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Frederick County to Host Community Benefits Listening Sessions on Data Center Development

FREDERICK, Md. – County Executive Jessica Fitzwater today announced two listening sessions where members of the public are invited to share their ideas about community benefits associated with data center development in Frederick County.

“We have now made data centers the most heavily regulated industry in Frederick County, and we cut the number of acres available for data center development in half. We learned the lessons of Loudoun County and regulated the industry before the first data center even came online, and we restricted development to an area with infrastructure needed to support these projects,” said County Executive Fitzwater. “With the Council’s work behind us, we can move forward with an open and transparent process for hearing directly from our residents about the investments from the industry they want to see.”

The community benefits listening sessions will take place on:

- **Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m.** at Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701
- **Thursday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Joseph on Carrollton Manor, 5843 Manor Woods Rd, Frederick, MD 21703

Community members will have up to three minutes to speak at either session and can sign up in advance at FrederickCountyMD.gov/CommunityBenefits or same day on-site. Residents who cannot attend an event may submit comments at FrederickCountyMD.gov/CommunityBenefits. Both events will be recorded and posted to the County’s website. Additional information can be found at FrederickCountyMD.gov/DataCenters.

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