directly achievable through zoning and codes, from new zones, new zoning standards, and complete streets design criteria. A direct reference at Goal FL-1F reads as follows:

“Establish a process to rewrite the Town Zoning Ordinance that includes the input of Planning Board. Included should be recommendations to include new Agricultural Regulations and form-based tools / overlay zones which define building setbacks, heights and levels of detail, to create a new level of architectural standards. NY State best practice guidelines should be utilized, and public participation should be sought wherever possible.”

13. Thus, as can be seen, replete throughout the Comprehensive Plan, are references to the use of enhanced land use controls, including traditional zoning, to effect and support the community’s vision for its future, including but not limited to: (1) increased support of local businesses and opportunities for new small and home-based businesses; (2) encouraging appropriately scaled and regulated businesses that integrate with the rural residential and agricultural nature of the Town; (3) developing stronger reviews of commercial and retail development, including architectural, form, and locational controls; (4) promoting residential development guidelines that include augmenting affordable housing through placement, incentive zoning, clustering, and creating infill and mixed use areas (such as PDAs) to create walkable communities; (5) promoting and protecting ecological values that promote air, water, and agricultural resources, as well as conserve and enhance environmentally sensitive areas, including using clustering and other land development tools to help preserve open space and recreation areas; (6) and, overall, to promote the Town as a vibrant and desirable community to enjoy the rural lifestyle, highlighting agricultural activities, the natural environment, and an intelligently built environment that enhance a sense of place and promote a sense of community for the Town.

- C. It is anticipated that the Town and the Town’s recently formed Zoning Advisory Committee will determine the scope and forms for comprehensive zoning and regulatory update, including by demonstrating why the same are beneficial, needed, and how the same will help implement the vision of the Comprehensive Plan. It is believed that one year is needed to maintain the *status quo* and allow this process to continue without the risk of large projects or changes that may defeat the goals sought to be implemented. At the same time, the Town Board recognizes that certain hardships can arise from a moratorium, and thus also includes a variance provision to allow relief in a proper case, by mainly implementing standards similar to the use variance standards as already exist in New York State Town Law to provide relief from zoning and land use regulations. The Town Board believes that the amended zoning and its regulatory framework may become well

identified and drafted in that year, such that the need to continue this moratorium should be re-visited at that time to assess whether, as a temporary measure, the same is no longer necessary to maintain the *status quo* pending whatever changes or updates may still then be needed or desired to help implement the vision of the Future Land Use Map and Comprehensive Plan.

- D. The Town Board is concerned that protection of the Town's interests, and the public health and welfare interests so implicated, could or would be damaged or subverted if Actions (as defined in § 5, hereunder) were to be entertained or approved before a comprehensive zoning amendment is evaluated and adopted, or before the Town could consider modifications of or additions to other town codes (e.g., the subdivision code), if also deemed necessary or desirable to address land use and public health and welfare issues. Accordingly, to address these issues, and to protect the public health, safety and welfare, it is the intention of the Town Board to stay the review or approval of Actions during the limited time the Town needs to evaluate and complete zoning and code updates and amendments as will best implement the vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

Section 5 PROHIBITED ACTIONS AND REVIEWS: For a period of three hundred and sixty five (365) days from the effective date of this local law, the Town Board hereby declares a moratorium prohibiting each of the following "Actions" in the Town, regardless of the submittal or receipt of any application prior to the effective date of this local law, unless such Action is exempt under § 6 hereunder:

- A. The consideration or review by the Town, or any of its boards or committees, of any land use or development proposal that requires any site plan review or approval, any special permit review or approval, any sign permit, any planned development area approvals or reviews, or any subdivision review or approval that requires any discretionary or environmental review. Also included is any site development or construction that arises from or in relation to any such Action and its reviews, approvals, or permitting.
- B. The proposed siting of, or development or use of land for, any commercial, business, retail, manufacturing or industrial use or operations. For purposes of construing the scope of these terms, traditional dictionary-based and land use definitions shall apply, and in the event of any ambiguity an owner or applicant shall be required to seek an interpretation of this local law from the Enforcement Officer or a variance in order to proceed with any application or the review or approval thereof.
- C. The issuance of any permit by the Town of Lansing for highway or utility work in connection with any Actions prohibited in or by this local law, or the issuance of

ground disturbance permits, SWPPP reviews or approvals, or building permits or approvals in relation to any Actions prohibited in or by this local law.

- D. The issuance of any junkyard permits, and related site plan review or other approvals, whether arising under Town Code Chapter 158 or otherwise.
- E. The creation or approval of mobile or manufactured home parks, whether as residential subdivisions, PDAs, or under Town Code Chapter 170.

