DATA CENTER BAN/MORATORIUM

DATA CENTERS – Facilities designed and used to house a group of networked computer servers in one physical location or multiple contiguous locations to centralize the storage, management, and dissemination of data and information.

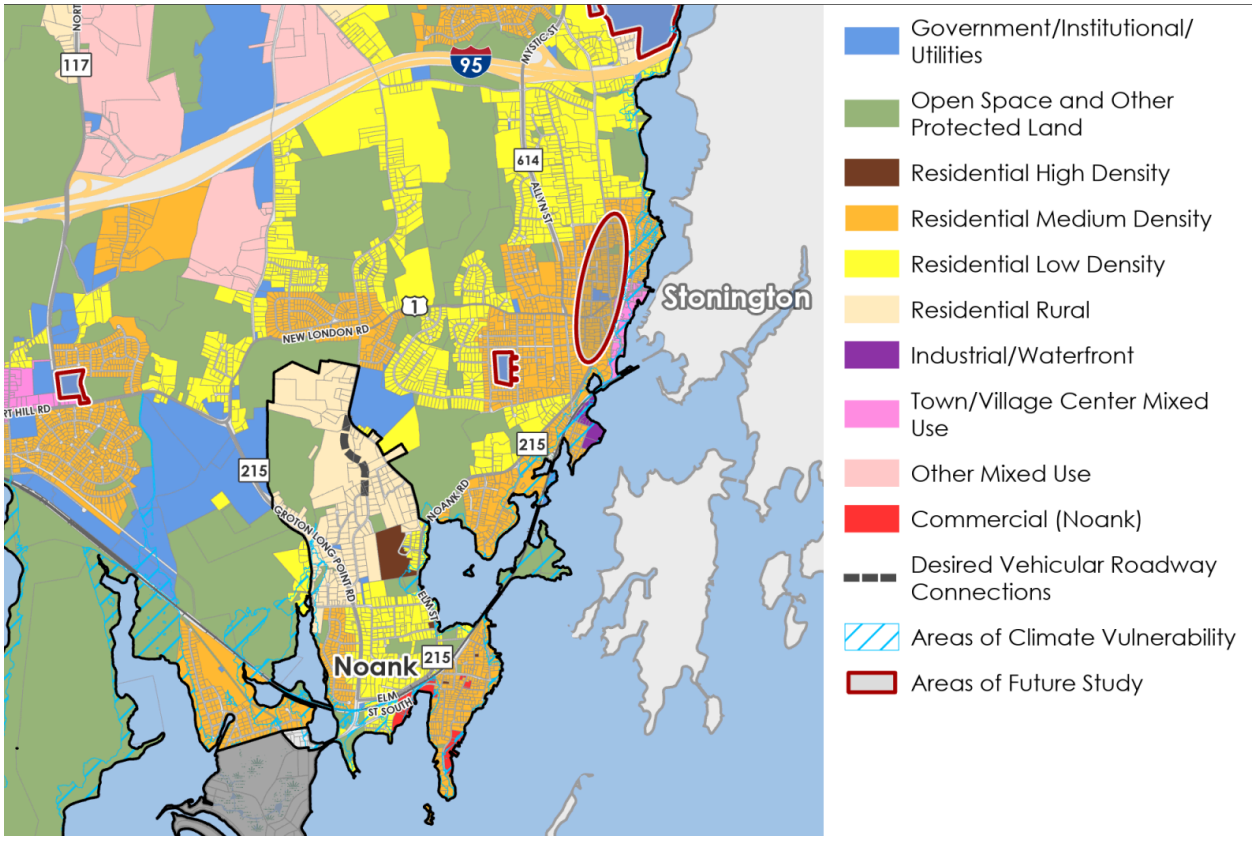
COMMUNITY IMPACT:

POLLUTION	ENERGY CONSUMPTION	DECREASED QUALITY OF LIFE	FINANCIAL STRAIN
The presence of a data center raises temperatures in the surrounding area by up to 16 degrees and in nearby neighborhoods by 4 degrees.[1]	Mid-sized data centers consume up to 300,000 gallons of water per day, while large facilities can use up to 5 million gallons – over 3x the amount used by the entirety of Noank.[2]	Data centers constantly emit noise measured at around 96 decibels – sounds above 85 are considered harmful to human ears. Nearby residents report headaches, vertigo, sleep issues, and nausea from constant exposure. [3]	The construction of a data center in a community increases residents' energy prices by 9%- 25%.[4]

AREAS OF INTEREST:

EAST LYME: OUTRIGHT BAN	WESTERLY: MORATORIUM
Prohibits data centers and data center accessories.	Implements a one-year ban on the construction and development of data centers.

[1] Yale School of the Environment 2026
[2] World Resources Institute 2026
[3] Environmental and Energy Study Institute 2026
[4] Virginia Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission 2024


Government/Institutional/ Utilities
Open Space and Other Protected Land
Residential High Density
Residential Medium Density
Residential Low Density
Residential Rural
Industrial/Waterfront
Town/Village Center Mixed Use
Other Mixed Use
Commercial (Noank)
Desired Vehicular Roadway Connections
Areas of Climate Vulnerability
Areas of Future Study
Stonington
Noank
95
117
1
215
614
NEW LONDON RD
GROTON LONG POINT RD
NOANK RD
ELM ST
ELM ST SOUTH
MYSTIC ST
ALLYN ST