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March 14th, 2026

Subject: Martin County data center - Indiantown

To Whom it May Concern,

The property sited for a data center at 13820 Silver Fox Lane in Indiantown, Florida is not appropriate for this use.

The site exists approximately 4 miles from the wells that provide drinking water to the Village of Indiantown through a groundwater aquifer. Due to Florida's highly permeable limerock, intensive water use poses a water supply risk to those wells, as well as a contamination risk through wastewater discharge from the facility.

Intensive groundwater withdrawals can cause aquifer levels below us to drop and sinkholes to form as the land above the aquifer drops right along with it. Sinkholes can form both in times of intense rainfall and during times of drought. Indiantown experienced this in 2017 when a sinkhole swallowed the entrance to Indianwood Golf and Country Club in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

Additionally, the wetlands that exist on this property would be impacted through the water withdrawals needed to operate a large-scale data center facility. Protected species have been sighted on the property where this project is planned and would be impacted through changes to the wetland's hydrology and through the noise associated with this type of facility.

This is simply not the right location for this type of land use. We ask that you reconsider this location for your data center operations to protect the water supply, the protected species, and ultimately the infrastructure of your own building and property.

Sincerely,

Haley Moody, Director
Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute