



**YPSILANTI
TOWNSHIP**
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Hello Ypsilanti Township Resident,

We would like to provide you with updated accurate information regarding the announcement from the University of Michigan on August 11 to build two high-performance computing centers (Data Centers) at Bridge and Textile Roads on the banks of the Huron River.

This has raised many concerns from residents, environmentalists, and Township Officials. The partnership between University of Michigan (U-M) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is frightening. As you may know, LANL is a contractor for the Department of Energy conducting nuclear research and is the singular manufacturer of plutonium pits used in nuclear weapons. They have been referred to as the brains for the Department of War. The Township is vehemently opposed to LANL anywhere in our Township and is actively working to protect our residents, our community and the environment for future generations to come.

The Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees has formally opposed LANL through unanimous adoption of Resolution 2026-05. We are also urging county, state and federal officials as well as the U-M Board of Regents, alumni, faculty and students to support this effort.

Although the University is exempt from Township zoning laws and does not pay property taxes, we are using every available tool to push back and advocate for our community. We believe they are not exempt from hearing community concerns.

Attorney Doug Winters vows to fight in every legal way possible and the Township board supports doing whatever it takes to stop this project.



Fact: Amazon did have preliminary site plan approval for a 30-acre portion of this property for a delivery hub in February of 2022. It never moved past the preliminary stage and was cancelled by Amazon in August of 2022. They never received final site plan approval and never went before the Township board for a vote. Predicted 577 new jobs.

History and U-M and Los Alamos Data Center Timeline

November 21, 2024, there was a Zoom Meeting scheduled by U-M that included Supervisor Stumbo, Chris Kolb (U-M), Michael Rein (U-M), Sean Hammond (U-M), and State Representative Jimmie Wilson. The project was presented as two office buildings on 20 acres with 200 jobs on site at \$200,000 salaries. We understood the purpose of the facility was to advance the research for medical cures for cancer, dementia, sickle cell anemia, etc. and to help protect America from bad actors and cyber security attacks that have taken our identities, homes and financial security.

This was the first interaction, which sounded like a good Economic Development and opportunity for new homes, create new businesses that would expand job opportunities, and work with our children in our schools. At this Zoom meeting we did ask U of M to pay for Police and Fire millages, which we were told they do not pay ANY taxes.

We later learned that the information about the project was misleading and untrue. U-M had a bigger plan.

The initial property was on 20 acres of land (10221 Textile Rd). purchased from EV Industrial Park LLC, who purchased the land from Ford Motor Company.



Substation and Switchyard - Ashburn, VA, 110 Megawatts

In June of 2025, U-M representatives met with Ypsilanti Township and State Representative Jimmie Wilson stating the original 20 acres at the corner of Bridge and Textile would be used for a sub-station and switch yard. They also announced that U-M received authorization to pursue the purchase of approximately 124.68 acres of vacant land located at 10455 and 10635 Textile Road, Ypsilanti Township, Michigan.

On September 9, 2025, U-M hosted an informational meeting on North Campus in Ann Arbor. It was very difficult to find and very poorly attended. One article stated it was for U-M faculty, staff, and students.

On January 14, 2026, Ypsilanti Township hosted an Informational Session at the Civic Center due to requests from residents for more info.

On January 28, 2026, was the second Ypsilanti Township Informational Session due to requests from residents for more info. Video recordings of these two meetings are available on the Township website - Board of Trustees page at ypsitownship.org.

Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees continued to update the public at each Board meeting. Attorney Doug Winters provided a history and updates each meeting under the attorney report.

On January 29, 2026, at a U-M hosted event at the Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti Eaglecrest, LANL confirms that this project will include nuclear weapons research. Residents were required to register in advance, and capacity limits were reached. U-M/LANL presented poster boards with some information and opportunity to ask questions individually before moving on to the next posterboard.

A January 30, 2026, Michigan Daily article stated, “A representative of LANL confirmed nuclear weapons research will be a priority for its portion of the data center it intends to construct in collaboration with U-M in Ypsilanti Township.”

