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Climate change analysis, health, risk analysis, cost benefit analysis none of these have been afforded the time and details necessary to be conducted.

George Washington University has released this study:

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/climate/articles/10.3389/fclim.2026.1648912/full>

Reads in part:

In this paper, we present evidence arguing that data centers may pose significant health risks, including diseases associated with air pollution from fossil fuel combustion, waterborne illnesses resulting from excessive water usage, and both mental and neurological health concerns related to noise pollution. We further discuss how data center construction drives large-scale land use changes, degrading natural ecosystems and community well-being, and how rising energy costs can worsen social determinants of health. Finally, we emphasize that children, the elderly, and low-wealth groups can be particularly susceptible to the health impacts associated with data centers.â€

Some say that it's unfair to impose a moratorium if a project has already engaged in some process to move forward. But be clear, the project that theyâ€™re referring to in Dickerson only received a requested conceptual approval because the applicant indicated they wanted to be able to engage in leases before moving forward with all the requirements of a major modification. Now it seems that the data center complex will be developed by an entirely new company (Atmosphere LLC) who will buy 110 acres from the original applicant. This will be their first data center development.

This project can be done well or advance without appropriate safeguards and leading edge, reviews and technologies. Montgomery County and its residents deserve to advance this

industry in the best way possible without up ending important goals, including climate change, and environmental stewardship.

Let's pause and take the time and effort needed.