

DATE: 11/9/2025
FROM: Robeson Township EAC
TO: Robeson Township BOS
RE: Recommended Data Center Ordinance

Pursuant to Article III, the stated Purpose of the EAC is as follows:

The EAC duly organized under these bylaws shall have the power to study environmental issues at the request of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township ("Board") and to make recommendations to the Board on those issues. The EAC will work with Board in an advisory capacity in an effort to help them analyze environmental issues and issue recommendations on courses of action necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Robeson Township ("Township").

Over the course of several months, the EAC has researched the environmental impacts of data centers, and reviewed many case studies from communities around the U.S. We find that there are significant concerns regarding water quality and availability in the community, demands on the electric grid, and pollution, noise and vibration from 24/7 operations. We wholeheartedly believe that it is in the best interest of residents of this township to enact a Data Center Ordinance ASAP to protect the health and wellbeing of township residents and our environment.

We have painstakingly analyzed several proposed drafts, model ordinances and actual ordinances from PA townships, and we have created a draft that stresses these four important factors:

- Recommendation to allow data centers by conditional use in the General Industrial zone only.
- Water use analysis to include direct and indirect use of water, and the effect of water usage on the environment at large.
- All sources of electric including any and all backup systems to be identified and stated clearly.
- Specific noise and vibration levels not to exceed levels known to cause harm.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this document and these specific points. We welcome inclusion in future discussions relative to this recommended Ordinance and believe that time is of the essence to enact and adopt said ordinance swiftly.

Kate Kennedy
Robeson Township EAC Chair