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Data Center Ordinance

1 message

Alicia McArthur <aliciamcarthur@icloud.com>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Thu, May 14, 2026 at 2:18 PM

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed data center ordinance currently under consideration.

I believe this ordinance raises serious concerns for residents and the long-term character of our community. Large-scale data centers can place significant strain on local utilities, including electricity and water resources, while providing relatively few permanent jobs compared to their physical footprint and environmental impact.

In addition, I am concerned about:

- Increased noise from cooling systems and backup generators
- Higher energy consumption and pressure on the power grid
- Potential environment impacts and heat pollution
- Traffic and construction disruption
- Reduced property values and changes to neighborhood character
- Limited transparency regarding future expansion and oversight

I respectfully ask that the ordinance be reconsidered.

Our community deserves thoughtful planning that prioritizes residents' quality of life and sustainability.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I encourage you to listen carefully to community concerns before moving forward with this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Ali McArthur
Rochester Hills resident of 55 years



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Data Center Ordinance Discussion Draft

1 message

Andrey Semenov <semenov09@gmail.com>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Thu, May 14, 2026 at 10:45 AM

To whom it may concern,

As a concerned resident of Rochester Hills the proposed ordinance changes regarding Data Centers in the city planning meeting minutes from 04/21/2026 are very upsetting to me. Rochester Hills is a small and densely populated community, which does not have the necessary space to house 10+ acre data centers without having a significant negative impact on the city's residents. The discussed water and noise management requirements for the data center operators seem wildly insufficient and could lead to long term issues for all of us.

Please seriously consider an outright ban on the construction of data centers within Rochester Hills if you care about your community and keeping your job. We are all paying close attention.

Feel free to reach out to me at 248-318-8404 to discuss this matter further.

Thank you,
Andrey Semenov
Rochester Hills Resident



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Possible Data Centers in Rochester Hills

1 message

donanwri@aol.com <donanwri@aol.com>

Thu, May 14, 2026 at 10:42 AM

To: "planning@rochesterhills.org" <planning@rochesterhills.org>

Cc: "donanwri@aol.com" <donanwri@aol.com>

To the Rochester Hills Planning Commission,

I am a 40 year resident of Rochester Hills. I am contacting you today to express my grave concerns regarding the possibility of locating Data Centers in Rochester Hills. We have a wonderful community, offering a healthy place to live with a variety of nature and wildlife surrounding us. The beautiful rivers and streams running through our cities only add to the positive community here.

Data Centers must be regulated to minimize their impact on the community and environment. Data Centers have a huge impact on the community and environment around them. High electric usage, high water usage, as well as heat and air pollution concerns. Yes, heat - the heat that is generated by the concentration of computers must be dissipated outside the building - either in the air or the water - upsetting the natural environment. There is technology that the Data Centers can utilize to minimize the impact, but it would increase the investment and operating costs.

Please carefully limit the impact of future Data Centers on our community by restricting the impact on our electrical grid, our water resources, and the entire environment around us.

Regards,

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Data center

1 message

Anthony Bruley <wither810@icloud.com>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Thu, May 14, 2026 at 1:33 PM

As a lifelong resident,

I couldn't think of a worse idea

Data centers provide nothing to our community and will leach our natural resources. If you truly care at all about the people in our community you will not allow data centers. Don't be a blood sucker.

People over profit

Ant Bruley



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data centers

1 message

Christopher Vann <tophervann@att.net>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Thu, May 14, 2026 at 1:42 PM

hello,
as a resident of Rochester Hills I can't see any benefit of having data centers. I am totally against this. They are a resource hog and don't employ many. The purpose of them will not benefit any of us.

christopher vann
2354 blockton

Sent from my iPhone



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DATA CENTERS: Rochester Hills

1 message

George D. Allen <georgeal1555@gmail.com>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Thu, May 14, 2026 at 12:05 PM

I do not support the plan to build the Data Center in Rochester Hills.

I am resident since 2002.

Regards,
George D. Allen, 1716 Grandview Dr.

Sent with [Mailbird](#) - it's free



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Data Centers

1 message

Jean Vickers <jmvickers@comcast.net>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Thu, May 14, 2026 at 6:27 PM

I am writing to oppose any and all data centers in the cities of Rochester Hills (and Rochester). They will have significant adverse effects on the community including water consumption, high electricity usage causing higher costs for residents high carbon dioxide emissions polluting our air, and noise. There is a reason we are seeing an increase in attempts to build these centers in Illinois, Ohio, and now Michigan—the abundance of water in the Great Lakes. If we are to maintain the title of “Michigan’s Best City to Live In”, and want to preserve our Great Lakes, NO data centers! Sent from my iPad



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Data Center

1 message

Joan Johnson <joan.rikka@gmail.com>

Fri, May 15, 2026 at 2:48 PM

To: "planning@rochesterhills.org" <planning@rochesterhills.org>

To: Planning Commission

May 15, 2026

Re: Data Center proposal

I am unable to attend the meeting on May 19, 2026. I wish to make my concerns known to you. The information I reference comes from two articles: "From Energy Use to Air Quality, the Many Ways Data Centers Affect US Communities", World Resources Institute, 2/17/2026; and "What are the Pros and Cons of Data Centers?", TechRepublic Report, 2/5/2026.

