



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE DATA CENTERS

FACT OR FICTION?

AI Data Centers are creating long-term jobs for the community.

Fiction. Most of the jobs that are promised are only during the construction phase. Many companies have not been able to demonstrate any long-lasting jobs and cannot be sustained for post-construction. What is long-standing are the environmental impacts of the data center buildout, not the short-term construction jobs.

Off-grid data centers are better for the community and will not use any community resources.

Fiction. Even though some tech companies are building off-grid infrastructure for their data centers, they will still need transmission lines to power their center. Without shifting costs from current rate-payers to the data center, the tech companies are not paying for any of the utilities they end up using.

Public utilities and elected officials can enter into non-disclosure agreements regarding public resources used to power data centers.

Fiction. Although many utility companies, state and local officials, and agencies are trying to enter into non-disclosure agreements regarding how data centers can operate, this is against the law to hide deals without explanation for public resource use in this manner. This is an opportunity to request public information that you have a right to see at the local, county, and state levels.

What can you do?

- Educate people within your community regarding the [NAACP's Frontline Framework on Data Centers](#).
- Contact the NAACP Center for Environmental and Climate Justice to help you with your strategy.
- Fill out the [NAACP Data Center Community Report Form](#) to help us track where the next data center is showing up in your community.
- Track permits that may deal with air pollution, water usage, and/or construction.
- Track agenda items at zoning and planning commissions and meetings that may deal with data centers.
- Log local environmental concerns with groups like the [Center for Engagement, Environmental Justice and Health](#), and monitor data points on how your air quality and other environmental concerns may change. Share that information in your community report form.
- Call for moratoriums on data centers in your community if there is no transparency or a clear process for engagement.

NAACP Data Center Watch
Community Report Form
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