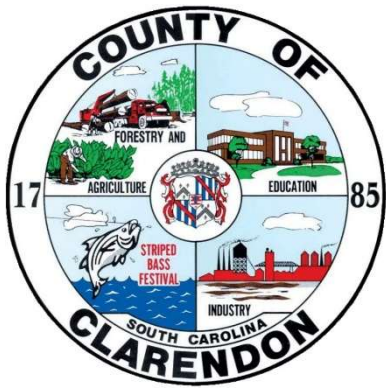




PUBLIC NOTICE

Potential Data Center Addressing Concerns, Answering Questions

Information as of August 19, 2026

1. Is a data center coming to Clarendon County?

It is not official at this time, but it is possible. A data center has entered into a contract with Santee Electric to secure one of its buildings within our Ram Bay industrial park. The potential data center has already received approval for water capacity from the City of Manning and is currently awaiting the results of Santee Electric's power-capacity study.

2. Could County Administration have stopped this data center from coming?

No. The potential data center secured a contract for a building within our industrial park that is owned by Santee Electric, not Clarendon County.

Additionally, there was no moratorium in place specifically addressing data centers at the time the contract was secured. Therefore, the County did not have a legal basis to prevent the project from moving forward.

Any attempt by the County to stop the project without a legal basis could have resulted in significant legal and financial consequences for the County, while not necessarily preventing the data center from locating here.

3. Does any county official receive monetary benefit from this data center?

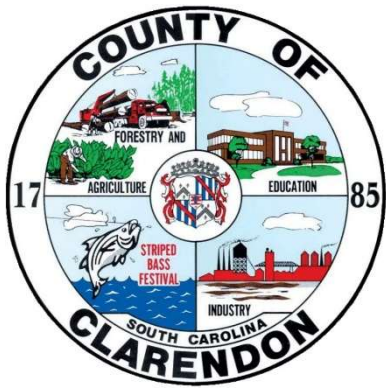
No County official would personally receive a monetary benefit from the potential data center. If the data center does locate in Clarendon County, the County could receive additional tax revenue. Those revenues would benefit Clarendon County as a whole by supporting the County's ability to operate, provide services, fund projects, and reduce future property-tax burdens on citizens.

4. What impact may this data center have on our water capacity?

Initial Water Supply:

Data centers in the past have required significant quantities of water. However, modern data centers can utilize closed-loop cooling systems designed to recycle water within the facility. The potential data center currently considering Clarendon would initially require approximately 40,000 gallons of water to fill its closed-loop system. Once filled, the system is designed to recycle that water rather than continuously drawing the same volume from the municipal water system. According to the information currently provided to the County, the closed-loop system would be serviced approximately every 10 years. At that time, the system would be emptied, and the water would be transported by truck to another location for processing and cleaning before being returned to refill the system.

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Daily Water Supply:

The potential data center is expected to require approximately 4,000–8,000 gallons of treated wastewater, or "grey water," per day for uses such as restrooms, sinks, and irrigation. This daily supply would equate to the requirements of approximately 22 residential homes.

5. What impact may this data center have on our power capacity?

The potential impact on local power capacity is currently pending the results of the power-capacity study. It is important to understand that Santee Electric purchases its power from Santee Cooper, which serves multiple areas. Even if this data center were ultimately located in a neighboring county that is also served by Santee Cooper, any resulting demands on the shared power system could still have implications for Clarendon County.

6. What impact may this data center have on noise?

Based on the information currently provided, the potential data center is expected to produce noise levels comparable to the range of a quiet residential environment.

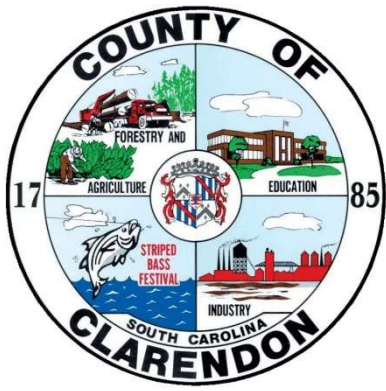
7. What impact will this data center have on air quality?

Based on the information currently available to the County, the potential data center is not expected to produce air emissions of concern.

8. Did the County seek out this data center without considering the public's interests?

No. Clarendon County Administration did not seek out this data center. The data center approached Santee Electric regarding the use of its building within the industrial park. When Administration became aware of the initial rumors and concerns surrounding the potential project, its response was to consider and implement a moratorium—the County's only available option to temporarily address the issue while additional information could be evaluated concerning data centers.

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9. Why has the County not already notified the citizens of this? Why are citizens finding out via social media?

Although a formal public announcement had not yet been planned, significant discussion regarding the potential data center took place during the August 10th County Council meeting. George Kosinski, Director of Business Development, answered questions and provided information regarding the potential project.

