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Planning Commission Comments - September 2, 2025 - Submission #121645

Date Submitted: 9/2/2025

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First Name*	Last Name*
Frankie	Chambers

Address1*

PO Box 591

Address2

City*	State*	Zip*
Gainesville	GA	30554

Zoning Item for Comment*

(A) 2400 Okelly Road | Rezone

Select from the list below which zoning item you would like to register a comment on. Items are listed in the order in which they appear on the agenda.

Your Comments*

A. Rezone and B Special use. I oppose this. Data centers can have many effects on the community. This is a high residential area with a school right next door. Hall co commissioners need to leave as yall dont cate nothing about this community!

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First Name*

Alicia

Last Name*

Grizzle

Address1*

5744 Newberry Point Drive

Address2

City*

Flowery Branch

State*

GA

Zip*

30542

Zoning Item for Comment*

(A) 2400 Okelly Road | Rezone

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Your Comments*

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 - 3) concern of impact for the surrounding homes on the drawing of electricity and water from their homes. Will it reduce their accessibility to these at the speed & rate they have now ? Will it limit their WiFi access due to the amount of power it uses? Will their water pressure be diminished at all?
 - 4) we are concerned about contaminations in runoff into our local water sources from said generators and cooling stations (for the computers).
 - 5) We need more info on HOW this DATA CENTER will affect us locally. Do studies show living in close proximities to DATA CENTERS raise a greater chance of developing any form of cancers?
 - 6) we have the right to have our questions answered above PRIOR TO ANY VOTES to allow this into OUR county!!
- (A) & (B) OKELLY ROAD/Rezone

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First Name*	Last Name*
J	Hewell

Address1*

2676 Candler Road

Address2

City*	State*	Zip*
Gainesville	GA	30507

Zoning Item for Comment*

(B) 2400 Okelly Road | Special Use

Select from the list below which zoning item you would like to register a comment on. Items are listed in the order in which they appear on the agenda.

Your Comments*

I am in opposition to the data center in O’kelley road. I am concerned as there is an elementary school less then a mile away! Has enough research been done on the long and short term effects of how this will impact the school and community- NO! Its has not. I will be petitioning against and also informing the community to the harmful consequences this will have.

Please write your comments in the box above.

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The Environmental Cost of Data Centers

From Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

Date Thu 9/4/2025 9:04 AM

To Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

From: Vickie Kanady <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 3:50 AM

To: Gregg Poole (County Commissioner) <gpoole@hallcounty.org>; David Gibbs <[REDACTED]>; Beth Garmon (Planning) <bgarmon@hallcounty.org>; Jeff Stowe (County Commission) <jstowe@hallcounty.org>; Kathy Cooper (County Commissioner) <kcooper@hallcounty.org>; Billy Powell (County Commission) <bpowell@hallcounty.org>

Subject: The Environmental Cost of Data Centers

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Vote NO ON DATA CENTER, please!! Do the research first!!

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

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Planning Commission Comments - September 2, 2025 - Submission #121643

Date Submitted: 9/2/2025

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First Name*	Last Name*
Vickie	Kanady

Address1*

5315 H Thomas Road

Address2

City*	State*	Zip*
Gainesville	GA	30506

Zoning Item for Comment*

(A) 2400 Okelly Road | Rezone

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Your Comments*

(A) & (B) Okelly Road/Rezone

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Would you like follow-up communication?

Yes

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Societal and regulatory challenges

- **Strain on local communities:** In addition to health impacts, local communities may face increased costs for water and electricity due to the presence of data centers. Some communities have pushed back against development, citing environmental concerns and the irreversible impact on landscapes.
- **Self-regulation and lack of transparency:** The data center industry has historically prided itself on self-regulation, but critics argue that this has led to undercounting emissions and a lack of accountability. Some companies have been accused of creative accounting to claim carbon neutrality while still relying on fossil fuels for expansion. [🔗](#)

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First Name*	Last Name*
Brenda	Rose

Address1*

6022 Cobb St

Address2

City*	State*	Zip*
Lula	GA	30554

Zoning Item for Comment*

(A) 2400 Okelly Road | Rezone

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Your Comments*

2400 OKelky Rezone A&B

I stand with Vickie and the Concerned Citizens of Hall County. I don't have time to copy and paste all her concerns but please know, they are also mine. I also do not have time to attend the meeting so please consider this my public comment.

