



## Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio

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Dear Members of the Jackson Township Community,

On May 12, 2026, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to enact a **one-year moratorium on new data center developments** within the unincorporated portions of our township. We are writing to you today to share the reasoning behind this decision and outline our goals for the community over the next 12 months.

Our region is experiencing unprecedented pressure from the rapid expansion of the technology sector. While growth can bring opportunity, the unique infrastructure demands of data centers require a proactive approach rather than reactive decisions.

This one-year pause is not an outright rejection of development, but a deliberate choice to slow down so that we can protect the long-term well-being of Jackson Township. During this period, we will focus on three core areas:

- **Evaluating Infrastructure Capacity:** Data centers require an immense amount of energy and water resources. We need to comprehensively analyze how these facilities will impact our local power grid, resident electricity costs, and underground water infrastructure.
- **Updating Zoning and Regulations:** Our current zoning codes were not written with modern, massive data warehouses in mind. We will spend this year reviewing and revising our regulations to address safety impacts, preserve Ohio farmland, and ensure residential areas are insulated from the consistent industrial hum and noise pollution these facilities generate.
- **Listening to Resident Concerns:** Your voices have been clear. Many of you moved to our unincorporated areas for peace, quiet, and preservation. We hear your concerns regarding your property values, utility strains, and overall quality of life.

Jackson Township is not alone in taking this step. We join several neighboring central Ohio communities—including Pleasant Township, Jerome Township, and the city of Sunbury—who have also enacted similar moratoriums to ensure land use planning stays ahead of corporate development.

Because the township limits do not control land once it is annexed into the city, we are also aware that many of our residents are actively encouraging the Grove City Council to adopt similar protective zoning policies.

This moratorium is our way of saying that we are not yet prepared to make permanent decisions that could unalterably change the landscape of our home. We are committed to using this year wisely to protect our resources, our infrastructure, and the rural character of Jackson Township.

Thank you for your continued engagement and dedication to our community.

Sincerely,  
The Jackson Township Board of Trustees