I believe a Data Center is wrong for the Rochester Hills community.

My main concerns deal with the extraordinary use of power from the grid and water usage. Let's start with power. The estimates suggest power usage equivalent to 25,000 to 100,000 homes depending upon the size of the data center. To adequately supply the center the grid would need significant upgrades including the use of renewables. My concern relates to the strain on the existing grid and the associated costs. I do not wish to see my electric bill increase yet again. In the planning, if DTE creates a special billing structure for the data center and associated rate fees, I would have less objection.

My second concern is water usage. Depending upon size, data centers use between 110 million gallons a year to 5M gallons per day. This is an equivalent use of 1,000 houses in one year for the smaller center. Unless there sufficient ground rules regarding water use with an eye to the future are in place, this sounds like a raw deal for Rochester Hills. This community was in drought at the beginning of the year. We just went through a water main break that with good fortune and community support was shorter and less disruptive than projected.

Other areas to consider are noise pollution from the constant use of cooling fans (85 decibels), air pollution from the gas- and diesel-powered fans, and land use issues as these centers can occupy .35 sq miles of land that would see better use for housing or farming.

Last, the profits from these data centers are only fractionally returned to the community. Major companies, such as Google, earn much more than the communities that accept the data centers are offered in return. Even the number of long-term jobs created range from 25 to 150.

Once a data center is in will there be a push to enlarge the center? While not the same industry, take a look at the difficulties Evert, MI had with ICE Mountain once the company had a foothold in the community.

Please give significant thought to the quiet, forested, and park-filled community that is Rochester Hills before venturing into this enticing but problem-filled world of data centers.

Thank you for reading my remarks.

Sincerely,

Joan Johnson
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Unit 116
Rochester Hills, MI 48307



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No Data Centers in Rochester Hill

1 message

kimberly gutierrez <kimberlygtrrz@yahoo.com>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Fri, May 15, 2026 at 6:38 PM

to who it may concern,

Please no Data Centers in Rochester Hills. As citizens, as tax payers, as members of this beautiful community—we do not want, need, desire data centers in our city/community. This would be a disgusting abuse of power and would gain nothing. The high cost of electricity and the shortage of water are horrible costs to our community/community members with zero payoff. Please, NO DATA CENTERS in ROCHESTER HILLS.

Very Respectfully,
Kimberly Gutierrez
Sent from my iPhone



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May 19th Meeting -comment concerning topic

1 message

Melissa Leitch <missyleitch@yahoo.com>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Sun, May 17, 2026 at 3:33 PM

To whom it may concern;

I am writing to formally submit my perspective regarding the proposed Penelope apartment building and the data center development, as I regrettably will be unable to attend the public meeting scheduled for the 19th of this month. Please accept this correspondence as my official public comment on these critical matters.

I wish to convey my unequivocal opposition to both the Penelope apartment building and the data center proposals.

Rochester Hills holds the esteemed designation of "Tree City USA," a recognition that profoundly resonates with me and, I believe, with the vast majority of our community. This status is not merely an accolade; it embodies our collective dedication to preserving natural habitats, maintaining our verdant canopy, and fostering a high quality of life through environmental stewardship. This pride in our natural surroundings is a cornerstone of our community identity.

The proposed Penelope apartment building represents a significant increase in density that I fear would irrevocably alter the low-density, suburban character Rochester Hills residents cherish. Such a development typically brings with it increased traffic congestion, places undue strain on our existing infrastructure, and often necessitates the removal of mature trees and green spaces – directly undermining our "Tree City USA" principles and the tranquil atmosphere we value.

Similarly, the prospect of a large-scale data center raises a host of environmental and aesthetic concerns. These facilities are often energy-intensive, require substantial land clearings, and can introduce issues such as noise pollution, visual blight, and increased demands on utilities. These impacts are fundamentally incompatible with our identity as an "amazing city" that prioritizes natural beauty and resident well-being.

Allowing either of these projects to proceed would, in my view, compromise the very essence of what makes Rochester Hills a desirable and thriving community. Our commitment to green initiatives and our unique quality of life would be profoundly diminished.

