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Board Approves Application for Smaller Data Center on Belmont Innovation Campus

During its April 10, 2024, meeting, the majority of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors voted to approve a data center application known as the Belmont Innovation Campus. The Board previously had denied a version of the application on the same project that requested significantly more data center uses; however, the Board voted to reconsider the item after the applicant agreed to reduce the total square footage of data center uses in the project.

About the Application

The Board's approval converts the 111-acre Belmont Innovation Campus site—located just southwest of Route 7 off of Belmont Ridge Road between Leesburg and Ashburn—to allow for the development of 1.3 million square feet of data center uses, an amount otherwise permitted by right under the existing zoning category.

The applicant committed to a number of environmental protections and to construct the project with higher architectural design standards than required by right and increased buffers between the facilities and the Goose Creek. In addition, the applicant has agreed to providing a passive open space park with a network of pedestrian trails and sidewalks as well as accommodating the future Gloucester Parkway extension, if constructed, and the Russell Branch Parkway extension.

April 10, 2024, Public Hearing

- Read the April 10, 2024, staff report, <u>Belmont Innovation Campus</u>.
- Watch video of the April 10, 2024, public hearing.

About Future Data Center Development

- Read Loudoun County's March 14, 2024, statement regarding a moratorium on data center uses.
- Learn more about Loudoun County's Project Plan for Data Center Standards and Policies.