I would also like to add the way all of you on that board have destroyed and continue to destroy Hall county for your own personal benefit with no regard to the people is disgusting. High density housing without infrastructure is bad enough. Data centers are the beginning to the end of our freedoms. Shame on ALL of you if you move forward with it.

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Would you like follow-up communication?

Yes. I would line to know how each of you vote and why

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2400 Okelly Road / Rezone

From Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

Date Mon 9/15/2025 2:50 PM

To Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 2:11 PM

To: Beth Garmon (Planning) <bgarmon@hallcounty.org>

Subject: 2400 Okelly Road / Rezone

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Hello Beth,

As a Hall County GOP Precinct Chairman, I am writing to advise you of the views myself and many of my precinct citizens hold about the proposed data center at 2400 Okelly Road.

We are OPPOSED to the proposal as considered by the Planning Commission for the following reasons.

When data centers come to town, communities face both economic opportunities and significant environmental and infrastructural challenges, including increased demand for electricity and water, potential grid strain, higher utility costs for residents, noise and visual pollution, and potential impacts on local landscapes and water sources.

According to a 2025 study by the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, "while data centers can bring tax revenue and some jobs, the scale of their resource consumption often outweighs these benefits, leading to pressure on local resources and increased energy costs for residents."

Disadvantages of a community data center include.

1. Significant resource consumption (especially water and electricity). In a letter dated August 28, 2025 from The City of Gainesville Water Resources, Nick Swafford, Permitting Services and GIS Manager stated that the City does not have adequate domestic water capacity to serve the proposed data center. The estimates from the applicant are low and unproven. There have been no estimates listed detailing the massive electric consumption that will be required and the impact it will have on local electric bills.
2. Noise and light pollution affecting residents and wildlife.
3. Potential air pollution from backup generators.
4. Potential negative impacts on property values.
5. Increased landfill waste from discarded equipment.
6. Data centers also require large plots of land, leading to habitat loss and increased carbon footprints.
7. Placing strain on local power and water infrastructure impacting increased utility costs for the local taxpayers.

The close proximity to neighborhoods, schools and churches make this an unsuitable location for a massive (almost 1 million sq ft) data center running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

In addition, the Zoning Analysis indicates many unacceptable assumptions about the ramifications of this project.

ZONING ANALYSIS

The proposed use may place significant demands on water and/or power resources.

Staff is unable to determine the extent to which property values are affected by the existing zoning restrictions.

Staff is unable to comment on the impact of property values without a full market analysis. Often it is difficult to determine the effect of a development on adjacent properties until the development is completed.

The request may be out of scale with the needs of the immediate neighborhood as the use of a data center can place significant demands on water and/or power resources.

The continuing reference to "the applicant has provided responses to these concerns stating that the impact will not be harmful to the community." is biased, unproven and unacceptable.

Furthermore, the fact that Chris Braswell as a member of the Planning Commission has a financial interest in this project strains the very credibility of the planning commission in approving the data center at this location!

The Planning Commission needs to vote NO on this proposal.

Ricki Lee Hagen



New request received

From Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>
Date Wed 9/24/2025 4:45 PM
To Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

From: Hall County Government <do_not_reply@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 6:16 PM
To: PIO <PIO@hallcounty.org>
Subject: New request received

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Category Planning & Zoning has received a new request.

Here is what we have on file:

Planning & Zoning

#2081

		SUBMITTER	View Request
Category:	Planning & Zoning	Wyatt Goad	
Priority:	3		
Assigned To:	Crowe Sarah		
Submitted:	9/18/2025 6:16 PM	CONTACT	
Source:	Website 104.23.245.108		

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REQUEST DETAILS

Description
This data center will NOT be good for the local environment. I'm concerned for our clean water, air pollution, and the local hunting and vegetation. This data center has no place in Gainesville and is just going to do more harm than good.

Brief Description
This data center will NOT be good for the local environment. I'm concerned for our clean water, air pollution, and the local hunting and vegetation. This data center has

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more harm than good.

