

**PUBLIC NOTICE
SPECIAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Huntington County Plan Commission, Andrews Plan Commission, Markle Plan Commission, Mt. Etna Plan Commission, Roanoke Plan Commission, and Warren Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on the following applications:

DOCKET NUMBERS: PC-26-001, APC-26-001, MPC-26-001, MTPC-26-001, RPC-26-001, WPC-26-001

APPLICANTS: Huntington County Plan Commission, Andrews Plan Commission, Markle Plan Commission, Mt. Etna Plan Commission, Roanoke Plan Commission, and Warren Plan Commission

REQUEST: Text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Huntington County along with the Towns of Andrews, Markle, Mt. Etna, Roanoke, and Warren to place a moratorium on Data Centers, Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), and Carbon Sequestration projects.

Huntington County Data Centers, Battery Energy Storage System, Carbon Sequestration Moratorium

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment

1. The following defined terms shall be added to Chapter 6: Definitions, Section 6.3 of the Unified Development Ordinance for the jurisdiction of the Huntington County Plan Commission (“UDO”):

- a. Term: DATA CENTER

Ordinance: ZO

Definition: A facility used primarily for the storage, management, processing, and transmission of digital data and that houses computer or network equipment, systems, servers, appliances, and other associated components related to digital data storage, processing, and related operations. Data center uses include data storage facilities, server farms, artificial intelligence training or processing, image processing, cloud computing, email servicing, and similar uses.

- b. Term: BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS)

Ordinance: ZO

Definition: As defined in Indiana Code 22-14-8-2, an energy storage system (as defined in NFPA 855) that is capable of storing and releasing more than one (1) megawatt of electrical energy for a minimum of one (1) hour using an AC inverter and DC storage. The batteries used are often lithium-ion batteries, but the definition

includes all chemical and mechanical forms of storing and releasing electrical energy that meet the requirements of this definition.

- c. Term: CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROJECT (CSP): Carbon sequestration projects mean any project that involves the injection and underground storage of carbon dioxide in a subterranean or underground reservoir utilizing at least one injection well. This definition includes, without limitation, the injection of carbon dioxide using one or more UIC Class VI wells which are regulated by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act's Underground Injection Control program, as provided for in 42 U.S.C. §300f et seq and 40 C.F.R. §146(H).
2. The following shall be added to the UDO as Chapter 1, Section 1.16:

Section 1.16 Moratorium on Certain Uses

- A. Data Centers are prohibited in all Zoning Districts and Overlay Districts.
- B. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are prohibited in all Zoning Districts and Overlay Districts in Huntington County, except as specifically allowed or provided for in UDO Chapter 2, Section 2.3(J) Solar Energy System (SES) and Section 2.3(L) Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS).

Carbon Sequestration Projects (CSP) are prohibited in all Zoning Districts and Overlay

This hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at the GAR Room, County Courthouse, Room 207, 201 N. Jefferson Street, Huntington, Indiana.

This meeting will be livestreamed on YouTube.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Written objections to the application filed with the Department of Community Development will be considered at the hearing along with oral comments from interested persons at the hearing. **All written objections must be received 24-hours prior to the start time of the meeting.** The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

A copy of the application is on file for examination prior to the hearing in the office of the Department of Community Development, County Courthouse Room 204, 201 North Jefferson Street, Huntington, Indiana, (260) 358-4840.

Individuals with disabilities who require accommodations for participation in meetings must request accommodations at least 3 business days ahead of the scheduled meeting. Contact the ADA Coordinator, Stefanie Barrioz at (260) 355-2329 or email at stefanie.barrioz@huntington.in.us

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