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I have significant concerns about the timing of the wastewater permit request and the quantity approved. I noticed another comment that brings up a valid question-Rochester's growth is significantly greater than the 4 small farm towns that'll be using this facility yet we're getting 4x the water appropriation per/person that Rochester is. That doesn't make sense. Couple that with state demographic data showing that overall state population is growth is slowing if not declining <https://www.ruralmn.org/the-state-of-rural-2026/>. The MN State Demographic Center predicts that Goodhue County will have a slower population growth than the state average. The whole county only grew by 607 people in 5 years [https://mn.gov/deed/assets/goodhue\\_tcm1045-407638.pdf](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/goodhue_tcm1045-407638.pdf).

The data center project, Project Skyway, recently got an injunction, lending credit to faulty environmental review and all the comments I submitted on the EAW for this project showing the national lawsuits that Google lies and hides its water usage, the AUAR said there wouldn't be any industrial wastewater but then January's zoning meeting suddenly shows industrial wastewater in unspecified quantities etc. Google's data center was slated to be a user of this facility. Additional worrisome evidence is also found in January's city council packet, <https://pineislandmn.gov/vertical/sites/%7B52A5D060-3422-4069-8E86-A961C2752B7F%7D/upload> pages 87-132 contain the Development Agreement Pine Island city council made with Google before it was publicly known it was Google, (there was also zero public discussion about this agreement when there should have been and you can watch the livestream of that meeting for confirmation of this fact <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1QgpAazDqk>). Notice on p.8 under Article 3 section 3.1 it says "The City confirms that, once the Development Improvements are transferred to the City, the City shall deliver water and wastewater service to the Project in quantities required by on-site operations up to the maximum quantities permitted by the AUAR." The problem there is there was no maximum quantity specified in the AUAR, only one number was given and it was a "conservative estimate." So if the 4x number per/person mentioned isn't for people it must then be for a data center that's hiding it's water usage per it's already documented track record. You'll also notice on p.12 section 3.21 it says "The City will use it's best efforts to cooperate with and support the Developer's and the Owner's efforts to obtain other governmental approvals and incentives. City support may include letters of support for such approvals." The city certainly cannot be trusted to be doing the will of anyone except the developer and Google as it's quite literally written into the agreement for the project that they did final approvals for in January 2026 and the water usage of Project Skyway in the AUAR conveniently brings Pine Island to the cap of it's water permit to the gallon. This development agreement is not yet signed, however, given that Google has been dictating everything from behind the scenes this entire time (see lawsuit, the Stop the Pine Island Data Center facebook page for the released data request documents and contact me by email for which specific emails you can request from the city for your own verification), included in the injunction is also the judge's decision that Pine Island violated the MGDPA (25-CV-25-2298) and Pine Island has certainly been doing the will of Google whether the agreement is signed or not, it is unethical to move forward with the wastewater permit as it is considering Pine Island (aka Google) is the primary authorizer of the NZSD, they knowingly entered into an agreement with Google to ensure that Google gets all the permits it needs for its projects and these WWTF project permit steps came after that agreement was in the mix, you have zero confirmation or reason to believe any numbers provided by Pine Island and zero reason to believe the protection and safety of residents of the 4 communities being served by this WWTF is being held as the guiding factor and that it's not actually the will of Google. Remember that this is

public record. The MPCA needs to make an ethical decision and not approve this water permit. The NZPD needs to pause this project, allow the NZPD to reconvene now that they have all the information and re-evaluate water calculations.