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Environmental Advocates, Residents to Hold Press Conference Prior to Springdale Meeting

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Springdale, Pa., – Springdale residents and environmental organizations in Allegheny County will hold a press conference prior to the developer's Informational Open House on June 10 to address changes to Allegheny DC Property Company's Land Development Plan that are expected to be unveiled for the first time at the meeting.

Who: Residents and Advocates Concerned About the Springdale Data Center Proposal

When: June 10, 4:45 p.m.

**Where: Outside Springdale Borough Bldg. Gymnasium
325 School Street, Springdale, PA 15144**

Following the conference, residents will present a sign-on letter to Allegheny County Council, Executive Sarah Innamorato, and key local and state leaders. (A copy of the sign-on letter may be [read here](#). Residents are asking that:

Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD), the Allegheny County Economic Development Department (ACED) and the Pa. Department of Environmental Protection coordinate in order to provide environmental justice accommodations to the public for the pending release of the Allegheny DC application/permit for the data center in Springdale Borough for both the Title V and SALDO processes.

The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) require that the Allegheny DC data center apply for an air permit before the SALDO process begins.

SALDO stands for Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and is a municipal planning and civil engineering tool in Pennsylvania. It includes a local set of rules, procedures and design standards that govern how land can be subdivided or developed.

In addition, the community is asking to be included in public discussions regarding the project. Allegheny County communities – Springdale, Cheswick and Harmar – are environmental justice communities where environmental burdens like air and water pollution have harmed residents' health and environment.

"So far only borough residents have been able to speak on this issue at local council meetings. As a resident of Springdale Township, I didn't qualify to speak but still attended as many meetings as possible. The pollution won't stop at the borough boundary and affects every neighboring community," Alex Oliver, Springdale Township resident.

Speakers Include:

Marty Garrigan, Springdale Township resident
Charlotte Kymer, Springdale Township resident
Alex Oliver, Springdale Township resident
Dani Jameson, Harmar Township

The meeting has been billed as an "open house" to give residents a chance to ask questions about the project directly. Following the meeting, the developer may submit the plans to Allegheny County as early as the next day.

The plan proposal calls for a 60-foot high, 565,000-square-foot hyper-scale data center and a 200,000--square-foot mechanical cooling plant at the site of the former coal-fired Cheswick Generating Station. The project has drawn protests from residents who are concerned about the health and environmental harms of running a gas-powered operation that will generate more air and water pollution from power plant operations and from increased fracking.

If approved, construction could begin as early as 2027.

"Why would we welcome a data center into a town that boasts the homestead of Rachel Carson, an environmentalist who exposed the dangers of synthetic chemicals to the environment and human health," said Springdale resident Charlotte Kymer.

"Multiple studies have shown that large data centers leach heavy metals into the ground water. We have well water, so if they pollute the ground water we could be exposed to heavy metal poisoning," added Springdale resident Alex Oliver.

Allegheny Valley communities have been burdened by pollution for generations from the Cheswick Coal-Fired Power Plant.

Springdale Council approved a conditional-use application for the center in December 2025 despite intense resistance from borough residents. Going forward, developers will be required to hold potentially months of land development hearings with the Allegheny County Health Department and with the Pa. Dept. of Environmental Protection before construction can begin.

The press conference will also be streamed to the [Breathe Project Facebook](#) page.

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