



LATEST DATA CENTER NEWS!

**THE GROTON TOWN COUNCIL WILL ~~VOTE~~
~~ON THE DATA CENTER~~**

MEET TO HEAR DATA CENTER CITIZENS PETITIONS*

WHEN: MARCH 16th 6:30 PM

PLEASE SHOW UP AT THE MEETING!

YOUR BEING THERE WILL HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT

WHERE: THRIVE 55+ SENIOR CENTER

102 Newtown Road next to Groton Library on Route 117

WHY GO? CONCERNS INCLUDE:

**AIR POLLUTION, NOISE, WATER QUALITY/STORMWATER
RUNOFF, TRAFFIC, HEAT
AND IMPACT ON WETLANDS AND STREAMS**

SUMMARY: There is a lot at stake for the people of Groton and beyond in this deal. The proposed data center is way too big, it will pollute our air and waterways, it will contribute to global warming, and it will likely affect health and property values in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Here's what we know: The data center will cover at least 250,000 square feet or 5.7 acres and rise 50 feet high on the 173-acre Holstein property located west of Flanders Rd, east of Hazelnut Hill Rd, south of Route I-95, and north of GOSA's Sheep Farm.

Air Quality: Diesel fuel will be used at the data center to power back-up generators that are tested regularly and keep the center running during power outages. **In addition, to save money, the developer plans to use those highly polluting generators to power the facility on "peak power" days when air quality is already significantly worse.** Exposure to this pollution worsens asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), and other lung and heart diseases. According to the Ledge Light Health District, Groton, New London and Ledyard already have the three highest asthma rates in the District.

Noise: Data Centers are essentially air-conditioned warehouses filled with computers that run 24-7. The air conditioning units will be located on the roof. Blasting will be necessary to level the hills and bedrock ridges. Groton currently has weaker noise standards than the state.

Water Quality: The building roof, parking lot and road will cover ~14 acres and generate significant polluted stormwater runoff, which could contaminate Fort Hill Brook, our reservoir and Long Island Sound.

Heat: The heat given off could warm the local climate and will contribute to global warming, not the direction we want to go in! (see reverse side or page 2)

*** DECISION NOT TO VOTE MADE EVENING OF MARCH 14 AFTER FLYER PRINTED/DISTRIBUTED**

Wetlands: Pollution of wetlands from stormwater runoff is very possible. Wetlands need protection because they enhance water quality, control erosion, sequester carbon, and provide habitat for 1/3 of all threatened and endangered species.

Traffic: During the construction phase, hundreds of cars and/or trucks will be accessing Flanders Rd. Once built, three shifts of ~30 workers will be coming and going daily.

To register to speak via Zoom, please email Council@groton-ct.gov by 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting or write to all your Town Councilors at the same address.

Questions on the impacts of this project? Contact: Liz Raisbeck at 202-253-5752, or GCA at groconadv2017@gmail.com. If you absolutely cannot attend in person, watch via Zoom at the Town website <https://www.groton-ct.gov/>

