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Data Centers in Michigan

A Summary of the Findings and Opportunities

An independent analysis of economic opportunities, public concerns, existing safeguards, and policy options for responsible data center development in Michigan.

Michigan doesn't have to choose between
economic opportunity and community protections.
We can do both.



OPPORTUNITY

\$7 Trillion
U.S. investment over
the next five years

8 major projects
proposed in
Michigan to date

27,000+
Brownfield sites
across the state



CONCERNS

 **Energy Costs**

 **Water Resources**

 **Community &
Environmental
Impacts**

 **Transparency**



PATH FORWARD

Michigan already has
important protections
in place



Targeted policy
recommendations could
further assure responsible
development.

Data centers have very quickly become essential infrastructure for the modern economy — from every kind of manufacturing to the everyday online services Michiganders rely on at work, home and school. States are competing aggressively for investment because it could provide local governments with millions in new revenue and modernize the energy grid.

THREE KEY FINDINGS

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1 THE OPPORTUNITY IS REAL.

Michigan has an opportunity to attract additional technology, research and innovation investment. This window is now. Other states are moving aggressively to compete for these projects. The decisions made in the next 12-24 months will shape Michigan's future for decades.

**MICHIGAN MUST DECIDE
WHETHER IT WANTS TO LEAD
OR WATCH INVESTMENT GO
ELSEWHERE.**

SNAPSHOT: **STARGATE**
LOCATED IN: **SALINE TOWNSHIP**

\$7+ Billion
Investment value

2,500
Construction
jobs projected

450
Permanent jobs
projected

11.8+ Million
Estimated annual property
tax to local governments



2 COMMUNITIES DESERVE FACTS AND ANSWERS.

Good decisions start with facts. Public trust cannot be built through secrecy, rushed decisions or incomplete information. Addressing legitimate concerns and giving fact-based assurances regarding energy demand, utility rates, water resources, land use, environmental stewardship and transparency is critical.

**“WITH [SPECIFIC
SAFEGUARDS] IN PLACE, A
PLURALITY OF THE
RESPONDENTS SHIFTED TO
BEING SUPPORTIVE OF A
DATA CENTER BEING
LOCATED WITHIN 25 MILES
OF THEIR HOME.”**

-PSC report finding

3 WE CAN BUILD ON EXISTING SAFEGUARDS.

Responsible development starts with strong safeguards. Michigan is not starting from scratch. There are already existing laws, regulations and oversight processes to help protect ratepayers, water resources and communities. The report identifies practical ways to strengthen them further. Michigan can establish the model for responsible data center development that other states follow.

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