Section 6 **EXEMPTIONS:** The following Actions are exempt from this moratorium and the terms and requirements of this local law:

- A. Any Action that has received final approval or conditional final approval from the Town Board, the Planning Board, or the Zoning Board of Appeals, prior to the effective date of this local law.
- B. Any traditional agricultural Action that is: (i) protected under Article 25-AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law; and (ii) exempt or not subject to review under the Town's current subdivision, special permitting, or site plan review procedures and codes.
- C. Traditional single-family and two-family residences, and accessory residential buildings, which are to be constructed and emplaced upon an existing lot that is of a size, character, and design so as not trigger review under the current Town Code.
- D. Any matter permitted or allowed pursuant to a Zoning Permit or Special Conditions (reference Town Code §§ 270-28 and 270-35), but only so long as no discretionary or environmental review is required.
- E. Any residential subdivision of eight lots or less when sited wholly within existing R1, R2, or R3 zones. For this purpose, and for the purpose of determining the number of lots, all phases of such subdivision, and all potential future related subdivisions that are or may become part of a larger development or common plan, shall be counted towards this numerical limit. If any applicant, landowner, or developer seeks not to develop land that would or could naturally be part of any such subdivision (e.g., if future phases were to be mapped out), the lot counts for the excluded lands may be calculated by utilizing the average lot size in the sketch plan or application as submitted to arrive at a lot count for the purposes of determining whether the subdivision is, or is not, exempt from this local law. In other words, applicants may not seek to develop only a portion of their lands to work around or avoid the import and requirements of this local law.

- F. Any site plan for a small retail, commercial, or business or professional office where the square footage of the building, office, or improvement involved is under 3,000 square feet, employs no more than ten persons, and the area of disturbance for the total site does not exceed 2 acres. Larger buildings or sites, and larger projects, may not be segmented or sought to be developed in phases to seek to avoid this requirement.
- G. Any sign permit where the business or facility is a lawfully existing use and has a certificate of occupancy, and where the sign is: (1) being replaced or relocated; (2) not being increased in size beyond the lesser of any limits applied by the Town Code or 150% of the size of the current sign being replaced or relocated; and (3) no lighting, increase in lighting, or increase in the intensity of any lighting plan is being proposed or will result.
- H. Any appeal or review seeking a Variance (or any waiver) in relation to an Action that has already been approved, and which meets the requirements of §§ 6(A), 6(B), or 6(C), above.
- I. Any matter where the siting of the facility, use, or operation is subject to review by New York State or the federal government, specifically including matters where Town review, approvals, or permitting are superseded.
- J. Any application for modifications, enlargements, collocation, and permits and approvals for cellular and digital service towers and facilities, but only where the facility or tower is regulated by the FCC or is a service tower for a recognized New York State utility provider subject to regulation by the New York State Public Service Commission.
- K. Any Action or matter for which a Variance is granted under § 7, hereunder.

Section 7 VARIANCES: Should any applicant or owner of property affected by this moratorium suffer an extraordinary hardship as a result of the temporary requirements or limitations set forth in this local law, said applicant or owner may apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA") in writing for relief from strict compliance with this moratorium upon submission of proof of such extraordinary hardship and the meeting of the standards and requirements set forth in this local law (hereafter, a "Variance"). For the purpose of this moratorium, an extraordinary hardship shall not be the mere delay in being able to apply for any determination or approval related to an Action during the period of the moratorium. Any applicant and any property owner may apply to the ZBA for a Variance from any one or more of the requirements or restrictions set forth in this local law and, upon good cause shown, the ZBA may grant such relief, or so much relief as said board may determine to be necessary and appropriate in accordance with the

following application and review criteria set forth for Variances from this local law, as follows:

A. Substantive Requirements: No Variance seeking relief or partial relief from the requirements and restrictions of this moratorium shall be granted unless the ZBA shall specifically find and determine, and set forth in its resolution granting such Variance, that:

1. That the failure to grant a Variance will cause the petitioner extraordinary hardship, and such hardship is substantially greater than any harm to the general public, and greater than the potential harm to the public welfare that could result from the granting, in whole or in part, any Variance. In considering this factor, the ZBA may consider the unique nature of the land in question, including whether the site of the proposed Action is affected by an exceptional topographic or other naturally occurring conditions as supports a Variance. The hardship should be unique to the applicant or its land, and not a form of hardship suffered generally by others in the Town, whether across a spectrum of a particular land uses, in a particular neighborhood or area, or by any group of citizens generally. A hardship should generally be a unique, invidious harm that should, in fairness or constitutionally, be mitigated by carving out an exception to this local law and the public interests it duly seeks to protect and promote.

