

Comments received October 31th, 2025

From: Judith Hubbard

Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 8:30 AM

Subject: Public comment RE local law #7

To Whom It May Concern:

As a native Ithacan and candidate for the Tompkins County Legislature, I am writing in support of the proposed temporary moratorium on land-use development. As Dr. Anna Kelles clearly laid out in her recent Op-Ed, although Terawulf is claiming that they will not use any water from Cayuga Lake, the evidence - including Terawulf's own application to DEC for a continued water-withdrawal permit - suggests otherwise. This use carries huge implications for the health of Cayuga Lake that will impact all of us, including hazards to aquatic life and harmful algal blooms. These threats to the lake affect both our recreational use of the lake and the tourism industry.

https://www.ithaca.com/opinion/guest_opinions/guest-opinion-terawulf-is-claiming-no-water-use-but-the-data-says-otherwise/article_5d1f288f-8635-4d89-8fe7-b644813d6c2d.html

Furthermore, recent studies have shown that data centers are statistically linked to increased electricity prices, especially for customers located close to the centers. Residents of Tompkins County already are facing unaffordable energy bills. The data center could use over four times as much energy as the entire rest of the county. It is hard to imagine that this would not carry implications for local energy costs.

We need time to evaluate the full impacts of the Terawulf data center on our community. The proposed moratorium would give us that time, so that we don't have to rely on what Terawulf says - statements that have already proven unreliable. Please vote YES on Local Law #7.

Dr. Judith Hubbard

City of Ithaca

Candidate for the Tompkins County Legislature, District 5

From: Aaron Segal

Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 10:28 AM

Subject: Comments Regarding Datacenter

The Richest Town in New York State

I want to mourn for those who believe we must have a set of rules, a set of guidelines that determine what is right and what is wrong. This is a thoughtful urge, a good-hearted urge, one that sets us apart from our ancestors. But it is not the final stage of our species, no, but merely a stumbling stone. For rules are made to be broken, and when right and wrong are encoded with numbers and constraints, all we demand is that the one who breaks them have the resources, dedication, and time to do so. We lay down our arms when they tell us: "technically, you cannot stop me".

What does this do, besides reward the determined wicked? Besides punish the meek, honest man?

What world is this, where we cannot see the meat is rotten, cannot smell it, but must measure it either in a lab, or by eating it and seeing what it does to us? And where the fresh fruit from the bush is sliced open and examined vigorously before consuming it? Why must the man who is known well in his town be tried on the same level as a clear evildoer? Why do we demean what is so clearly given to us, a sense of righteousness, of instinct, of right and wrong, and exchange it for a synthetic code that falls hopelessly short? So truly, I say, this is not our final state of thought, but just a moment of weakness and hubris in which we reject what is given to us for an insipid facsimile.

You may think, but surely not everyone feels the same way, people are different, my instincts are different from my neighbors! And I tell you, you are wrong, only because of where we are. We are

blessed in this town, blessed beyond belief, for there are few places remaining in this country and in this world where a town is primarily composed of the families who have lived in it for hundreds of years. We are the few who may go on without a code, without someone telling us the set of rules that describe the pangs of our hearts, without others trying to understand and make mundane what is simply divine.

So is it not simple in your hearts, we want a town where what is good can thrive, and the outside elements that wish to consume it and make us into every other sad town across our country cannot. We have eyes to see, hearts to know, and riches of brotherhood and everlasting kinship in a land that is untouched by time in ways not easily seen.

From: Brian Dozoretz

Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 10:33 AM

Subject: Nov. 19 town board meeting

Please accept this potential option for the future power plant:

<https://www.rewiringamerica.org/research/homegrown-energy-report-ai-data-center-demand>

leverage the need of data center hyperscalers for more power to fundamentally reshape Lansing's energy landscape.

where in this system is there power to be found?

And the answer to that, often, is by looking at what we waste now.

A Lansing household that uses electric resistance heating or cooling is wasting huge amounts of energy. But the people who live in it often can't afford the upgrade to an electric heat pump that would efficiently supply their heating and cooling. So what if the data-center hyperscalers, instead of rushing up expensive and dirty diesel generators, agreed to fund the installation of those heat pumps in a bunch of homes? That would free up huge amounts of now wasted electricity, which we could then use to power this theoretically essential new industry.

