From: Gena Fleming < ██████████████ >

Dear Planning and Zoning Commissioners,

More than 230 environmental organizations have signed a letter to Congress supporting a national moratorium on the approval and construction of new data centers. The letter, sent Monday, December 8, highlights these centers' impacts on water resources, electricity rates, greenhouse gas emissions and job losses.

Below is a link to the single-page letter followed by a list of the signatories by region and state.

https://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/National-Data-Center-Moratorium.pdf

Thank you for your denial last March of the proposal to amend the Preferred Scenario map from "Conservation/ Cluster" to "Commercial/Employment Low" for the proposed Maberry/CyrusOne data center project.   I hope this evening you will honor the same decision.

Best wishes,

Gena Fleming
San Marcos, TX

National Data Center Moratorium Now!

December 8, 2025

Dear Members of Congress:

We, the undersigned organizations collectively representing millions of people in all 50 states, call on you to support a national moratorium on the approval and construction of new data centers.

The rapid expansion of data centers across the United States, driven by the generative artificial intelligence (AI) and crypto boom, presents one of the biggest environmental and social threats of our generation. This expansion is rapidly increasing demand for energy, driving more fossil fuel pollution, straining water resources and raising electricity prices across the country. All this compounds the significant and concerning impacts AI is having on society, including lost jobs, social instability and economic concentration.

The harms of data center growth are increasingly well-established, and they are massive. They include:

- Enormous electricity consumption: A tripling of data centers in the next five years would result in data centers consuming as much electricity as about 30 million households.
- Unsustainable water consumption: A tripling of data centers would require as much water as is used by 18.5 million households – simply for cooling the computer servers.
- Contribution to climate change: 56 percent of the electricity used to power data centers is sourced from fossil fuels.
- Skyrocketing electricity costs: Electricity rates have increased 21.3 percent from 2021 to 2024 – drastically outpacing inflation – driven largely by the rapid build-out of data centers, something that could continue to escalate over time.
- Job losses: According to an AI executive, AI could negate half of all entry-level white-collar jobs in the next five years and spike overall unemployment by up to 20 percent.

The rapid, largely unregulated rise of data centers to fuel the AI and crypto frenzy is disrupting communities across the country and threatening Americans' economic, environmental, climate and water security. We urge you to join our call for a national moratorium on new data centers until adequate regulations can be enacted to fully protect our communities, our families, our environment and our health from the runaway damage this industry is already inflicting.

For more information, contact Food & Water Watch Policy Director Jim Walsh – jwalsh@fwwatch.org

Sincerely,

National Organizations

Food & Water Watch (Letter Convener)

Americans for Financial Reform
Athena Coalition
Climate Communications Coalition
Climate Defense Project
Coastal Lands Action Network (CLAN)

Consumer Watchdog
EcoAction Committee of Green Party of the
 United State
Elders Coalition for Climate Action
Frack Action
FracTracker Alliance
Friends of the Earth US

GAIA (Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives)
Grassroots Environmental Education
Green Amendments For The Generations
GreenLatinos
Greenpeace USA
Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Program
John Muir Project
Joyoushout
National Coalition Against Cryptomining
Oil Change International
Oil & Gas Action Network
Our Revolution
Partnership for Policy Integrity
People Power United
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Progressive Democrats of America (PDA)
Progressives for Climate
Property Rights and Pipeline Center
Syracuse Cultural Workers
The Science and Environmental Health Network
U.S. Climate Action Network
Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community
Women's Earth and Climate Action Network

Regional Organizations

Berkshire Environmental Action Team
Beyond Extreme Energy
Coalition for a Nuclear Free Great Lakes
Columbia Riverkeeper
Ct. River Defenders
Delaware Riverkeeper Network
Freshwater Future
Friends of the Columbia Gorge
No PIpeline Expansion Northeast
Oregon Conservancy Foundation
Partnership for Southern Equity
Slingshot
The Enviro Show

State Organizations

Alabama
The Central Alabama Chapter of Climate Reality
The People's Justice Council