2. That the granting of a Variance will have no clear, adverse effect upon the goals or objectives being now pursued or undertaken as outlined in this local law, including but not limited to efforts to protect and preserve the essential character and important resources of the Town, including the avoidance of potentially deleterious or irreversible impacts to residential life, open spaces, agricultural resources and farming, or wildlife corridors and other significant ecological resources.

3. That the Variance is sought for an Action that is, or which by imposition of conditions or voluntary land covenants and restrictions can be or become, reasonably harmonious with neighboring uses and the Comprehensive Plan.

4. That the extraordinary hardship is not the result of any delay, action, or inaction by the applicant, the property owner, or any predecessors-in-title or interest, and such alleged hardship has not been self-created. In considering this factor, the ZBA may consider whether the need for a Variance is based in whole or in part upon any delay or any lack of maintenance or repair of the property or improvements thereupon, including a consideration of the extent to which the existing improvements are aged, decrepit, obsolete, run-down, outmoded, or in a state of disrepair, and further including whether financial hardship has been

materially promoted or affected by such lack of maintenance, repair, or the property condition and causes thereof.

5. That the impact and harm to applicant in denying a Variance will not be outweighed by the benefit to the community in preserving the *status quo* pending completion of the work envisioned by this local law. In considering this factor, the ZBA may consider the applicant's or landowner's vested rights and monetary investment "in the ground," but such rights or investments shall be only one factor in the balancing test of hardships and harms undertaken in consideration of this factor. However, under no circumstances should the costs and expenses of a Variance application be considered as, or be a part of, any monetary investment arguments, calculations, harms, or hardships. Further, investment "in the ground" refers to an applicant having vested property rights based upon prior proper approvals, compliance with approval conditions and building permits, and having purposefully and regularly pursued completion (e.g., as opposed to "racing the clock" to argue a right has "vested").

6. That the application for a Variance is and was substantially complete at the time of filing and at the time the notice of public hearing was posted, such that all parties and the ZBA had a full and fair opportunity to consider the facts, bases, and arguments upon which the Variance application and any Variance approval (or denial) was based. In evaluating this factor, the ZBA may consider whether the applicant advanced new theories, facts, or arguments not set forth in the application as may have unduly and adversely impacted the ZBA's ability to conduct a full and fair hearing, as well as the rights of participants and witnesses to prepare evidence and address the application and Variance request as submitted.

7. That any Variance is supported by a negative declaration of environmental impacts, if required, under SEQRA, or a findings statement under a completed Environmental Impact Statement process undertaken in accordance with the statutory and regulatory requirements of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations of 6 NYCRR Part 617. Similarly, a FONSI or similar finding or declaration is required if the matter is subject to the federal environmental laws and regulations arising under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970, as amended (commonly referred to as "NEPA").

8. That no relief granted in respect of the Variance is greater than the relief requested by the applicant in their application or petition, and no such relief is greater than the minimum amount of relief necessary to alleviate any extraordinary hardship should a Variance be granted in whole or in part.

- B. Procedural Requirements: The following process and procedures shall apply and, whenever there is doubt as to the proper process or procedure, the due process rights of property owners shall be deemed primary, particularly including the right to petition for relief, the right to a timely hearing, the right to be heard, and the right to have a full and fair opportunity to present evidence and testimony in favor of any application for a Variance:
1. Upon submission of a written application to the Town Clerk by any person seeking a Variance, the ZBA shall schedule a public hearing within 45 days. Such hearing shall be noticed by publication and posting at least 10 days before the hearing, with a similar minimum of 10-days' notice being provided to applicant by personal service or by mailing notice thereof to the address of the applicant as shall be set forth in such application is also required.
 2. An application shall consist of all general materials required for a general sketch plan meeting or application. If desirable or beneficial in the opinion of the applicant, additional materials may be submitted showing project descriptions and site plans, building designs, and renderings, surveys, and like materials. The applicant shall also include a delineation of the issues, facts, conditions, features, and mitigation of impact features as will be proposed in such Action, including such information as applicant believes supports the application for, and findings required, for the issuance of a Variance. The applicant shall be solely responsible to determine the extent to which factual and evidentiary matters are submitted and relevantly explained in the application seeking a Variance, and all applications shall contain a subscribed certification of the applicant stating that the foregoing application, and its exhibits, constitute the applicant's full and complete application and set forth all bases upon which applicant relies upon for a Variance.
 3. At said public hearing, applicant and all other persons shall be entitled to submit evidence and have an opportunity to be heard, and the ZBA shall hear and accept all evidence regardless of formal rules of evidence, instead giving weight to such testimony and evidence as it deems worthy of relevance and reliability.
 4. Within 30 days of the close of the public hearing or 45 days of the date of the first public hearing (whichever shall first arrive) and after the completion of any environmental review(s), the ZBA shall issue its written findings and decision and grant the Variance in whole or in part, with or without conditions, or deny the same. Denial without prejudice to re-applying is proper where the basis for denial is any of the following: (i) the application was incomplete; or (ii) the applicant advanced a new theory, or new facts or evidence, which were not addressed or described in the application. The fact that a hearing was conducted or concluded is not an acknowledgement that any application was substantially complete at any

time, and the occurrence of a hearing shall be irrelevant to the question of whether the application was complete.

