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Hi DNREC,

I've lived in Delaware my whole life and have spent the last 12+ years hunting in it's marshes and have developed a deep appreciation for the southern NCC marshes, especially the Augustine and Cedar Swamp WMAs. An appreciation that only folks that fish, hunt, bird watch, and enjoy public open spaces can have. These areas immediately came to mind when I heard about the proposed data center in Delaware City. Even in this relatively short period of time, I've witnessed significant changes due to ongoing development, and now this new project raises further concerns.

While I understand the shift toward a more digital world, I question the cost. I was unaware of the true impact of data centers until learning about this project in July and doing my own research. Based on the reaction I've seen from communities across the US to these data center projects, plenty of other people have too and they don't like what they're learning.

The energy and water demands are astronomical, and I worry about the effects on our local marshes, water table, and communities. Especially with the proposal to build another 1800+ homes and more warehouses south of the C&D canal and east of route 13. Where will all the energy needed to power these projects come from? What steps will DNREC take to ensure our WMAs and other public lands will be protected?

There's a documentary about the communities and farmers who successfully pushed back against the Shell refinery in 1970, preserving the Blackbird creek and Taylor's Bridge area. Their efforts helped lead to the CZA, which was designed to protect these lands. Allowing a hyper scale data center here will permanently alter the landscape. When the technology becomes obsolete, future generations may be left with empty warehouses and lost open space, wishing that communities and government had stood up to large corporations, just as they did in 1970.

DNREC should oppose this project, but at the very least this project should be subject to Delaware's Coastal Zone Act and should take any/all step to protect the region and communities.

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