

Darcie Simpson

This EAW appears to have been completed in December 2022. At least that is what is included on this site for review and comment. Since that time, Pine Island has approved the development of a hyper scale data center (02/2026), which will be nearly three million square feet at full build out. The data center will be tapping into the municipal water of Pine Island and discarding its waste water in the new WWTF. There is no mention of the data center in the EAW. I strongly urge you to have a new EAW completed. It should disclose the amount of water the data center will use and empty into the WWTF. It should also disclose what chemicals will be used in their closed loop cooling system because that water will be flushed from their system releasing those unknown chemicals. Can the WWTF treat and neutralize those chemicals or will they end up in the Zumbro River wreaking havoc on the environment and potentially affecting our health and food supply? Before moving forward with this project, please complete a full environmental impact study or at the very least a new EAW, so that citizens of all the communities involved can be reassured that our water and environment will be safe from the waste created by the massive data center.