From a household's perspective, a 50 percent hyperscaler discount on the upfront cost would enable them to get a heat pump for around \$9,000. This brings the heat pump cost below the cost of a like-for-like alternative, such as an electric resistance furnace and a central air conditioner. It also makes the decision to upgrade to a heat pump an easy choice, and lets the household start saving money on Day 1. Pairing these investments with additional negotiated discounts or standardized installs that achieve economies of scale will create a virtuous feedback cycle that further lowers upfront costs for households and makes existing local incentives more efficient and effective.

Hyperscalers seeking capacity on the grid should first pay for home heat pump upgrades. This is faster than building new power plants. Since many of the power plants proposed for new construction or repowering burn coal or gas, it is significantly cleaner, and more insulated from future volatility in fuel prices. This is a win-win solution for hyperscalers, utilities, and households.

From: Matthieu Collé

Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 10:44 AM

Subject: Terawulf project opposition

Hello,

I am writing as a resident of the Cayuga Lake community to express my vehement opposition to TeraWulf's applications and project.

My family and I have lived here for years, raising our children along the shores of this magnificent lake. Cayuga Lake is not just a body of water to us—it is the heart of our community, the source of our drinking water, and a natural treasure that defines our way of life. Our children swim in these

waters every summer. We fish here. We gather with neighbors along its shores. The lake sustains us in countless ways, both practical and spiritual.

TeraWulf has already proven itself untrustworthy. The company explicitly promised our community that it would "not take a single drop of water from Cayuga Lake." Now, before their facility has even been approved, they have filed applications—under a shell company name, no less—requesting to pump one million gallons daily. This deliberate deception, using Cayuga Operating Company to hide their true intentions, is an insult to every resident who deserves transparency and honesty. The environmental impact of this proposal would be catastrophic. Discharging one million gallons of heated water back into Cayuga Lake every single day will:

- Dramatically increase water temperatures, disrupting the delicate ecosystem our community depends on
- Stimulate harmful algal blooms that produce neurotoxins dangerous to humans and wildlife alike
- Threaten the drinking water safety for thousands of families
- Destroy fish populations and aquatic habitats that have existed for generations
- Undermine the natural beauty that makes our community special and economically viable

Our lake is home to diverse wildlife and supports a thriving ecosystem that took millennia to develop. The pristine waters, the eagles soaring overhead, the fish that thrive in these depths—all of this is at risk because one corporation prioritizes profit over the wellbeing of an entire community. We are not anti-development, but we are absolutely opposed to reckless projects that endanger our families and our environment based on broken promises and hidden applications. TeraWulf has demonstrated through its deceptive practices that it cannot be trusted to operate responsibly in our community.

I urge the board to set a moratorium. Our families, our lake, and our future deserve better than a company that lies before it even begins operations.

The people of the Cayuga Lake community are watching, and we will not allow our precious natural resources to be sacrificed for corporate greed.

Respectfully and firmly opposed,
Mathieu

From: Matthew Leonard

Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 10:45 AM

Subject: Terawulf Date Center

I am writing as a resident of the Cayuga Lake community to express my vehement opposition to TeraWulf's applications and urge the Town of Lansing to pass a moratorium preventing Terawulf's date center.

My family and I have lived here for years, raising our children along the shores of this magnificent lake. Cayuga Lake is not just a body of water to us—it is the heart of our community, the source of our drinking water, and a natural treasure that defines our way of life. Our children swim in these waters every summer. We fish here. We gather with neighbors along its shores. The lake sustains us in countless ways, both practical and spiritual.

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Respectfully and firmly opposed,

Matthew Leonard

Ithaca NY

From: Brian Dozoretz <briandozoretz@me.com>

Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 10:54 AM

To: Clerk's Office <clerksoffice@lansingtownny.gov>

Cc: info@annakelles.com; Kelles4ny@gmail.com

Subject: Nov. 19 town board meeting Comment Regarding Temporary Moratorium

Please accept the below comment for submission/consideration/verbal recitation during the town board meeting on November 19th, 2025 regarding regarding temporary moratorium for the redevelopment of the property containing the former coal power plant.

As a resident of Seneca County in the town of Covert, my family lives and owns property within direct view of, and designated federally as within the Coal Closure Energy Community boundary (Census Tract 9510 in Seneca County, New York / Census Tract ID: 36099951000), and thus wish our voices to be included in the discussions of future development of this particular site as equal allocation to the residents within the town of Lansing, NY.