Therefore, I respectfully implore to carefully weigh these profound implications and ultimately reject both the Penelope apartment building and the data center proposals. Let us continue to uphold the values that define Rochester Hills and safeguard its future for all residents.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Melissa Natzke
A Dedicated Resident of Rochester Hills

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)



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May 19, 2026 Planning commission meeting - apartments and data-center rules

1 message

Molly Caporale <molly.b.caporale@gmail.com>

Sun, May 17, 2026 at 8:44 PM

To: "planning@rochesterhills.org" <planning@rochesterhills.org>

I am unable to attend the planning commission meeting on Tuesday so I am submitting my opinions on both the proposed apartments and data-center rules.

As far as data centers are concerned, I am adamantly opposed to them. I don't think they are inevitable and I don't think we need them - unless they can be built and used in a way that doesn't destroy our environment, deplete our water supply and create excess noise pollution just to name a few major issues. This is not good for the people of Rochester Hills or anybody else for that matter.

I don't think people understand the devastation that these data centers will cause and are already causing in areas where they are currently being built and used.

I'm also against any new large apartment buildings being built in our city. I feel like we are starting to be overbuilt and the traffic is horrible. Most people live in Rochester Hills to enjoy the green areas that we have.

Of the two issues I would take 10 new apartment building complexes over any data centers in our city.

Marlene (Molly) Davidson
[388 Willow Grove Ln.](#)
[Rochester Hills, Michigan](#)



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Data centers

1 message

Pravin Puri <ppuri@eplasticsurgeon.net>

Thu, May 14, 2026 at 7:30 PM

To: "planning@rochesterhills.org" <planning@rochesterhills.org>

I am writing to strongly oppose any data centers in Rochester Hills. Here is some information regarding data centers:

To avoid noise pollution from cooling systems and backup generators, it is recommended to live at least **1 to 2.5 miles** away from a data center. While data centers are generally safe and quiet, they can produce a constant, low-frequency hum audible up to 2 miles away, with significant impacts felt within 3000 feet.

Key Considerations for Proximity:

- Noise Impact:** Data centers can emit noise levels exceeding 90 decibels, often a low-frequency hum that travels long distances and can cause stress or sleep issues for nearby residents.
- Safety & Pollution:** While radiation is generally contained, some studies indicate communities within one mile of EPA-regulated data centers may experience higher air pollution (nitrogen dioxide and diesel particulate matter) from backup generators.
- Recommended Buffer Zone:** Organizations, such as the [Sierra Club](#), suggest that to minimize impacts, data centers should ideally be located at least 2.5 miles away from residential areas.

It is not practical to have a data center in a city the size of Rochester Hills regardless of how much money it brings to the city.

I am actually shocked that the city is even considering it.

Here are a couple videos regarding what it is like to live near a data center:

[The sounds you hear living half a mile away from a Data centre. No one should have to live like this. : r/AIMain](#)

[This is the sound a data center makes around the clock, every single night - while hundreds of homes sit right next door. : r/sgv](#)

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Data Center

1 message

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Thu, May 14, 2026 at 3:50 PM

Please DO NOT allow the data center anywhere near our community!

What is WRONG WITH YOU!?

You have been destroying this once beautiful community for years!
IT MUST STOP!

You are allowing every inch of nature to be replaced with buildings!

You have destroyed this community to line your greedy, stealing pockets!

You should be ashamed of yourselves and every one of you need to be terminated!

But greed is more important than keeping this city a wonderful place to live.
You have destroyed this city!

Greedy, despicable a**holes!

I will be moving to a community that puts the community ahead of greed.

Typical, despicable, lowlife, lying, stealing politicians!

YOU MUST BE STOPPED!



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Data Centers

1 message

Rachel English <rlenglis@gmail.com>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Thu, May 14, 2026 at 9:40 AM

To Whom This May Concern:

I'm a resident at 585 Fieldstone Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309.

We are anti data centers for the city of Rochester Hills. Especially with the water crisis we just went through it with a water scarcity and I don't understand why anyone would want this again.

Please represent and consider the views of your residents. Rochester Hills is a top place to live because of our community and the AI data centers would make it less attractive as we've seen in other areas where they pop up.

They decrease house values and resident happiness along with attractiveness for the community.

We've seen other communities not consider residents opinions and seen the sadness and division it creates between the residents and elected leadership. This would be heartbreaking for our community.

Thank you for considering our request,
-Rachel

Sent from my iPhone



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Data Centers

1 message

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To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Thu, May 14, 2026 at 5:02 PM

Good evening,

I'm writing to you to voice my concern over data centers, as a resident of Rochester Hills. I do not approve of any data centers being built in Rochester Hills. Based off of what I see happening in many communities, the voices of the residents are being ignored and over ridden. I am sure that will not happen in our beautiful city.

Thank you,
Stephanie Clum