



Public Hearing on Supporting Local Decision-Making for Data Center Development

**Assembly Room 127, Monty's Building, Commonwealth University
Bloomsburg Campus**

July 29, 2026, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Panel 1: Local Government Perspectives on Data Center Development

Mr. Scott Dunn, County Commissioner, Fayette County, PA

Mr. Brian Rhone, Codes Officer, Salem Township, Luzerne County, PA

Mr. Alex Gottschalk, County Administrator, Mecklenburg County, VA

Panel 2: Research and Policy Perspectives on Community Development and Energy Law

Dr. Sabina Deitrick, Associate Professor, University of Pittsburgh

Mr. Michael Helbing, J.D., Executive Director, Center for Energy Law and Policy, Pennsylvania State University

Panel 3: Considerations from Pennsylvania's Agricultural Community

Ms. Emily L. O'Brien, Government Affairs Associate, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau

Mr. Andy Bater, Farmer and Member, State Board of Directors, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau

Mr. Barron Shaw, Fruit Grower and President, York County Farm Bureau

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