Problem Location

Street Number and Name

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O’Kelley Road

Address Line 2

City

Gainesville

State

Georgia

Zip Code

Your Information

Name

Wyatt Goad

Street Number and Name

Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Fax Number

Email Address



Preferred Contact Method

email

Data Center proposed at 2400 O'Kelley

From Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

Date Thu 9/25/2025 9:53 AM

To Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

From: Jackie Corey [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 6:25 PM

To: Beth Garmon (Planning) <bgarmon@hallcounty.org>

Subject: Data Center proposed at 2400 O'Kelley

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Dear Beth:

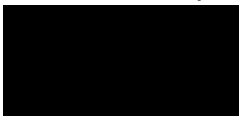
I would like to add my name, Jackie Y Corey and my husband, William E. Corey, to the list of people who are opposed to the project proposed on O'Kelley and Candler Road in Gainesville. There are too many unanswered questions and we are very concerned about how such a massive project will affect Gainesville,

We are also concerned about the conflict of interest concerning Planning Commission Chair, Chris Braswell, who works with Norton Commercial, which is selling the land to the developer. October 6 is too soon to make such a monumental decision, also without allowing debate from the citizens. Our environment could be greatly affected.

It seems this is just being allowed to be pushed through and that is not acceptable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jackie Y Corey



Concern for proposed data center "Project Turbo"

From Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

Date Mon 9/29/2025 4:57 PM

To Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

From: Patrick Flint <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 4:39 PM

To: Beth Garmon (Planning) <bgarmon@hallcounty.org>

Subject: Concern for proposed data center "Project Turbo"

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Dear Ms. Garmon,

I am a resident of Hall County writing to express my strong concerns about the proposed Project Turbo data center at 2400 O'Kelly Road. Data centers today consume between 300,000 and 1,000,000 gallons of water per day for cooling. As a 900,000-square-foot facility drawing from Gainesville's municipal water supply—sourced from Lake Lanier—this project could consume hundreds of thousands of gallons daily for server cooling, exacerbating our region's vulnerability to shortages. We've seen Lake Lanier drop dramatically during the 2007-2009 drought, and 15 feet in 2023. With Georgia's data center boom already straining resources statewide, prioritizing this development risks household disruptions, higher utility costs, and ecosystem harm. Understanding how data centers have also negatively impacted community electricity supply should also be a key consideration in this matter.

I spoke with one county commissioner at the Flowery Branch Festival and he knew of the data center but was not aware of the impact to the water system or the electrical system.

While I understand public comment is not permitted at the October 6 Planning Commission meeting, I urge the Commission to recommend denial or require robust mitigations, such as electricity guarantees, binding water-use caps and drought contingency plans, before forwarding to the October 23 Board hearing. Our community's long-term sustainability must come first over short-term economic gains.

Thank you for forwarding this to the Planning and County Commissions and ensuring resident voices are considered. I appreciate your attention and am available for any follow-up.

Sincerely,
Patrick Flint
5414 Yachtsman Ln
Gainesville, GA 30504
[REDACTED]

DATA CENTER

From Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

Date Wed 10/1/2025 4:58 PM

To Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

From: MARGARET <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 11:43 AM
To: Beth Garmon (Planning) <bgarmon@hallcounty.org>
Subject: DATA CENTER

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Attention Planning Commission:

In response to the proposed Data Center proposed in Hall County, here are the reasons we the signed below oppose:

Water usage: so many residents depend on Lake Lanier for water, and With the unprecedented building of new residence's, warehouses, etc. It does seem a no brainer that the water resource is being drained continually. If there is a drop in water at Lake Lanier, who comes first as to getting water.

Tax issues: We the property owners are being taxed higher and higher. Will this Data center see tax advantages as all the other new building does? Will the current residents see a tax drop.

BOTTOM LINE - WHAT'S THE ADVANTAGE TO ALL THE CURRENT RESIDENCE.

WE SAY NO TO DATA CENTER

Marc & Margaret Rixford
4254 Red Fox ?Trail
Oakwood, GA. 30566
Hall county residents.

Katie L. Greenway (Planning)

From: Katie L. Greenway (Planning)
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 12:56 PM
To: Katie L. Greenway (Planning)
Subject: FW: Project Data Center

From: Scott Hall [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 8:26 PM
To: Beth Garmon (Planning) <bgarmon@hallcounty.org>
Subject: Project Data Center

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Thank you for forwarding this to the Commission and ensuring resident voices are considered. I appreciate your attention and am available for any follow-up.

