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## **Data Centers Workgroup to Hold Community Meeting** *August 30 Session Planned for Carroll Manor Elementary School*

FREDERICK, Md. – The Frederick County Data Centers Workgroup will hold a community meeting to hear from residents at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 30. The meeting will be in the cafeteria of Carroll Manor Elementary School, at 5624 Adamstown Road. The purpose of the meeting is to hear from Frederick County residents and from grassroots organizations representing county residents. Anyone wishing to speak at the meeting can sign up at [FrederickCountyMD.gov/DataCenterComments](https://FrederickCountyMD.gov/DataCenterComments). Signups also will be accepted on-site.

In addition to the Aug. 30 meeting, the Data Centers Workgroup will meet on the following dates:

- Sept. 27, to learn about other jurisdictions' experiences with data centers
- Oct. 18, to learn about quality of life and community benefits
- Nov. 15, to learn about economic impact and industry perspectives

All meetings will begin at 6 p.m., with locations to be determined.

### **About the Data Centers Workgroup**

County Executive Jessica Fitzwater convened the Workgroup to consider appropriate locations for data centers; taxation of data centers; water, power, and other infrastructure needs of data centers; community benefits that can be derived from the data center industry; and potential amendments to the County's critical digital infrastructure law. The panel is co-chaired by Councilwoman Renee Knapp and nonprofit leader Karen Cannon and includes 10 additional members representing a cross-section of Frederick County residents and industries. The Workgroup will publish its final report by Jan. 5, 2024.

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