Data Centers

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What is a data center?

"A room, building, or facility that hosts IT infrastructure for building, running, and delivering applications and services, and for storing and managing the associated data."

(IBM)

Types of Data Centers

Enterprise/Onpremise

 Data center run by an organization for its own data, usually on the organization's premises

Public Cloud

- Connected to multiple customers via the internet
- Large public cloud providers include: Oracle, Amazon Web Services, Microsoft
- Large to
 "Hyperscale" sized between several
 100k SF to millions of SF

Edge/CoLocator

 Small public cloud data center designed for, and located close to, specific customers. (Customer proximity improves overall performance.)

Edge CoLocator

Brightspeed (CenturyLink) West Main St., Charlottesville

86k SF (combination office and data center)



UVA Data Center Charlottesville (UVA)

12.5k SF

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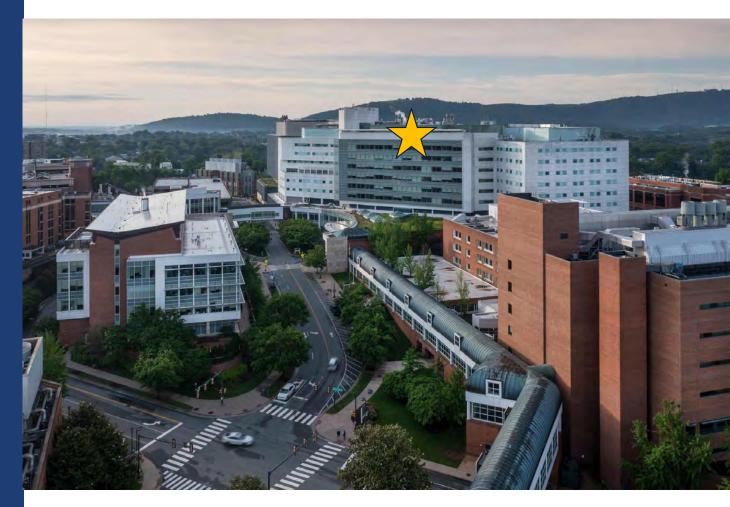
Carruthers Hall Charlottesville (UVA)

6k SF



UVA Health

Inside newest building



The Globe Building St. Louis

720k SF total

150k SF in data centers (2 floors)