5. All determinations as to the criteria and findings set forth for Variances shall be subject to review only in accord with Article 78 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules. Approving a Variance in whole or in part is not an approval of the Action. If any Variance is granted, the Action must still undergo standard reviews under the applicable provisions of state law and the Town Code, including environmental reviews as required under Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations.

6. All persons who submit testimony, applications, documents, surveys, site or development designs, or other evidence undertake to prepare and submit the same at their own and sole cost and expense, including all surveying, engineering, planning, legal, and general or other costs and expenses. The results of, and determinations issued upon, any Variance application entitle no person, applicant, party, or participant to recover any portion of such fees, costs, or expenses.

Section 8 INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT: Any matter or determination as to the application or meaning of this local law shall be undertaken by the Town's Zoning Officer, who shall submit and file a written determination on all questions as arise hereunder, including inquiries as to whether a particular matter or proposal will, or will not, be prohibited or affected by this local law. All such interpretations and determinations are subject to review in accordance with Town Law § 267-a. Any violation of this local law shall be civically or criminally enforced under law, including under Town Law § 268 and in accord with the Town Code as if the zoning, subdivision, or other applicable Town Code had been violated.

Section 9 VALIDITY AND SAVINGS: If any provision of this local law, whether as written or applied, shall be adjudged by any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such judgment or determination shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this local law, shall be confined in its operation and interpretation only to the circumstances, persons, and provisions of this local law directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or determination shall have been rendered, and such invalidity or unenforceability shall not be applied to other persons or circumstances. If such provision may not be so saved then it shall be deemed severed from this local law, and the balance hereof shall survive.

Section 10 LIMITATION UPON TOWN LIABILITY: The Town, and its officers, employees, and agents shall not be liable or responsible for any injuries to persons or damages to property or property rights due to the Town's actions or failures to act under or pursuant to this local law, unless it is proven to a reasonable degree of certainty that: (i) such alleged act of, or failure to act by, the Town was a primary cause of such injury,

loss, or damage; and (ii) such act or failure act was principally caused by a willful or intentional act of the Town, its officers or agents. This provision shall be construed and applied to the maximum extent permitted by law, does not waive any sovereign or governmental immunity of the Town, and does not create any theory or claim of liability where none exists at law or in equity.

Section 11 **ARTICLE 78:** Any person aggrieved by any decision or determination of the ZBA in respect of the application of this local law, or the issuance or denial of a Variance hereunder, may have said decision or determination reviewed by the Supreme Court in the manner provided by Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules. This provision shall not, however, expand the jurisdiction, scope, or applicability of said Article 78, create a right of standing where such right does not otherwise exist, or waive any claims, rights, or defenses the Town may have regarding questions of law or fact pertaining to the judicial and legal concepts of ripeness, standing, timeliness, governmental immunities, or of any other matter. Further, all administrative remedies and appeals must be fully exhausted before any Person may commence any proceeding under said Article 78.

Section 12 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This local law shall take effect immediately, and for good cause shown may be extended for such periods of additional time as the Town Board may declare in accord with law.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSOLIDATED ABSTRACT # 109

RESOLUTION 25-

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The bills were reviewed by Councilperson Joseph Wetmore and Councilperson Judy Drake. The Bookkeeper or the Accountant is hereby authorized to pay the following bills.

CONSOLIDATED ABSTRACT # 109

TOWN OF LANSING				
Abstract # 109			09/18/2025	
Summary by Fund			15:18:49	
Code	Fund	Prepays	Unpays	Totals
HG	DPW FACILITY PROJECT		24,229.75	24,229.75
Total:			24,229.75	24,229.75

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson _____, duly seconded by Councilperson _____, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Judy Drake –
Councilperson Christine Montague –
Supervisor Ruth Groff –

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings –
Councilperson Joseph Wetmore –

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on September 24, 2025.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson _____ moved to **ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS**

AT _____ PM.

Councilperson _____ seconded the motion.

All in Favor – _____ Opposed – _____

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson _____ moved to **EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT _____ PM.**

Councilperson _____ seconded the motion.

All in Favor – _____ Opposed – _____

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Councilperson _____ moved to **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT _____ PM.**

Councilperson _____ seconded the motion.

All in Favor – _____ Opposed – _____