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Subject: Re: Proposed Data Center in Milwaukee
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The study from the University of Michigan on data centers link is below, along with a few other credible links.

<https://stpp.fordschool.umich.edu/sites/stpp/files/2025-07/stpp-data-centers-2025.pdf>

<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC12273412/>

<https://www.environmentalhealthproject.org/post/the-dangers-of-data-centers>

On Tue, May 19, 2026, 10:36 PM Jennifer Carter <mycatbill1976@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Council,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen and resident of Milwaukee. Just last week, I learned there would be a 19,000 square foot data center to be built in the old Walmart in Midtown. Why the fuck did the Milwaukee Planning Commission not tell the public about this sooner? This reeks of an effort to ram it down the public's throat, without getting input from "We The People". By not alerting the public about this issue sooner, the leadership of the Milwaukee Planning Commission erodes public trust. I will remember this come election season. In this political climate, everyone is paying attention. This new proposed data center is a bad idea and I want you to say no to this new data center for the following reasons.

First, the amount of noise the generators will produce is enough to damage hearing. The generators go on when the power goes out. The generators then produce 55-100db per 5,000 square feet of data center. This exceeds the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances that states that any noise above 55db during the day, and 45db at night for residential districts would be in violation of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances (MCO 80-64)

Second, the amount of water the data center would be in excess of over 10 million gallons per year. Are you OK with the data center taking our Lake Michigan water and not putting it back? Are you OK with competing for water with a data center? I am certainly not OK with competing for resources with a data center. While this may be a "closed cooling system", think about it: water will evaporate once the water hits the hot panels to cool them down. Where do you think the evaporated water will come from? They will take over 10 million gallons of water per year to make up for this loss. This is unacceptable. (Please see University of Michigan study "What happens when data centers come to your town" attached.

Third, we will be competing with electricity and natural gas. Data centers consumed 4% of U.S. electricity in 2023, and estimates suggest that would go up to 12% by 2028. This puts more stress on the power grid, adding more competition for resources unnecessarily.

Not to mention, this data center will not bring in any money to the city and the tax incentives

will be ineffective. To mask this as a housing project is a lie. Many out of state landlords buy up our properties, rent them as cash cows, do not repair them, leaving our neighborhoods blighted. To mask this as a data center and a need for housing by the very people who have taken it away from future Milwaukee homeowners is a blatant slap in the face to the citizens who love our beloved city of Milwaukee.

This data center will only rise tensions in the neighborhood and in Milwaukee as a whole. Please say no to this data center.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jen Carter
(Washington Heights)