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comments are for the May 19 Planning Commission meeting

1 message

Annette Gilson <gilson@oakland.edu>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Tue, May 19, 2026 at 2:10 PM

Hello,

I am writing about the apartments on Adams and the data-center rules. I live off Adams between Avon and Walton and the traffic is already terrible. Yes, someday we might do some road work to change that, but certainly not for five years.

I don't think this is the time to cram more people onto a road that is already over capacity.

I am also very concerned about data centers. We already have one that may go in at OU. We as a community need to be very proactive to keep other such data centers out of RH. People won't stay if we don't stop over building and start conserving green space and our ecological balance.

Thanks, Annette
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I acknowledge the Traditional Owners, past and present, of the land on which I work. Our main campus is on the Land of the three Algonquian Nations: the Ojibwe, Ottawa, and the Potawatomi.



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Rochester/Rochester Hills & Nearby Residents: DATA CENTER DECISIONS/DISCUSSION1 message

Daniela Grisak <daniela_grisak@msn.com>

Tue, May 19, 2026 at 2:59 PM

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

Cc: "mary@marybann.com" <mary@marybann.com>

To whom it may concern,

I have yet to hear about positive impact to communities with Data centers built there, only negative.

From eminent domain "land grabs" to benefit corporations, centers causing overburdened water supply (we already pay exorbitant rates, especially being surrounded by the Great Lakes, we should be lowest in the nation).

Furthermore, the burden on the electric grid; DTE has a LONG way to go to provide steady, affordable power yet continues to increase rates outpacing inflation. DTE's latest smoke-and-mirrors states after the next increase they will freeze increases to consumers: "we intend to pause electric rate requests for at least two years as new data centers drive affordability benefits and enable continued grid investment" This is double-speak for after the freeze where rate increases will be in the double-digits! Data Centers will be sucking up ANY electricity as their need will outpace new infrastructure builds to the grid.

Whatever happened to the 'global warming' concerns???? Environmental impact studies certainly do NOT support heat generated by Data Centers! Combined with our overburdened Water systems and Electric grids Data Centers are a HARD PASS!

Until ecologically sound (think underground and geo-thermal cooled) data center building in enhanced electrical supplies not tapping into municipal or community water and power supply is built, Data Centers are not to be built anywhere, especially provided no tax incentives or "bribing" locals to let them in.

Thank you,
Daniela Grisak



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OPPOSITION TO DATA CENTER

1 message

Denise Mills <dmills1307@gmail.com>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org
Cc: "L. Heeren" <lheeren55@gmail.com>

Mon, May 18, 2026 at 11:54 PM

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed data center currently under consideration. My concerns are centered on the following:

Environmental & Ecological Damage:

- Water scarcity
- Water contamination
- E-Waste
- Heat islands & light pollution
- Negative impact on nature/wildlife

Public Health Risks:

- Air pollution
- Noise pollution

Infrastructure Strain:

- Grid overload

Economic impact :

- Reduced property values and negative impact on Rochester Hills' character and charm

Rochester Hills is renowned for its aggressive conservation efforts and has a long-standing reputation for being an environmental leader in S.E. MI. Also, the Green Space Advisory Board was established to use millage funds to permanently preserve natural green spaces, wildlife habitats & scenic views, protect woodlands, wetlands, rivers, and streams.

How does a data center align with our community's commitment to the aforementioned and residents' quality of life?

I urge the commission to take these factors into account during the decision-making process.

Respectfully,

Denise Mills
Rochester Hills resident



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Comment: May 19th Planning Commison Meeting

1 message

Erin McIntosh <mcintosh.erin11@gmail.com>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Mon, May 18, 2026 at 11:53 PM

Hello,

I am emailing regarding concerns for data centers within the city of Rochester Hills. Currently, there is not yet enough information to know the long term effects of data center use on our communities and the planet. With the recent state of emergency impacting Rochester Hills and other parts of Oakland County, we've experienced water restrictions due to a water main failure. As a concerned resident, I would not like to experience this again due to a decision to continue data center usage as data centers can introduce different pollutants into our water systems. Moreover, data centers have been found to consume overwhelming amounts of electricity which would take away from the energy supply needed for the current residents and businesses within the city. In addition to these concerns, the full transparency of the reason and use of these data centers are still unclear to me as a resident of the city. I struggle to come up with what these data centers truly add to our community and to the city of Rochester Hills overall. Please do not allow data centers to utilize our city resources and pollute our water systems.

Sincerely,
Erin McIntosh



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Objection to any Data Centers

1 message

Jennifer <jlkc01@yahoo.com>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Mon, May 18, 2026 at 5:34 PM

Hello,

I am a resident of Rochester Hills and I am reaching out to express my concern regarding a draft ordinance for data centers that is on the city agenda. As a twenty year homeowner of Rochester Hills, I would like you to note that I am completely against any data centers being allowed in the city of Rochester Hills. We, the citizens of this city, do not want any data centers in our area.

Thank you,
Jennifer Curran
2461 Rancroft Beat
Rochester Hills 48306



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Data Center Public Comment - Meeting 5/19 - Soko -

1 message

Jo Soko <jasokolos@gmail.com>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Tue, May 19, 2026 at 1:03 AM

Hello,

I would like to submit the attached document to the Planning Committee for consideration regarding the data center discussion happening today.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Jo Sokoloski

**Soko Public Comment - Meeting 5_19.docx**

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Hello,

My Name is Jo Soko, I am a resident of Rochester, MI, and my day job is in Cybersecurity. When we talk about Data Centers that are used to power AI, we are often also talking about community affectedness.

