

Data Centers - What Do We Need to Know?

A Panel Discussion with a Q + A

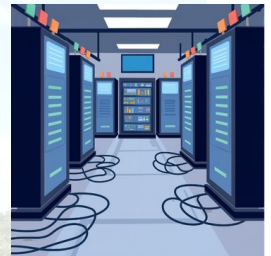
Monday, October 19

7:00 PM

At the Federated Church,

In the Sanctuary

76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls, OH



This Panel Discussion will bring together experts from various backgrounds to help educate and inform our community and bring a more complete picture of the impact on communities, the environment and financial implications of Data Centers. It's not just about AI and data, it's also about water, electricity, land use, financial responsibility and community voice. ***As a faith community, we have a great interest in social and environmental justice. We believe we are called to steward and advocate for the voiceless including the human and non-human world.*** You may be hearing about this issue in the news and are wondering what this is all about and how it affects us, our communities and the environment? And why is this a justice issue? Come join in this learning opportunity, listen, ask questions and be informed.

All are welcome. Bring your friends and family with you to learn about this important issue and how it affects all of us.

This event is being hosted by the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry team of The Federated Church. Call - 440-247-6490, or email SJAM.fedchurch@gmail.com.

Bios For Oct. 19th, 2026 Panel Discussion

Moderator



Dr. Richard Stuebi

Dr. Richard Stuebi is a recognized leader in the energy sector. Dr. Stuebi has accumulated nearly four decades of experience in the energy sector as a consultant, executive, entrepreneur, investor, educator, and advocate. Dr. Stuebi has assisted dozens of clients, ranging from electric utilities to large corporate conglomerates to financial interests to emerging start-up companies. For the past 25 years, he has primarily focused on helping clients capitalize on opportunities related to new technologies penetrating the energy markets. Dr.

Stuebi earned a Ph.D. in Marketing from the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech, where his dissertation research focused on factors influencing consumer choices when purchasing or using energy-consuming devices. Dr. Stuebi also holds degrees in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University. Having previously served on the faculty of the Questrom School of Business at Boston University, he is currently a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at its Mehrotra Institute for Business, Markets & Society. <https://fea.global/about>

Data Center Panelists - Confirmed



Dr. Randi Pokladnik

Dr. Randi Pokladnik was born and raised in the Ohio Valley. She earned an associate degree in Environmental Engineering, a BA in Chemistry and an MA and Ph.D. in Environmental Studies. She is a retired research chemist and teacher. She is an active writer; she is a member of FaCT (Faith Communities Together for a Sustainable Future) and writes for their newsletter; a volunteer teacher and writer for Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action; a volunteer for Save Ohio Parks and a board member for the Ohio Valley Environmental Advocates. She has received several environmental awards including the Ohio Valley

Environmental Coalition's Fracktivist of the Year and the Laura Forman Passion for Justice Award in 2020. Her work includes fighting fracking, educating people on the effects of plastics, and making the public aware of the environmental and health risks of data centers and carbon capture sequestration. She has been an environmental activist in the Ohio River Valley for over 50 years. She resides with her husband in an eco-log home on Tappan Lake, Harrison County, Ohio. randi.pokladnik@gmail.com

Resources:

<https://ohiocapitaljournal.com/2025/10/29/ohios-data-centers-will-impact-many-ohioans/>

**Maria Jukic**

Congressional Candidate for District 14

Maria Jukic is a daughter of Northeast Ohio, raised in a working-class neighborhood in

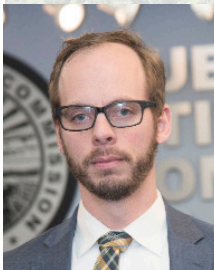
a Croatian, union family. They taught her to work hard, play by the rules, and care for

your community. Maria is a licensed attorney, a single mother, and a lifelong student of the American experience — a woman forged by hard work, driven by service, proven by results, and genuinely built to win. She earned her law

degree from Cleveland State, graduating with honors. She also earned a Master's in Theology and Religious Studies from John Carroll University in 2022. She is a Fulbright Fellow, former Euclid City Councilwoman, and was a healthcare administrator at Cleveland Clinic for 24 years. Maria recently spoke at a Conneaut City Council meeting supporting community concerns surrounding proposed data center development. A video of her remarks generated more than 52,000 views and thousands of community interactions, demonstrating strong interest in local issues.

<https://www.mariajukicforcongress.com/about-maria/>

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**Matt Shilling**

Director of Public Affairs - Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Ohio State University graduate with degrees in both economics and political science. Matt has 19 years of experience working on educating Ohioans about public utilities and commercial transportation matters.

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**Jessica Winchell**

Conserve Ohio/Portage Residents for Responsible Development

Jessica grew up on a dairy farm in Portage County and works from home in the banking

compliance industry, ensuring that bank operations meet state and federal legal requirements. She's not an attorney or a politician or a data center expert, but she cares about farmers, the environment, and corporate accountability and has

personal experience with this issue in her own community.

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Data Center Panelists Invited, Not Confirmed



Dave Joyce - Current Congressional Representative - District 14

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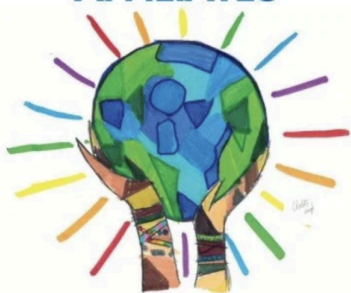


<https://livingwaterone.org/>



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