Arizona
Don't Waste Arizona

California
350 Bay Area Action
Ballona Wetlands Institute
Community Energy reSource
Defend Ballona Wetlands
Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County
Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy
Media Alliance
Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples
San Diego 350
San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility
Santa Cruz Climate Action Network
SoCal 350 Climate Action
Sunflower Alliance

Colorado
Black Parents United Foundation
CASE Citizens Alliance for a Sustainable Englewood
Climate Reality Project - Northern Colorado Chapter
Energy Smart Colorado
FoCo Trash Mob, a Beyond Plastics Affiliate
Roots to Resilience

Connecticut
Sunrise New Haven
Sustainable Fairfield

Florida
Earth Ethics, Inc.
First United Church of Tampa
Forging Alliances, Inc.
IDEAS For Us
Regenerate Acupuncture LLC
ReThink Energy Florida

Georgia
Concerned Citizens of Cook County
Georgia WAND Education Fund Inc.
Nuclear Watch South

Hawaii
350Hawaii

Idaho
Snake River Alliance

Illinois
Citizens Against Heartland Greenwashing
 Projects
Coalition for Springfield's Utility Future
Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines
Eco-Justice Collaborative
Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice
Nuclear Energy Information Service (NEIS)
Prairie Earthlings
Save Our Illinois Land
Sustainable Springfield

Indiana
Citizens Action Coalition
Heartwood

Iowa
100 Grannies
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

Louisiana
For a Better Bayou
Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate
 Coalition
HousingLOUISIANA
#PutHousingFirst Triad

Maine
Alliance of Maine Health Professionals for
 Climate Action
Defend Our Health
Physicians for Social Responsibility Maine

Maryland

Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist
 Environmental Justice Ministry
Citizens for Responsible Growth
Green Party of Montgomery County, Maryland

Massachusetts
350 Central Mass
Animals Are Sentient Beings, Inc.
Better Future Project
Canton Residents for a Sustainable Equitable
 Future
Fore River Residents Against the Compressor
 Station
Grandmothers' Village Project, Inc.
Resist the Pipeline
SALEM Democratic City Committee
Save Massachusetts Forests
Worcester Congregations for Climate and
 Environmental Justice

Michigan
Citizens' Resistance At Fermi Two (CRAFT)
Don't Waste Michigan

Minnesota
Climate Generation

Mississippi
Cherokee Concerned Citizens
Mississippi Rising Coalition

Nebraska
Save Rural America

Nevada
Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force

New Jersey
Citizens United for Renewable Energy
 (CURE)
Climate Reality Project of New Jersey
Climate Revolution Action Network
DivestNJ
Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition
Interfaith Climate Action Committee, Montclair
 Area

Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership
Newark Water Coalition
NJ Forest Watch
Passaic River Coalition
South Jersey Progressive Democrats

New Mexico
Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety
Los Alamos Study Group

New York
350Brooklyn
350NYC
Albany Progressive Action Network
All Our Energy
Alliance for a Green Economy
Auburn Reduces
Buy Local, Grow Local
Campaign for Renewable Energy
Cayuga Climate Action
Citizen Action of New York
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York
Climate Families NYC
Climate Solutions Accelerator of the
  Genesee-Finger Lakes Region
Coalition for Outreach, Policy & Education
  (COPE)
Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes
Dryden Solutions
Finger Lakes Strong
For the Many
Fossil Free Tompkins
FrackBustersNY
Green Education and Legal Fund
Green Party of Nassau County
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater
Indivisible Scarsdale
Ithaca Democratic Socialists of America
Little Lakes Sustainability Network
Mother Rebels
Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club
Newburgh Clean Water Project
New York Communities for Change
New York Progressive Action Network
No Data Center FLX

North Tonawanda Climate Smart Communities
  Task Force
NYPAN Enviro Committee
ORBC
Reach Out America
Residents Allied for the Future of Tioga
  (RAFT)
Rise and Resist
Safe Energy Rights Group
Sane Energy Project
Seneca Lake Guardian
Show Up LI
South Shore Audubon Society
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion
  (SAPE)
Sunrise NYC
Sustainable Finger Lakes
Third Act NYC
Third Act Upstate NY
Tompkins County Climate Protection Initiative
United For Clean Energy
Westchester for Change
Zero Waste Ithaca

