

Data Centers Spur Resistance

Virginia's Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission [reported that](#) more than half of the \$5.2 billion the state has granted in economic development incentives over the past decade was used to encourage the building of data centers. Such incentives saved those companies \$2.7 billion in state taxes.

Some residents, though, are resisting the facilities. The Campbell County Board of Supervisors [voted 5-2](#) this week to pass an emergency measure that compels developers to apply for a special use permit before constructing a data center.

Residents in [Botetourt County](#) expressed concerns about the potential water use and noise issues associated with a project proposed by Google in their area.

Hundreds of residents in Hanover, Henrico, and Goochland counties have [spoken out](#) against the proposed Hunting Hawk Technology Center, which is scheduled to get a hearing next month at Hanover's Planning Commission.

"Data centers right now are more than 80 percent of the capital investment in Virginia," Democratic state Senator [Creigh Deeds said](#). "We just have to make sure that they pay their way."