On March 18, 2026, U-M announces the purchase of 124 acres (10455 Textile Rd & 10635 Textile Rd) from Norfolk and Western Railway for \$5.2 million. Chris Kolb, U-M's Vice President for Government Relations, informed Ypsilanti Township Supervisor Brenda Stumbo of the purchase via text message and said the deal does not represent a final decision on the facility's location. On March 31, 2026, at a special Board Meeting the Township adopted Resolution 2026-05. This resolution stated, “The Charter Township of Ypsilanti hereby strongly and unequivocally opposes the siting of any Los Alamos Tier I High Value Target Nuclear Research Facility anywhere within the boundaries of Ypsilanti Township”.



Textile Road



**This photo shows part of the
approximate 124 acres.**



On April 15, 2026, the Charter Township of Ypsilanti introduces and approves Resolution 2026-08. It reads “ The Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees hereby formally requests and urges Ypsilanti Community Utilities Commission (YCUA) to immediately impose a moratorium of not less than 12 months on the delivery, commitment, reservation, extension, or approval of water and sewer services to hyper-scale data centers, mid-sized data centers, artificial intelligence computing facilities, and high-performance computational centers pending completion of comprehensive due diligence investigations consistent with industry best practices, including but not limited to the American Water Works Association’s recommendations, as well as the Water Environment Federation”.



On April 22, 2026, Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA) supported a 12-month moratorium of delivering, committing, reserving or approving water and sewer services to data centers and AI computing facilities.

On July 15, 2026, Ypsilanti Township hosted a third informational update at the Civic Center. Video recording of this meeting is available on the Township website, Board of Trustees page at ypsitownship.org

Regent Paul Brown publicly expresses his frustration with the lack of communication and how this process was managed through U-M on August 11, 2026. Immediately after Regent Brown's concerns were aired in the press U-M announces the preferred site will be at Bridge and Textile roads in Ypsilanti Township.





MEMORANDUM

Date: December 10, 2024
To: Michigan Strategic Fund Board
From: Steve Bakkal, Senior Strategy Advisor
Subject: University of Michigan – Strategic Site Readiness Program Grant

REQUEST

The University of Michigan (the “University”) is requesting \$100,000,000 from the Strategic Site Readiness Program (“SSRP”) related to site development, construction and other related Eligible Activities under the SSRP necessary to construct a new advanced computing facility in Ypsilanti, Michigan (the “Project”). The Project will provide a location for at least two state-of-the-art advanced computing facilities. One of the facilities will be utilized primarily by the University and the other is intended to be used by Los Alamos National Laboratory (“LANL”) for advanced research (the “National Lab Building”). The SSRP grant funds will be used for design and site development costs for the Project and construction costs for the National Lab Building.

The total cost of the Project is expected to exceed \$1.2B and the Project is expected to become fully operational by 2030. Proposed sources and uses are outlined below:

Proposed/Potential Sources:

State Support - SSRP	\$100,000,000
University and SPV Debt Financing	\$850,000,000
LANL Funding	\$300,000,000
	\$1,250,000,000

Proposed Uses

Land Costs	\$3,000,000
LANL 100MW New Construction Facility	\$685,000,000
University 10MW New Construction Facility	\$100,000,000
Network Line	\$15,000,000
Substation Capital Contribution	\$30,000,000
Computers Purchased	\$417,000,000
	\$1,250,000,000

(Collectively, the “Request”)

BACKGROUND

After conducting a competitive search by LANL, the University and LANL have entered a collaborative alliance focused on addressing key national priorities. This joint endeavor aims to empower the University and LANL in attracting and retaining top-tier scientists and engineers by facilitating collaborative solutions to current critical challenges for the Department of Energy (the “DOE”).



What can you do to help stop this?

There are 8 elected members on the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Their contact information is listed here or scan the QR code.

Please email, call, or text them with your comments and questions about this project



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Please reach out to your current elected officials and let them know how you feel about this project

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AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HOMEPAGE.



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University of Michigan and Los Alamos' Data Center Community Town Hall

"The University of Michigan welcomes members of the Ypsilanti Township community to a town hall to learn more about a new high-performance research computing center being built in collaboration with Los Alamos National Laboratory."

Date: Wednesday, September 9th, 2026

Time: 5:00- 7:00 PM

**Location: Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest,
Roy Wilbanks Ballroom**

Registration reached capacity after one day. Live streaming will be available. Scan the QR code below to join the live stream on September 9.

A waitlist has been started for an October meeting (date to be announced). You can join the waitlist through links with this QR code.

