

Data Centers

...why worry?

- they can be **ENORMOUS**
- they can use huge amounts of electricity, leading to rate increases
- they can use vast quantities of water, reducing availability for other uses and raising rates
- they can produce loud harmful noise 24/7 without stopping
- they can produce damaging air pollution
- they can reduce property values
along with lowering your quality of life

so WHAT TO DO? ->use local controls - with whatever zoning and land use options you have. Do pre-development studies to show what you have now.

However, the zoning and land use rules are different in different states, for example, NY municipalities can ban uses, but it is much more complicated in PA.

BEST TO GET INVOLVED, get informed - go to any available meetings and speak up. First learn what is planned in your area, what state tools you have, and join with neighbors and other area people - maybe chip in and hire a land use lawyer.

see useful information here



<https://www.damascuscitizensforsustainability.org/2026/05/17/learn-about-zoning-for-data-centers/>

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