

Apex / New Hill Data Center Fact Sheet

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Why We Oppose This Rezone Project

Call to Action

- Share this information with anyone that lives in Wake County—As this will affect all of us.
- Attend Apex Town Council meetings (wear **RED** = STOP THE DATA CENTER).
- Contact Apex Council & Wake County Commissioners—demand a **NO vote on rezoning**.
- Sign & share the [community petition](#) and join the [Facebook Group](#) Protect Wake County Coalition. *Links on the website.*
- Remind officials: **We're not anti-development—we want the right development in the right place.**

Economic Reality

- **Few Jobs:** After construction, data centers typically employ <50 permanent staff, far fewer than retail, office, or mixed-use developments.
- **Risk to Property Values:** Homes near industrial sites lose value. Average New Hill home = ~\$700K; even a 5% drop = **\$35K loss per home**.
- **Uncertain Tax Revenue:** Promised \$3.2M/year is unreliable—federal contracts & tax exemptions often slash actual revenue.
- **Costs Shifted to Residents:** Utilities often pass grid upgrade costs to ratepayers. Bills in Virginia rose 25–70% due to data centers.

Environmental & Health Impacts

- **100+ diesel generators** = toxic air pollution (PM2.5) linked to asthma, heart disease, premature death. 1 Generator=size of a trailer.
- **Constant noise** from cooling fans and generators (linked to sleep & cardiovascular issues).

- **Light pollution & heat island effect** degrade rural character.
- **Battery fire risk:** Equivalent to 1,600 Tesla batteries—Apex Fire cannot contain this type of fire.

Power & Utility Strain

- Proposed facility = **300 MW**, equal to **¼ of Harris Nuclear Plant's output**.
- For comparison, the **entire Town of Apex uses 120 MW** to run the city each day vs. the 300 MW the Data Center needs to function.
- Competes with schools, hospitals, and homes for limited grid capacity.
- Likely to raise **electric bills for everyone** in Apex/Wake County.

Zoning & Safety Gaps in NC

- NC has **no statewide rules** on data center noise, water use, or emissions.
- Treated the same as “light industrial,” though they run 24/7 with far greater impacts.
- No requirement for **impact studies, emergency response planning, or transparency** in tax subsidies.
- The proposed 70 foot Data Center is **3.5 times HIGHER than a 2 story home**. Very visible.

Water Risks

- Could consume **millions of gallons/day** for cooling—equal to thousands of homes.
- No NC rules limit water withdrawals for data centers.
- **Wastewater plants already strained**; major expansions not expected until 2032.
- How will changing 190 acres of farmland to industrial will affect water supply, quality and risk of flooding.

What We Need Before Any Approval

1. **Local Zoning Controls** – Require conditional use permits & enforceable limits on noise, water, lighting, and building size.
2. **Ratepayer Protection** – Developers must pay full cost of grid upgrades, not residents (Senate Bill 266).
3. **Water & Energy Reporting** – Mandatory disclosure of projected & actual use.
4. **Stronger Environmental Rules** – Limits on diesel generators, mandatory reclaimed water, stormwater protections.
5. **Emergency Planning** – Fire and spill response plans approved *before* construction.