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Community Data Center Scorecard

A 14-question evidence checklist for residents, planning boards, journalists and elected officials deciding who pays, who benefits, and what is still unknown.

Community / municipality

Facility / operator / project phase

Electric utility / water supplier

Public meeting date / researcher

EVIDENCE STATUS: Not documented / Requested / Partial / Supported / Disputed / N/A

Use one sheet per named facility or project. Missing evidence never means zero impact.

ELECTRICITY & THE GRID

1. Approved electric capacity and actual demand

Request approved maximum import MW, metered peak MW, annual MWh, and when the load ramps up. Source: utility interconnection order, tariff or meter statement.

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ELECTRICITY & THE GRID

2. Who finances grid upgrades?

Request substation, transformer and transmission capital costs; developer contributions; recovery from other ratepayers; and stranded-load protections.

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ELECTRICITY & THE GRID

3. Is demand flexibility delivered?

Request curtailment contract MW versus event-by-event metered reduction, duration and rebound load; a promise is not a delivered event.

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WATER

4. Where does cooling water come from?

Identify drinking water, groundwater, river, treated wastewater or seawater; supplier, catchment and permit; priority during drought.

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WATER

5. How much water is used?

Separate withdrawals, actual consumption, discharge, potable inputs, reclaimed share and summer peaks. Record m3/year and source boundary.

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TAXES & INCENTIVES

6. What taxes and fees are actually paid?

Separate city, county, state and schools; actual fiscal-year cash receipts versus proposed future revenue. Avoid double-counted transfers.

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TAXES & INCENTIVES

7. What incentives reduce public revenue?

Obtain abatements, exemptions, grants, tax credits, bonds, dollar values, expiry and which government bears each cost.

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JOBS & SERVICES

8. How many permanent local jobs?

Differentiate construction worker-years, permanent full-time equivalents, contractors, salaries, local hires and training outcomes.

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JOBS & SERVICES

9. What public services are required?

Fire, emergency response, inspections, road use, diesel generator permitting and other annual incremental public costs.

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LAND & ENVIRONMENT

10. What other land uses are displaced?

Prior zoning, tax base, housing, agriculture or habitat options, remediation and demonstrable opportunity cost.

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LAND & ENVIRONMENT

11. What exposures need monitoring?

Noise, diesel emissions, air permits, water discharge temperature, backup generator tests, monitoring and complaints.

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CONNECTIVITY

12. Who funds fiber and road excavation?

Identify private and public shares of fiber installation, road restoration and maintenance, and community access claims.

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COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS

13. Which benefits are enforceable?

Ask for executed community benefit terms, cash payments, district heat delivered, jobs training and independent compliance records.

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LONG-TERM RISK

14. Who pays if the project fails?

Minimum utility charges, bonds, performance security, decommissioning and cleanup, unpaid capacity and project closure rights.

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OTHER PROJECT-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

A blank answer is a missing document, NOT a zero cost.

Count which of the fourteen questions have an original record that truly addresses THIS facility and time period. A state-level estimate or citywide figure may be context, but it is not a fully supported answer to a specific project question.

1 Public cash ledger

Documented taxes/fees and enforceable cash benefits MINUS documented local incentives, service costs and properly attributable, unrecovered infrastructure costs. Keep up-front and annual amounts separate.

2 Utility and water ledger

Record maximum MW, annual MWh, withdrawals, consumption, water source and direct/indirect footprints. Identify which customers or entities finance the upgrades.

3 Jobs and local benefit ledger

Record temporary construction worker-years separately from enduring jobs; count only substantiated local hires and delivered community benefits.

4 Environmental and risk ledger

Keep drought, noise, emissions, thermal discharge, land opportunity and stranded infrastructure risk visible even if no defensible dollar amount exists.

PUBLIC RECORDS TO REQUEST

Signed development agreements; electric connection tariff and cost-allocation study; water/wastewater permits; environmental filings; fiscal-impact model; taxes and abatements; emergency-response plan; hiring compliance; community-benefit agreement; decommissioning bond.

FINAL CONCLUSION (select one)

[ ] Evidence sufficient for a bounded estimate [ ] Some evidence, not enough [ ] Material claims disputed

Sources / caveats to disclose publicly: