

Jim McDonald
Barnsville, MD

It's not clear to me that any of our County officials have a CLEAR understanding of the impact of ANY data centers might have on the county and in particular the Ag Reserve.

Nobody is articulating well the huge difference between the decades old ~storage data centers, and the now proposed hyper data centers designed to support AI growth.

The differences are huge and I can't support any of you who might wish to proceed without a clear understanding of the impacts (environmental, financial, societal).

A Time out is warranted . Please !

I vote, and I care as do many in my community. Do the right thing !

At the community forum on data centers the other night I was struck that it seems like no one has done a cost-benefit analysis of whether the county will really reap any rewards from hosting data centers. All residents are left with are the stories from other cities where data centers have caused havoc with water, noise and more. The cluster of data centers in Dickerson got pre-approval without a site plan. Without hard numbers on both sides of the ledger, how do we know if data centers are good for the county? Take a moratorium to get some answers and build strong policies that make data centers work for all of us.