From a Fortune article, “a [study](#) by the Houston Advanced Research Center estimated data centers would use 49 billion gallons in 2025 and as much as 399 billion gallons by 2030 [in Texas],” which heavily impacts surrounding communities (1). Communities throughout the country have experienced everything from sediment in their water (5), decrease in water pressure (1), doubled water bills/pricing (1), a lack of transparency from developers (1, 3), various types of pollution (2,3), and more.

Michiganders’ current economic situation does not need to be further exacerbated by higher water bills, with everything else being increasingly expensive. Another economic strain is the last thing the residents of Rochester Hills, and Rochester, need.

The current amount of data centers in Michigan are currently able to support our technological infrastructure, and will for years, as there are 75 total data centers in the state already, with 33 in the Detroit area (4). While Lake Huron, Rochester Hill’s water supply (6), can certainly hold billions of gallons, what will we do if it runs dry and runs residents into dry ground?

I am urging every person sitting before me to implement an extension to the moratorium of the building of new Data Centers in Rochester Hills and the surrounding area, because the unknown extent of their impact needs further investigation. Rochester Hills is “innovative by nature,” and we need to protect both. Thank you for your time.

Sources

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- 3 - <https://www.datacenters.com/news/texas-water-crisis-the-impact-of-data-center-developments-on-a-fragile-resource>
- 4 - <https://www.datacentermap.com/usa/michigan/>
- 5- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjkaYyysYhA>
- 6- https://www.rochesterhills.org/frequently_asked_questions/water_sewer_billing.php



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Data Centers in Rochester Hills

1 message

Mark Burek <markburek468@gmail.com>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Tue, May 19, 2026 at 4:41 PM

To Whom it may concern:

I am not able to attend the commission meeting On Tuesday 5/19/26, but I want to express my opinion.

I do not want any data centers in Rochester Hills. They create noise, use a tremendous amount of water for cooling and consume a tremendous amount of electricity.

I do not want my property value to be decreased by living within miles of one of these.

I hope the commission will take this into account.

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Mark Burek

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Comments for May 19 planning commission meeting

1 message

sarah morisot <smorisotdd@gmail.com>
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Mon, May 18, 2026 at 4:24 PM

Hello,

I am writing to share comments regarding the May 19 Planning Commission Meeting.

I do NOT want to see a data center in Rochester Hills. The amount of power to run these is staggering, and much of the cost gets passed onto the taxpayers, even if the companies skillfully word their message to make it seem like it won't be. It would also put pressure on our water supply. Again, despite what they will promise, there will be a toll on our city's water. And then there are the effects on the wildlife, the noise pollution created by the massive generators, and emergency response teams that could be tied up dealing with frequent small electrical fires at the centers and thus unable to respond to other local emergencies. Also to be considered, once construction is completed (if that's not outsourced as well), how many permanent jobs at the facility in Rochester Hills would actually be created?

Second, affordable housing is needed in Rochester Hills.

Sarah Morisot
Rochester Hills resident since 2000



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NO Data centers in Rochester Hills

1 message

ZackZ <zackz9329@gmail.com>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Tue, May 19, 2026 at 12:25 AM

My name is Zack,

I have been living in Rochester Hills for quite some time. I love the wonderful areas in Rochester. I love the peace and quiet from trees and nature. If they decide to put data in that area of that address: [2727 S Adams Rd](#). Innovation Hills is a wonderful park to come along and walk the path of nature and to get a healthy mindset to cool off angry or just enjoy the walk, run, and even biking! If you continue to even THINK to put a data center in that area or anywhere else, think of all the animals, plants, and communities that will be affected in our city.

What happened with our beautiful slogan of our city, "Innovative by Nature." Sounds like we're more for "Innovative by Corporation." Now isn't that a mouth-full? This is a disgusting way of ruining Rochester Hills by putting a humming and whistling sound of machines and fans impacting our area with horrible sounds and not listening to peace and quietness.

I do not agree to put any Data Centers anywhere and I MEAN ANYWHERE placed in our pretty city!

Sincerely,
Zack Z

The Michigan State Constitution states in

Article 1 section 1

All political power is inherent in the People. Government is instituted for their equal benefit, security, and protection.

As our elected representatives, the People are instructing you to exercise the authority that you have been granted for our security and protection where data centers are concerned.

Data centers pose a plethora of human health risks, many possibly long term that haven't been presented yet. We are too densely populated to avoid the physical effects of data centers.

When the People that live near these data centers get sick from the air, noise and environmental pollutants, they will be forced to leave their homes, and their homes will be worthless because no one will want to live in this city with a data center.

You can put yourself on the right side of history by protecting the People. It's up to you where you fit into the history books of Rochester Hills. It's up to you as to what kind of legacy you leave in this city. Will you be remembered as a hero or one that was bought off?

Will you do God's work or the Devil's work?

Will you put tax incentives before the protection of the People? Or will you do what you were elected to do? Protect the People, no more profit over People, No moratoriums, NO data centers at all.

Erin Pruitt

District 4