Given that at the last meeting, there was a significant number of Terawulf employees, family, and supporters from well outside this region, I would hope the Town would be willing to prioritize attendance, comments, and participation in order of:

- Town of Lansing Resident
- Adjacent Federal Coal Closure Energy Community Residents
- Adjacent community residents
- Non-residents

My main concerns for passing a one-year moratorium on the proposed conversion to a data center are:

1) the known noise output of myriad cooling systems (i.e. fans/airflow) to maintain 24/7 operation will most likely be audible across the lake.

For reference, I am able to clearly hear people talking on their boat in the well known fishing spots immediately in front of the power plant. I can only imagine the sound of thousands of small powerful fans within the structure creating a monotonous hum that modulates across the lake depending on wind speed/direction.

Please ensure any proposed plans, studies, and approvals clearly account for sound transmission across flat water using air pressure, average wind speed, and temperature unique to this

geographical area when seeking details (as most environmental impact documentation do not include study of narrow bodies of water with these depths, situated within a system of valleys).

2) Any solar panel array of the size being proposed for this project will have a reflective quantity, at scale, which dependent on the extreme variation of season in this latitude will be visibly uncomfortable for those of us located west, southwest, and north west of the planned solar array field.

Given the slope of the current property, the reflective quality of the panels will create a swath of solar, and lunar reflection that will disrupt an otherwise non-reflective area during various points of each day/night.

This reflection will also have potential impacts on migratory bird patterns whom frequent that section of the lake, and rely on the adjacent protected lands north and south of where this large solar array is to be situated.

While on paper, this concept of providing power to the grid to help offset the proposed plant's usage, there is zero reason to locate the array onsite beyond the ownership of the additional area of currently unused land adjacent to the power plant building.

A solar array could be proposed in numerous areas far from this site (in "the flats"), where servicing, connectivity, and generation can all be maximized, as opposed to a site that "misses" many morning hours of solar generation being on the west facing slope.

Given how interrelated the companies involved in ownership of the current property, proposed operations, and the support/funding of both, it brings me great concern for much more detailed approvals and inspection of plans to ensure a monopoly-like structure is not inserting itself into the Lansing township.

Brian Dozoretz

From: Caitlin Kline

Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 1:33 PM

Subject: Please vote to keep Terawulf out of Lansing

Hello,

I would like to strongly recommend that Terawulf be barred from developing any land in Lansing NY or Tompkins county. There is no way that what Terawulf is proposing will not have ill effects on Cayuga Lake or the surrounding area's ecosystem. PLEASE make sure to forbid their development, for the sake of our community.

Thank you,

Caitlin Kline

From: Masha Raskolnikov

Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 2:39 PM

Subject: YES to Moratorium; NO on Terawulf

Dear Town of Lansing Government:

I live in the City of Ithaca, which renders me slightly less eligible to advise you on what to do.

However, a data center on Cayuga Lake would affect us all, in uniquely negative ways, laying waste to our wildlife, hurting our waters, and drawing enormous energy that will leave us vulnerable. As a parent of children who are growing up on the shores of Cayuga Lake, and as a lifelong resident, I want to beg you to do your best to keep this data center from being built. IF the moratorium helps, good for the moratorium, but let's be clear, the real goal is to make sure that this monster does not come to our town.

Warmly,

Masha Raskolnikov

From: N L. Davidson

Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 3:07 PM

Subject: Moratorium Comment

Lansing Town Board

However the Lansing town board views the moratorium on Lansing progress, I feel the real concern is the practical Reuse of the Milliken power plant to a server cluster .

AI compute is here to stay.

The projects will be built somewhere in the state or country to fill the need .

Environmental effects of the local change will be minimal.

Reuse of the Lansing power plant and abating local impacts will also prevent the Lansing power plant from degrading into a liability.

Cooling is an issue. Noise has to be reasonably abated

Electric rates will not skyrocket . They will be little affected as the very transmission lines the transported electric way from the plant allow many sourcing areas where power will be available.

Hydro and green power can be sourced as well. The structure of the grid is able to handle this load without a problem and much more load without a problems.

To climate concerned board members. I respect your beliefs .

The world's future is not threatened by this plant in Lansing.

The question is do you care about your TOWN 's people? Leaders LEAD and pivot as the facts change.

Have you visited Somerset when it is running in AI mode ?

This install is new technology.

They're only a few jobs coming with this plant . I would not see a big issue for the schools.

Much of the infrastructure is already built.

Cornell's reductions due to financial constraints will throttle the real estate market and reduce your property tax income as base declines or doesn't grow.

This is low hanging fruit.

Treat your town's people like a good friend , take the tax base /income and deal with the minor impacts so we can afford to live in our town and thrive.

Thank you , Lin Davidson