North Carolina
350 Triangle
7 Directions of Service
Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
Center for Progressive Reform
NC Climate Justice Collective
NC Environmental Justice Organization
NC WARN
River Guardian Foundation

Ohio
AW Area Community Response Awareness
  Group
Between the Waters
Central Ohio Green Education Fund
Communities United for Action
FreshWater Accountability Project
Ohio Nuclear Free Network
Ohio Valley Environmental Advocates
Save Ohio Parks

Oregon
Extinction Rebellion PDX
Oregon PSR
Tank the Tanks
United Neighbor of Oregon Coalition

Pennsylvania
Berks Gas Truth
Better Path Coalition
Clean Air Action
Climate Reality Project, Lehigh Valley Chapter
Climate Reality Project: Susquehanna Valley
 PA Chapter
Concerned Health Professionals of
 Pennsylvania
McKean County Green Party
Mountain Watershed Association
Move Past Plastic (MPP)
Pennsylvania Action on Climate
Physicians for Social Responsibility
 Pennsylvania
Save our Susquehanna

South Carolina
Sustaining Way

South Dakota
Dakota Rural Action

Texas
Climate Conversation Brazoria County
Frontera Water Protectors
Hold the Line Campaign
Texas Physicians for Social Responsibility
Turtle Island Restoration Network

Virginia
ARTivism Virginia

Washington
Seattle Democratic Socialists of America -
 Ecosocialism Working Group
Trout Unlimited- Washington Chapter

Wisconsin
Milwaukee Riverkeeper

West Virginia
West Virginia Citizen Action Group

Hello Planning and Zoning members,

I watched the P&Z meeting 12-9-25. You are having to do very difficult work, and some of the responses to your questions seemed to be lacking some specificity. In terms of the total water use that data centers extract through direct use internally and indirect use from energy production at thermal plants, (gas or nuclear), I wanted to provide you with additional information.

Water use for production of energy is a real concern for the proposed data center. Since they are estimating 4 buildings, we can assume that this data center will be a 400 MW demand (generally built in 100 MW/building). According to the 2025 Texas Water Development Board 10-year Regional Water plan, 0.25 gallons of water is needed to cool a thermal power plant for each kwh it generates. For a 400 MW plant running 24 hours a day, this would be 400 MW x 1000 kw/MW x 24 hours x 0.25 gal/kwh = 2.4 Million gallons/day to cool the power plant that powers the data center. Plus the 75,000 gallons/day to cool the equipment in the data center. So each of you with water use questions is correct to be concerned.

When it comes to water, the City of San Marcos, Crystal Clear and the Hays Energy Plant get their water from the <u>same sources</u>: GBRA with the primary source (50% for San Marcos) from Canyon Lake. So it is important because they may be 3 different entities, but rely on the same source of water. See below for supporting documents:

Who provides water to Hays Energy (power plant on 1601 Francis Harris)? : GBRA and City of San Marcos (Sources of water are Canyon Lake, San Marcos River, Edwards Aquifer, Carrizo/Alliance, reclaimed water (1.6 MGD COSM)
        https://www.gridinfo.com/plant/hays-energy-project/55144
Who provides water to City of San Marcos?: GBRA Canyon Lake, Edwards Aquifer, San Marcos River, Carrizo/Alliance
        https://www.sanmarcostx.gov/4555/San-Marcos-Water-Supply-Portfolio

Who provides water to Crystal Clear? Lake Dunlap (which gets water from Canyon Lake), San Marcos River, Edwards Aquifer, Carrizo/Alliance
        https://www.crystalclearsud.org/documents/296/WCP_DCP_Plan_-_2024_FINAL.pdf page 1
What are the power sources for PEC? LCRA and solar and wind assets. LCRA power plant is located in LaGrange and outside of the GBRA watershed.

