



Press Release

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Soy City Indivisible, along with several statewide environmental groups and nonprofits, invites Decatur and the surrounding communities to join an upcoming conversation focused on the growth and significant impact of data centers on the water resources and energy systems, and how communities can take action.

Let's Talk Data Centers: Our Water, Our Power, Our Communities, will take place on Wednesday, July 29, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Madden Auditorium at the Decatur Public Library. The event is free and open to the public; registration is encouraged. Registration links and media assets are provided at the bottom of this document.

The event will also be livestreamed on Soy City Indivisible's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

As data centers rapidly expand across Illinois, organizers are working to ensure communities statewide have access to clear, plain-language information about how these developments may affect local water supplies, energy demand and utility costs, and environmental health.

Community participation is encouraged at this free event. The program agenda includes:

- A brief overview of the data center landscape in Illinois and Macon County, including the latest developments and news;
- Insights into potential impacts on water, energy, and the environment;
- Relational information pertaining to the Broadwing Energy Center; and
- A Q&A session with presenters.

The host and organizers of this event want to extend a special invitation to members of the Macon County Board, the newly appointed “Citizens Volunteer Advisory Committee (CVAC)”, the Decatur City Council, and all other city and township board and council members.

The event’s host is Soy City Indivisible, along with event organizers Prairie Rivers Network, Citizens Utility Board, and Illinois People’s Action.

Registration Link: <https://www.mobilize.us/SoyCityIndivisible/event/991252/>

Registration QR Code and organization logos can be found [here](#).

Facebook Page Link for Live Stream:  Soy City Indivisible | Decatur IL

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