

Councilmember Marilyn Balcome,

I am extremely appalled to learn that new Data Centers are being considered for Montgomery County.

Data centers use enormous amounts of energy and water.

Our planet is already in peril from rising temperatures, extreme weather events, melting sea ice, increased wildfires - all caused by the burning of fossil fuels, environmental pollution, forest and habitat loss and numerous other problems. The Earth has already warmed by more than 1 degree Celsius (1.8 F) since the industrial age began.

Data centers will greatly exacerbate all of our environmental problems and make a small number of people extremely wealthy.

The proposed project in Dickerson will use 2 million gallons of the Potomac per day. We are in the middle of a terrible environmental disaster on the Potomac right now, and low river levels are exacerbating the problem. What does taking huge amounts of water mean for our environment in our increasingly drought filled summers?

Please! Reconsider building Data Centers in Maryland!

Please include my comments in the hearing record.

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