Regards,

Scott Hall

[REDACTED]
5408 Yachtsman Lane
Gainesville, GA 30504
Business Development - [OFS](#)

NO TO Project Turbo

From Rich Elsarelli <[REDACTED]>
Date Sun 10/5/2025 10:37 AM
To Beth Garmon (Planning) <bgarmon@hallcounty.org>

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Dear Ms. Garmon,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Rich Elsarelli, and I am a resident and voter in Hall County. I am writing to formally express my opposition to the approval of Project Turbo.

Large-scale data centers such as the one proposed typically consume millions of gallons of water per day for cooling. Gainesville's municipal system, which draws from Lake Lanier, would bear this demand. As you know, our community has faced serious water challenges in the past, including the severe drought of 2007–2009 and water levels that measured 15 feet below full pool as recently as 2023. Other Georgia counties hosting similar facilities have already reported service disruptions, raising legitimate concerns about the risks we may face locally.

Given these realities, I believe citizens are entitled to full transparency before any approvals, incentives, or commitments are granted. Several critical questions remain unanswered:

- Who is the developer, and where are they headquartered?
- What corporate affiliations, partnerships, or financial backers are tied to this project?
- What binding commitments, if any, will be made to safeguard Hall County's long-term water security?

Without clear and verifiable answers to these questions, I respectfully urge you and your colleagues to oppose the approval of Project Turbo. The potential risks to our water supply and community wellbeing far outweigh the promises of short-term economic gain.

Thank you for your service to our county and for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,
Rich Elsarelli

[REDACTED]
Gainesville, GA

Public Comment on Project Turbo – Water Security, Transparency, and Long-Term Impact

From Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

Date Mon 10/6/2025 9:03 AM

To Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

From: Charles Vanderbilt

Sent:

To: Beth Garmon (Planning)

Subject: Fw: Public Comment on Project Turbo – Water Security, Transparency, and Long-Term Impact

Dear Ms. Garmon,

I hope you are well. I am writing to submit public comments regarding Project Turbo, the proposed \$1.2 billion data center development off O'Kelly Road in southeast Hall County.

While the project's potential economic benefits are recognized, I remain deeply concerned about its impact on Hall County's long-term water security and incomplete transparency regarding environmental and fiscal details. Data centers of this magnitude can consume millions of gallons of water daily for cooling. Because Gainesville's municipal system draws from Lake Lanier, any significant new demand could heighten regional strain during drought cycles, such as those experienced in 2007–2009 and again in 2023, when the lake fell over fifteen feet below its complete pool level.

Before any approvals, tax incentives, or infrastructure commitments are considered, I respectfully request that the following questions be addressed publicly:

1. Developer Identity: Who is the primary developer, and where are they based?
2. Corporate Affiliations: What corporate entities, partnerships, or financial backers are involved?
3. Water Commitment: What specific, enforceable commitments will the developer make to safeguard Hall County's water supply over the long term?
4. Usage Estimates: What are the projected average and peak daily water demands, and how will consumption be managed during drought conditions or supply restrictions?
5. Cooling Technology: Will the facility use air-cooled, closed-loop, or reclaimed-water systems, and have sustainable alternatives been evaluated?
6. Infrastructure Impact: How will the required water and power infrastructure affect existing residential and agricultural users in the region?
7. Emergency Protocols: What mitigation plans are in place if Lake Lanier levels drop significantly or regional water restrictions are imposed?
8. Energy Demand: What is the projected electrical load, and will renewable or efficiency-based power sources be utilized?
9. Tax Incentives: What local or state incentives, abatements, or infrastructure subsidies are being offered, and what is the projected net fiscal impact on Hall County taxpayers?
10. Ongoing Oversight: Will a public oversight or liaison mechanism be established to ensure continued transparency regarding water usage, energy consumption, and environmental compliance?

once operations begin?

These are not minor details—they go directly to public trust, fiscal responsibility, and environmental stewardship. As citizens, we support growth that is sustainable, transparent, and accountable to the people.

Thank you for receiving these comments and ensuring they are entered into the public record for the October 23 Board of Commissioners hearing. I appreciate your attention to this important matter and your continued service to our community.