Administration's plan was to hold a special-called meeting/educational workshop to publicly announce the project and inform the public of the specifics if all applicable tests, studies, and financial information had been completed and confirmed. Administration did not want to release information based on speculation or incomplete information. The goal was to provide citizens with verified facts and specific details once the necessary studies and information were available.

10. What benefits can be expected from this potential data center?

If the data center ultimately locates in Clarendon County, the estimated tax revenue could be approximately \$4.5 million per year. These revenues could be instrumental in supporting the 10-year plan Administration is developing for Clarendon County and could potentially allow certain projects to move forward sooner than originally scheduled. Additionally, increased tax revenues could help offset budgetary pressures resulting from inflation while supporting the County's ongoing goal of reducing the property-tax burden on its citizens as low as possible.

The following attachment is a factsheet provided by our Economic Development Department providing all details we currently have regarding this potential project.

PROJECT 59

Clarendon County Industrial Park | Manning, South Carolina

Project 59 is a proposed data center investment in the existing Spec Building #9 / Lot 9 at the Clarendon County Industrial Park. The initial project is approximately \$130 million, with 28 permanent full-time jobs and anticipated electrical demand of about 18 MW by 2029.

Investment	Jobs	Water Use	Wastewater	Initial Power
~\$130M	28 FTEs \$100K–\$128K	8,000 GPD	1,400 GPD	~18 MW

- **High-wage employment:** The project is expected to create 28 permanent full-time jobs paying approximately \$100,000 to \$128,000 per year, representing roughly \$2.8 million to \$3.6 million in annual direct payroll.

TAX REVENUE & ECONOMIC IMPACT

- **Tax treatment:** No county FILOT or local incentive package has been requested; the project is intended to pay standard ad valorem property taxes.
- **30-year projection:** Approximately \$135.5 million in total property-tax revenue under the reinvestment model, including about \$79.3 million for the school district and \$56.1 million for county operations.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	5-Year Total
\$4.456M	\$3.845M	\$4.497M	\$4.889M	\$4.889M	\$22.6M

WATER & WASTEWATER

- **Provider:** City of Manning water and sewer.
- **Water demand:** Approximately 8,000 GPD. Manning's reported water system capacity is 3.2 MGD, with approximately 1.72 MGD available. Project 59 would use about 0.25% of total system capacity and 0.465% of currently available capacity.
- **Wastewater:** Approximately 1,400 GPD. The low discharge relative to water intake reflects the proposed closed-loop cooling design, with much of the water loss occurring through evaporation.

NOISE & COMMUNITY COMPATIBILITY

- **Normal operations:** Designed to remain below 50 dBA at the street, generally in the range of a quiet residential environment.
- **Equipment:** Primary operating noise comes from cooling and mechanical equipment. Backup generators operate intermittently, primarily during testing or emergency power events.
- **Industrial location:** The project is located on surveyed Lot 9 (32.50 acres) in an established industrial park and would use the existing Spec Building #9 site.

ELECTRICITY & INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS

- **Service determination:** Santee Electric Cooperative (SEC) expects to know by September 4 whether the data center can be served at the requested load.
- **100% project-funded infrastructure:** The data center will pay 100% of the infrastructure costs necessary to serve its load. No SEC ratepayer will subsidize the project.
- **No local infrastructure cost:** No new public road, water, or sewer extensions are required for Project 59. The necessary local road access and City of Manning water and sewer infrastructure are already in place and complete, resulting in no additional local infrastructure cost associated with extending those services to the project.
- **Dedicated electrical facilities:** The existing substation is expected to serve the project, but the company will fund a dedicated feeder so its load does not impact other customers. The company will also pay for its required substation transformer, while an additional transformer will be installed for the balance of the industrial park.
- **Interruptible load protection:** The data center's electrical load will be interruptible. During an emergency or system constraint, the data center can be curtailed before residential customers, providing an additional layer of protection for homes and other existing customers.
- **Community impact:** From an electrical-service perspective, the proposed structure is designed so the project bears its infrastructure costs, operates on dedicated facilities, and does not reduce service priority for existing residential customers.

SITE & RESIDENTIAL CONTEXT

- **Industrial setting:** Project 59 is located within the Clarendon County Industrial Park, an established industrial area with sparse residential development surrounding the park.
- **Residential separation:** The nearest home to the actual Project 59 building is more than 0.7 mile away, providing substantial separation between the proposed data center operations and nearby residences.

DISCLAIMER: All figures, projections, capacities, distances, costs, employment estimates, utility information, tax revenues, and other information presented in this fact sheet are estimates based on currently available information and are subject to change as engineering studies, utility reviews, project design, and other due diligence are completed. Final figures may vary.