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## **Chesapeake Alliance Data Center Position Statement**

**As adopted by the Data Center Task Group on March 13, 2026**

The Chesapeake Alliance supports responsible data center development in the City of Chesapeake.

We recognize that data centers have become a significant component of the digital infrastructure we rely on at work and at home.

When thoughtfully designed and managed, data centers can operate efficiently, use resources responsibly, and deliver enduring benefits to the business community and residents.

They have the potential to bring significant tax revenue to the city while placing limited strain on the city's public resources such as schools, emergency services, and transportation infrastructure.

Along with proximity to critical infrastructure, predictability and regulatory clarity are essential for attracting capital investment and maintaining Chesapeake's competitiveness in this sector.

The Chesapeake Alliance encourages the City to thoughtfully consider all data center development proposals, especially in districts already zoned for data centers, and develop consistent guidelines and streamlined processes that balance economic development benefits with long-term land use plans and needs of the surrounding communities.

The Alliance remains committed to policies that promote economic strength, responsible planning, and long-term prosperity for the City of Chesapeake.