I think an important "Ask" of this project is that the data center commit to using PEC as the source of power for a very long-term period (20-30 years). My real concern is that the data center owners and designers will find it "more efficient" to buy power directly from the Hays Energy plant once approval is granted to build from the City of San Marcos. Likewise, Hays Energy has a capacity of 900 MW and may find it economically more feasible to sell directly to one source rather than add power to the grid to be overseen by ERCOT. Power from the Hays Energy Plant means water from the GBRA water sources at 2.4 million gallons/day for a 400 MW generation rate. This will reduce water from the sources that Crystal Clear and the City of San Marcos get drinking water from.

The city of San Marcos provides 1.6 Million Gallons a day of reclaimed water (Utility Director Tyler Hjorth) to Hays Energy for cooling. This is all they have at this point with other sources going to Texas State and Kissing Tree. Data centers have a tendency to expand their size of operations once built and this would place an even higher water demand on the power generation and power plant water needs.

City staff, Mark Enders, the Habitat Conservation Coordinator ███████████████████████ is very familiar with the critically low water levels in Canyon Lake, and the Edwards Aquifer and the low flows in the San Marcos River. Robert Mace with the Meadows Center ███████████████████ is also very knowledgeable about our limited water supplies and could provide valuable insight. Reaching out to these two gentlemen, could give you all needed insight on this side of the decision process.

In my opinion, if controls are put into place to 1) require the data center to report at least monthly on its average daily water use 2) limit the internal water use to the proposed 75,000 gallons, and 3) prohibit the data center from utilizing the adjacent power plant for its energy source (i.e. commit to PEC as proposed), then the project impact on the City's drinking water sources can be minimized.

Thank you for considering these thoughts.

Lisa Arceneaux, P.E.

From: Sean Jones < ████████████████ >
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 12:15 AM
To: P&Z Commissioners <pzcommission@sanmarcostx.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Data Center Development Agenda Item II

Dear Members

I am a proud resident of San Marcos. I moved here five years ago to get away from Austin and find a smaller community full of like-minded people. I've found a true community here through the relationships I've made with my fellow San Marcos residents.

I write to ask you to vote down the zoning of the lands that John Mayberry is attempting to develop with data centers. These are beautiful lands that have already been zoned for residential development. Developing data centers there will ruin the lives of the people in the surrounding area, many who I know personally. This goes against the wishes of the majority of residents I know here who want to protect our environment, one of the greatest resources we residents value.

Data centers don't serve our community in any way. They produce very few jobs, they produce no products or resources for our community and they strain our energy and water resources to the max. Growth in San Marcos cannot happen merely from tax revenue from these centers. Growth happens when businesses provide jobs to the community and produce goods and services we can use. These centers do none of that. They serve businesses far away and use our resources and land to profit from it.

Please vote against the amendment to change the property from Conservation Cluster to Commercial and vote against any data centers being built on these lands. This is not what I or the majority of fellow residents I know want for our community.

Sean Jones

5000 Lime Kiln Rd

San Marcos, TX 78666

Dear Chairman and Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed data center project currently before the Council. Over the past year, this project has gone through a thorough, thoughtful, and community-driven review process. What began as a proposal with many unknowns and unanswered questions has evolved through months of public engagement, careful deliberation, and collaboration among supporters, opponents, environmental experts, organizers, business leaders, and community members.

This project is a clear example of our local process working the way it should. Community voices were heard, concerns were addressed, and meaningful improvements were made. The restrictive covenant now reflects both the values of San Marcos residents and the developers' commitment to protecting the unique features that define our community: our pristine environment, one-of-a-kind natural resources, and our spring-fed river that so many of us cherish.

From a fiscal standpoint, the projected tax benefits for the City of San Marcos, Hays County, and the San Marcos CISD are significant. At a time when both the city and the school district continue to face difficult and sometimes heartbreaking budget decisions, this project represents an opportunity to strengthen our local tax base. The revenues generated can support essential services, expand resources for our neighbors who need them most, and help reduce the pressure placed on homeowners, business owners, and renters through property taxes.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to support the proposed data center project and move it forward for the benefit of our community, our economy, and our shared future in San Marcos.

Thank you for your service and for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Ashley Olson
Southern with a French Twist
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Warmly,

Ashley Olson

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