Respectfully, Charles Vanderbilt
5432 Falling Branch Ct
Flowery Branch, GA 30542





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Online Form Submittal: Planning Inquiry

From noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>

Date Mon 10/6/2025 12:56 PM

To Planning <planning@hallcounty.org>

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Planning Inquiry

Name*

Email*

Address or Parcel Number*

Phone number

Reason for Request*

Anna Hughs
604 Long Oak Dr
The Project Turbo data center has already been told by the City of Gainesville they do not have the capacity to meet their water needs. This is alarming to residents who rely on Lake Lanier for our

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Name: Anna Hughs

[REDACTED]

Address or Parcel Number: 604 Long Oak Dr

[REDACTED]

Reason for Request: The Project Turbo data center has already been told by the City of Gainesville they do not have the capacity to meet their water needs. This is alarming to residents who rely on Lake Lanier for our drinking water, and who might now be facing water scarcity. Please vote NO on Project Turbo

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Additional Information:

Form submitted on: 10/6/2025 12:55:52 PM

[REDACTED]

Concerns About Project Turbo

From Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

Date Mon 10/6/2025 1:52 PM

To Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

From: Anna Kimpling [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 12:52 PM

To: Beth Garmon (Planning) <bgarmon@hallcounty.org>

Subject: Concerns About Project Turbo

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Dear Ms. Garmon,

I am a Hall County taxpayer and a resident of the City of Gainesville, and I am again writing to you with concerns about the proposed data center, Project Turbo, that would be going up on O'Kelly road. Data centers still consume massive amounts of water and electricity to function, and as a resident of the nearby city that this facility will be impacting, I believe it is my right to voice these concerns to you, our local government officials.

Cities and counties all over our country are feeling the hardship brought on by data centers' utility usage, from the stunning Great Lakes to the north, to the West Coast where they notoriously face drought, to the Southeast, and I don't want to see Gainesville or Hall County added to that list. While progress is exciting to see, and business opportunities are important for the community, I believe we should make sure that very same community is provided for first when it comes to basic needs, such as clean drinking water and affordable power.

I bring this up again because as stated in an article on Fox 5, it is noted that the City of Gainesville has already told the developers that they will not be able to meet the data center's water requirements if, "...the data center reached the high end of its estimated usage". This is an incredibly alarming thing to hear as a resident of Gainesville, because 'estimated range' doesn't have any fixed numbers and it could very well be a possibility that the data center exceeds the high end of this 'estimated usage'.

Over 200,000 people call Hall County home, with thousands of them living in the City of Gainesville alone, and it is worrying to think that any of us could be facing a future where clean drinking water is in short supply.

As your constituent, I am strongly urging you to vote against Project Turbo, protecting Hall County's residents, our livelihoods, and our beautiful natural landscape.

I eagerly look forward to your response regarding the matter,

Anna Hughs

304 Long Oak Drive
Gainesville, GA

Project Turbo

From Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

Date Mon 10/6/2025 1:55 PM

To Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

From: Lee Hughs <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 1:22 PM

To: Beth Garmon (Planning) <bgarmon@hallcounty.org>

Subject: Project Turbo

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I am a Hall County taxpayer and a resident of the City of Gainesville at 604 Long Oak Drive, and I am writing to you with concerns about the proposed data center, Project Turbo, that would be going up on O'Kelly Road. It is a known fact that data centers consume massive amounts of water and electricity to function, and as a resident of the nearby city that this facility will be impacting, I believe it is my right to voice these concerns to you, our local government officials.

Not far from Hall County, Newton County is already facing water hardships brought about by the Meta data center that was built in the county in 2018. Residents report not having any water flowing through the taps, and also that the water is brown and filled with sediment, as the local water facilities are unable to meet the load the data center requires, while still providing vital service to the residents of Newton County.

In an article published September 15th on Fox 5, it is noted that the City of Gainesville has already told the developers that they will not be able to meet the data center's water requirements if, "...the data center reached the high end of its estimated usage". This is an incredibly alarming thing to hear as a resident of Gainesville, because 'estimated range' doesn't have any fixed numbers, and it could very well be a possibility that the data center exceeds the high end of this 'estimated usage'.

Furthermore, the developers have said that this data center will provide only 150 jobs, which is such a small number when compared to the thousands of people that call Gainesville home, and who could be facing a future where clean drinking water is in short supply. Not to mention the over 200,000 residents of Hall County that would feel the strain as well, along with our neighbors to the south of us, who rely on the steady water release from Lake Lanier for their own drinking water and to maintain their waterways.

As your constituent, I am strongly urging you to vote against Project Turbo, protecting Hall County's residents, our livelihoods, and our beautiful natural landscape.