Hyperscale

Amazon

Loudoun County



Comarch

Prince William County



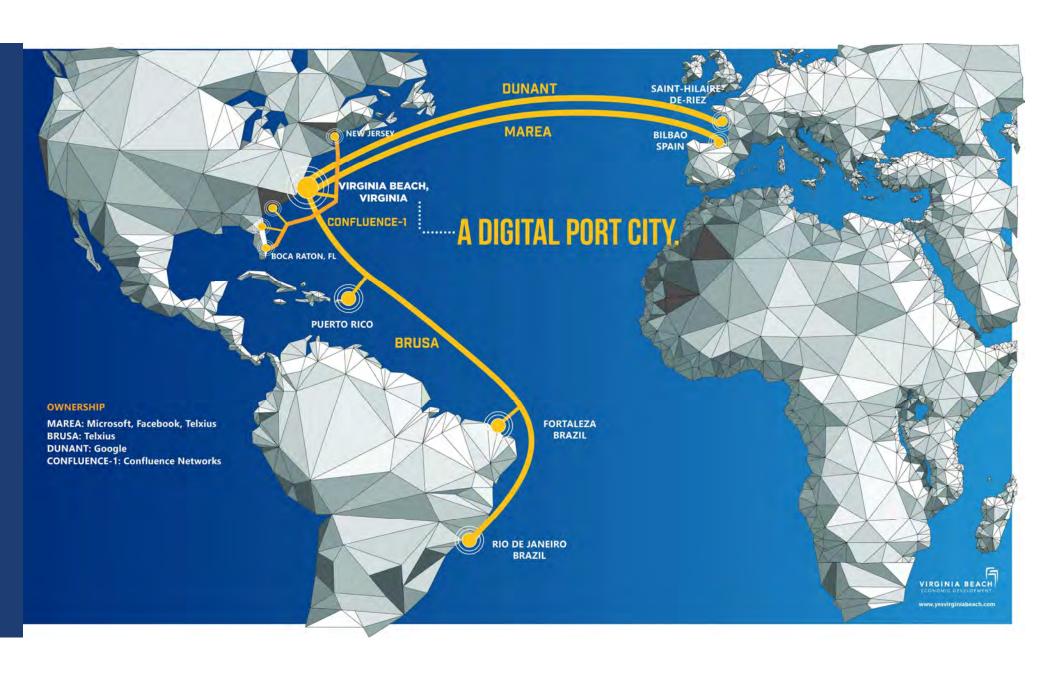
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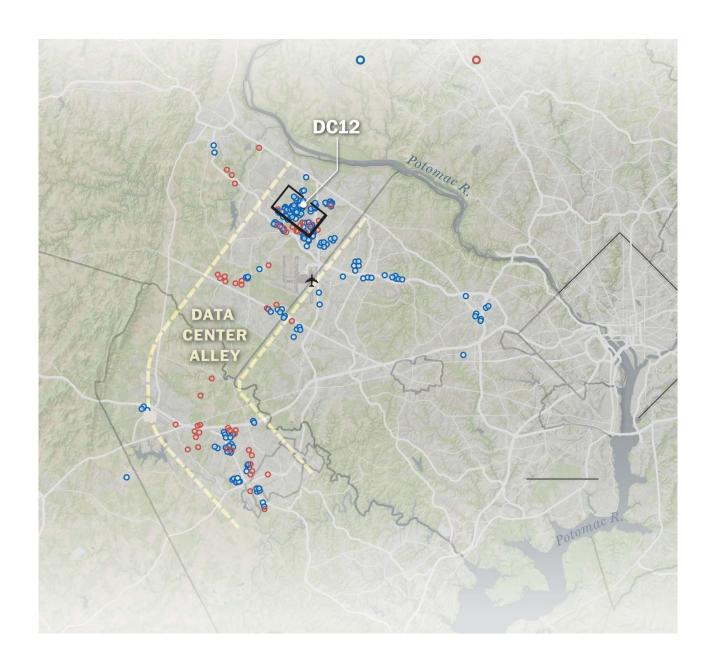
Henrico County



Data Centers: Key Facts

- Growing demand
 - Global spending increased ~60% (2012 to 2023).
 - Construction forecasts show strong demand
- Size
 - Largest data center in US = 7.2 M SF
 - Smallest data centers = A few hundred SF
- Environmental Impacts
 - Energy: up to 50x the energy consumption per SF of commercial office space
 - Water: 0.48 gallons for every 1kWh energy consumed





Regional Landscape

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Louisa

- 1.7M SF data center campus on 153 acres
 - 7 data center buildings
 - 2 ancillary buildings
 - 1 administration building
 - 2 substations
 - All buildings 1-2 stories
- \$11 B investment
- Estimated \$25M in annual revenues
- Regulated with an overlay district with performance standards for neighbor impacts – buffers, noise

Culpeper

- Culpeper Tech Zone (CTZ)
- 690 acres / ~1 sq. mile
- 6 developers have committed to projects
 - Up to 4 stories
 - 1-4 M SF building sizes
 - 275 MW 600 MW
 - \$14-20M annual local revenues per project

Orange

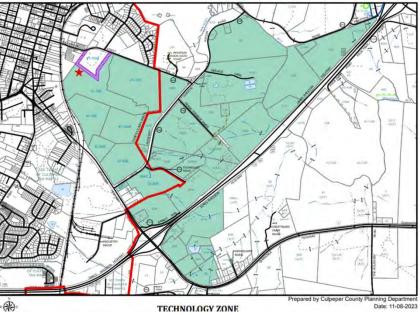
Seeking to attract

Regional Landscape

Louisa

Louisa County TOD - Technology Overlay District Electrical Transmission Lines Oor Private International Lines Oor Private Inte

Culpeper



Hyperscale data centers: Impacts

- They generate substantial tax revenue, and skilled workforce jobs.
- There are state and federal strategies & incentives that promote them.
- They have community impacts not always covered by existing zoning regulations
 - Water consumption
 - Noise
 - Building design
 - Power consumption

Hyperscale data centers and power

Local governments in Virginia are not enabled to regulate power consumption.

