

Potential Opportunities and Community Considerations

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Purpose of This Document

When a large development project is proposed, residents naturally have questions about how it could affect their community.

This document provides general information about topics that communities often consider when evaluating large data center projects. It is intended for educational purposes only.

Unless specifically identified as verified information by the City, the information below should **not** be interpreted as describing the proposed project near Trent.

Potential Opportunities

Every community is different, and every project is unique. Depending on the size and design of a project, communities may experience opportunities such as:

Economic Activity

Large construction projects often create demand for local contractors, suppliers, fuel providers, restaurants, hotels, and other businesses during the construction phase.

Infrastructure Improvements

Some projects may require improvements to roads, utilities, communications infrastructure, or other public services. The extent of those improvements depends on

the individual project and agreements between the developer and the appropriate governmental agencies.

Utility Services

In some cases, utility providers may enter into agreements to provide services such as water or wastewater. Any such agreements are evaluated individually based on engineering requirements, available capacity, applicable laws, and the best interests of the community.

Future Growth

Major investments sometimes encourage additional commercial or residential development in surrounding areas. Whether this occurs depends on many factors and cannot be predicted for any specific project.

Some communities experience additional business investment or residential growth following a major development, while others experience little or no additional growth. Future development depends on many factors, including local market conditions, available infrastructure, private investment decisions, and community planning.

Community Considerations

Large projects may also create challenges that communities carefully evaluate.

Construction Traffic

Construction activities may temporarily increase traffic from workers, equipment, and deliveries. Traffic impacts depend on the size of the project, construction schedule, and access routes.

Utility Demands

Data centers require reliable electric service and communications infrastructure. Water requirements vary significantly depending on the cooling technology and facility design used for each individual project.

Construction Activity

Residents may notice increased construction activity during the building phase, including heavy equipment, deliveries, and temporary noise associated with construction.

Long-Term Operations

After construction is complete, the day-to-day operation of a data center is generally different from many industrial facilities. Long-term operational impacts vary depending on the size, design, staffing, and operating requirements of each facility.

Every Project Is Different

No two data centers are exactly alike.

The number of buildings, employment, water use, electrical demand, traffic, and other characteristics depend on the specific design and operating requirements of each project.

For that reason, general information about data centers should not be assumed to describe the proposed project near Trent.

Every Community Is Unique

Every community has different priorities, infrastructure, available utilities, transportation systems, and economic goals.

As a result, the opportunities and considerations associated with a large development project may differ from one community to another.

For that reason, information about projects in other cities should not automatically be assumed to apply to the proposed project near Trent.

How Does This Apply to the Proposed Project Near Trent?

At this time, the City has not received sufficient verified information to describe many of the operational characteristics of the proposed project.

As additional verified information becomes available, the City will update the Community Information section of its website.

The City is committed to providing factual information based on verified sources and will avoid speculation regarding project details that have not yet been confirmed.

Sources and Additional Information

The following resources provide additional educational information regarding data centers and community planning for residents who wish to learn more.

- **Texas Tribune** – *Hundreds of Data Centers Are Coming to Texas: Here's What You Need to Know*
 - **Texas Tribune** – *An Unprecedented Data Center Boom Means New Challenges for Texas*
 - **Forbes** – *What Is a Data Center and Why Are They Suddenly Everywhere?*
 - **Texas Office of the Governor** – *Information Technology & Artificial Intelligence Resources*
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