



Fact sheet: Port Washington data center project December 16, 2025

Q: What actions are the Common Council taking related to the data center today?

A: There are no items on tonight's agenda related to the data center. The City has approved the project.

We are grateful for the deliberative, year-long process that led us to an opportunity that will provide significant benefits to the City and its residents with no financial risk. Thanks to thoughtful input and questions from our community throughout 2025, we have established a strong development agreement and zoning code to ensure that this project provides tax, economic, environmental and employment benefits without disrupting the things we all love about Port Washington.

Q: When will construction start?

A: Vantage's work to prepare the site is underway, as is work to extend city sewer and water services to the site and properties in the Knellsville area. Information on the state's approval process and environmental reviews is available through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' website: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/EIA/Portwashington.html>

Q: What impact would a petition about TIDs have on the data center project?

A: None. Tonight, the Council is scheduled to consider a proposed ordinance requiring a referendum to approve TIDs of a certain value. If eventually adopted, it would apply only to future projects and would not undo previously approved TIDs.

Q: Will Vantage's construction crews be allowed to work beyond traditional construction hours?

A: Yes. The City has granted permission for some construction work to be done beyond normal hours. By allowing an accelerated construction timeline, the project would be completed more quickly. That would accelerate an increase in the overall tax valuation of the site, making it more likely for Vantage to pay off the TID sooner and move up the timeline for additional increases in property tax revenue to the city, schools, county and technical college.

City officials will closely monitor construction activities during the extended hours to ensure that it does not become overly disruptive to the community.

Q: Are we already seeing benefits from the partnership with Vantage?

A: Yes. In November, Vantage announced a \$3 million funding commitment to support the Valley Creek Corridor Revitalization Project. This 1.8-mile urban stream system has suffered from decades of erosion, habitat loss and declining water quality. The project will restore Valley Creek's natural flow, stabilize its banks and improve its aquatic health while improving access for recreation, reducing flooding in neighborhoods and public parks, and creating a healthier environment for aquatic species and pollinators. This investment reflects Vantage's commitment to pursuing water positivity for its data center development in Port Washington, replenishing more water to freshwater sources than the company uses.



2025 project milestones



The Council discussed or voted on aspects of the data center project in nearly all of its meetings throughout 2025, while communicating frequently in conversations with residents, through its website, newsletter, social media posts and news media interviews.

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<p>January</p> <p>1/7: Initial Council work session to present information on data center opportunity</p> <p>1/21: Council approves annexation and fire services agreements with Town, pre-annexation agreement; Frequently Asked Questions published on City website</p> <p>1/29: Additional Frequently Asked Questions published on City website</p>	<p>February</p> <p>2/4: Common Council approves amendments to pre-development agreement</p> <p>2/7: Additional Frequently Asked Questions published</p> <p>2/18: Message from the mayor</p> <p>2/27: Frequently Asked Questions published on City website</p>	<p>March</p> <p>3/8: Mayor hosts public listening session</p> <p>3/20: Plan Commission recommends text of I-3 Technology Zoning District to Council, adding requirements around berm heights and native plant and tree species</p> <p>3/21: Cloverleaf submits concept plan, zoning map amendment application and comprehensive plan to City</p>	<p>April</p> <p>4/7: Mayor's State of the City address; first reading on creating I-3 Technology District</p> <p>4/15: Council hosts public hearing and votes unanimously to create an I-3 Technology District; Frequently Asked Questions published on City website</p> <p>4/23: Additional Frequently Asked Questions published on City website</p>
<p>May</p> <p>5/5: Wisconsin Department of Administration submits public interest determination to City on annexation</p> <p>5/6: Council hosts first reading of proposed annexations and rezoning, plus amending of comprehensive plan</p> <p>5/20: Council hosts public hearings, votes unanimously on amending comprehensive plan; annexations and rezoning</p>	<p>June</p> <p>6/4: Frequently Asked Questions published</p> <p>6/10: Council working session on TIDs</p> <p>6/11: Vantage announces they will be end user for proposed data center</p> <p>6/12: Message from the mayor</p> <p>6/17: Mayor's presentation on data center visits; public hearing, vote to adopt sewer service amendment</p> <p>6/20: Message from the mayor</p>	<p>July</p> <p>7/1: Council votes unanimously to discontinue a portion of Highland Drive</p> <p>7/17: Plan Commission reviews zoning map amendment</p>	<p>August</p> <p>8/6: Council hosts presentation on proposed development agreement with Vantage</p> <p>8/19: Council unanimously approves development agreement with Vantage; hearings, votes on annexation and rezoning</p> <p>8/28: Vantage presentation to Plan Commission; commission approves data center building, site and operations plan; message from the mayor</p>
<p>September</p> <p>9/2: Council hosts first reading on annexation</p>	<p>October</p> <p>10/7: Council hosts presentation on data center economic impact; public hearings, votes on annexation and rezoning</p> <p>10/9: Fact sheet published</p> <p>10/16: Plan Commission hosts public hearing and presentation on TIDs; adopts boundaries, project plan for TID No. 5; Message from the mayor</p> <p>10/20: Additional fact sheet published</p> <p>10/21: Proclamation of support for alternate power line route; Council hosts first reading to create TID No. 5</p>	<p>November</p> <p>11/4: Council presentations on energy and TIDs; unanimous vote to create TID No. 5; fact sheets posted</p> <p>11/18: Council hosts public hearing, votes unanimously to discontinue portion of Highland Drive; Joint Review Board votes unanimously to approve TID No. 5; Fact sheet posted</p> <p>11/19: Sewer/water expansion begins</p> <p>11/20: Vantage pledges \$3 million for Valley Creek Corridor restoration; Plan Commission approves amendment to building, site and operations plan</p>	<p>December</p> <p>12/12: Vantage obtains necessary state and local permits to begin work; initial impact fees paid to City; site preparation work begins on project site</p>