

Data centers bring health and environmental risks, strain our resources, and lower our property values.

An average hyperscale data center can use as much energy as 100,00 households⁷



“Communities deserve to know if their neighbors are making them sick or driving up their electric bills.
Tim Cywinski, communications director for the Sierra Club's Virginia chapter⁵”



The Lysander Board can help by updating zoning codes to:

- Define data centers separately
- Restrict data centers to certain zones
- Create size caps
- Limit power or water usage
- Require special permits

**Keep Baldwinsville beautiful,
say NO to data centers!**



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**DATA CENTERS:
BIG PROMISES,
BIGGER PROBLEMS.**

**Protect yourself, your
finances, and your community:
Say NO to Data Centers!**

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Environmental & Energy Strain

Harm to Residents' Health

- **Air pollution (including nitrogen oxides and fine particulate matter) are linked to:**
 - 🫁 **respiratory disease**
 - ❤️ **cardiovascular conditions**
 - ⊕ **elevated cancer risk**⁴
- A data center in Virginia was associated with **millions of dollars in health damages**⁴



Energy Strain = Wallet Strain

- Data centers contributed to over **\$60 billion worth of rate increases across the US in 2025**
 - 💰 Americans paying almost more than **10% more** for energy bills
- **Utility companies pass the cost onto residents and small businesses**¹⁰

“It’s just so far beyond any bill that I’ve ever had.”
*John Steinbach, a Virginia resident whose electricity bill spiked 181% in one month after a data center was built in his community.*⁵

Local Impact

Higher Costs, Lower Property Values

- Areas with data centers see their electric bills skyrocket-- some **jumping 267%** over the past 5 years⁵
- Hyperscale data centers are associated with a **6.8% average reduction in property values**, with effects extending up to 8.7 miles from the facilities.⁵



Tax Incentives for Them, Not Us

- In Washington State, tax breaks for data centers intended to create jobs **primarily benefited big corporations.**
 - 💰 **\$300 million in forgone tax revenue** that could have otherwise supported schools, emergency services, and infrastructure



Misleading Job Opportunities

- **Jobs created do not typically benefit the local community**¹⁰
 - ⊗ Often short-term, low-wage, nontechnical positions
 - ⊗ Do not create sustained economic growth for residents.

Water Usage

Harm to Our Waterways

- **A midsize data center can consume as much water as a small town.**
- Some facilities rely on potable water, exacerbating water scarcity
 - ⊗ Even when recycled/reclaimed water is used, **the impact can affect rivers, streams, and long-term water availability**⁹
- Large-scale development with impermeable surfaces **hurt local watersheds and increase runoff**⁹



Noise Pollution Isn't Just Annoying

- **Noise levels in data centers can reach up to 96dB** (85dB+ is harmful to humans)
 - ⊗ Residents report **lower quality of life** due to physical and mental health decline caused by noise pollution³
- **High noise levels disrupt nature**
 - ⊗ Noise pollution from data center can **disrupt the breeding and lifecycles of wildlife and livestock.**¹¹