Additionally, in a recent communication from Cameron Grogan and Chris Hoag they claim that "Gainesville DWR has said they can issue a not to exceed 200,000 gpd", but I do not see anything from Gainesville DWR in the documents provided to the public to verify their claim. I still do not think these developers have done enough to

address the concerns of other residents. I do not believe they are addressing our concerns in good faith. I would strongly discourage future projects with these developers.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration,

Lee Hughs

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From Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

Date Tue 10/7/2025 3:35 PM

To Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

From: ye [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 9:01 PM

To: Beth Garmon (Planning) <bgarmon@hallcounty.org>

Subject:

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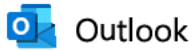
Project Turbo has claimed to bring in millions of dollars in revenue for the county, but I urge you to consider that the tourism Lake Lanier is able to sustain provides over 5 billion dollars annually to the county, as reported by the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce. The data center project not only threatens the quality of life to residents of Gainesville and her surrounding areas, but also the thriving tourist

industry that many Hall County residents rely on, as the lake would face over harvesting to meet the needs of this data center.

As your constituent, I am strongly urging you to vote against Project Turbo, protecting Hall County's residents, our livelihoods, and our beautiful natural landscape.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration

Melany Vigil



NO to Data Center

From Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

Date Wed 10/8/2025 4:22 PM

To Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

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Letter to County Commissioners.pdf;

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From: Gwen Ingram [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 7:21 AM

Cc: Jennifer Rivera (Administration) <jrivera@hallcounty.org>

Subject: NO to Data Center

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As a concerned Hall County Resident, I urge every member to vote NO on the proposed build for a data center in Hall County.

Hall County Should Say NO to Data Processing Center

Hall County should say NO to a new data center being proposed. A recently released report, from the University of Michigan, on the impact of comparable data centers shows the negative impacts outweigh the positive to rural and suburban areas.

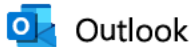
1. **Environmental damage and habitat loss** would significantly impact our county. Local air/noise pollution harms wildlife and humans and negatively impacts quality of life.
2. **Increase local energy demand and will lead to higher utility costs.** The extensive and continuous power used at these centers force local companies to upgrade and/or buy more generation capacity. These costs will be passed on to residents and small businesses through higher rates.
3. **Extensive strain on water resources and local services** will strain local sewage and water facilities. We are already a community well aware of how droughts impact our county. We do not need a facility that uses massive amounts of water competing with residents who need a consistent water supply. While the city says it can handle the water, there is no guarantee that our water supply will remain consistent.
4. **Community and safety harms** will negatively impact our county. Security fencing reduces neighborhood livability and can depress property values. Outages, accidents, and cybersecurity incidents can disproportionately impact residents and businesses.
5. **Ineffective Tax Incentives:** Tax breaks for data centers do not deliver the promised economic benefits, such as high-paying jobs, and they reduce local tax revenues, while shifting financial burdens onto communities and schools. The corporations reap most of the tax incentives, while local communities carry the financial burden.

The evidence from existing data centers in Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska, Utah, Virginia, and Washington show that communities are not benefiting. Local communities are sounding the alarm on the harm these data centers have caused their cities. No one is benefiting except for the corporations who have no vested interest in our community.

Hall County should just say NO to this center and put people over immediate profit.

Nguyen, Terry. "What Happens When Data Centers Come To Town." Ford School Science, Technology, and Public Policy, July 2025.

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



Data center in Southeast Hall county

From Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

Date Wed 10/8/2025 4:26 PM

To Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>

-----Original Message-----

From: Karis Lovell <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 11:35 PM

To: Open Records - Administration <orr_bocc@hallcounty.org>

Subject: Data center in Southeast Hall county

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Good evening Ms. Rivera and Board of commissioners, after hearing the news of an AI data center being placed in my home of hall county which I've lived and planned to live my whole life, I am beginning to doubt if me and my family will further pursue our life here. With the progression of Hall co and its never ending upgrades I feel as though I can never feel quite at home anymore. So you can understand my frustration to hear that a center to fund artificial intelligence throughout the city is being planned. The toll this will take on our environment, fresh water, the lower and working class. I absolutely cannot stand for this whether I decide to stay or not, my neighbors and friends deserve a life with fresh clean accessible water, affordable housing, jobs with dignity and protection for immigrants. Keep Hall County safe, accepting and beautiful.