

Summary and Conclusion

The Conversation Worth Having

The concerns are real, yet so is the progress

Data centers are not perfect. They consume real resources, they require real land, and their development affects real communities. None of that is in dispute.

The headlines, however, have not told the full story. On energy, water, air emissions, noise, and community impact, the perceived fears have moved faster than the facts. The concerns driving that debate are legitimate. The conclusions drawn from them often are not.

The digital world isn't slowing down, and AI is accelerating demand faster than anyone anticipated. The infrastructure supporting it has to grow to keep pace—not just with what we need today, but with what all of us are generating and consuming every day.

The real question has never been whether to build data centers. It has always been how to build them responsibly, with honest conversations about trade-offs, realistic expectations about impact, and a genuine commitment to getting it right.

That's a conversation worth having. It goes better when everyone is working from the same facts.

Committed to Being a Good Neighbor

We don't just operate in these communities. We're part of them.

DataBank operates more than 70 data centers across the United States, and the way we think about our role in those places goes beyond the buildings themselves. We're a technology infrastructure company headquartered in Dallas, Texas, with approximately 1,000 employees who are all part-owners in the company, people who live and work in the same communities where our facilities operate.

Being part of a community means more than operating a facility there. Our employees coach youth sports, support local businesses, and send their kids to local schools. DataBank contributes to local food banks, women's shelters, veterans' organizations, schools, and environmental causes. Every employee receives paid time off each year to volunteer.

In 2025, DataBank employees contributed more than 850 hours of volunteer time — up from 615 hours the year before. We collected over 1,800 pounds of food for local food banks, removed nearly 4,800 pounds

of trash from a Denver-area river, refurbished a New York Little League clubhouse, and supported women's shelters, military troops, and youth education programs across our markets. In total, DataBank donated more than \$26,000 to local charities, shelters, and community events in 2025.

Looking ahead, we're expanding our community engagement through STEM education partnerships, pollinator gardens at new facilities, youth sports sponsorships, and workforce development programs — including direct collaboration with the Culpeper Technical Education Center's electrician program, where DataBank engineers provide hands-on guidance to students who may one day work in our facilities.

Data centers and the communities that host them are better off when the relationship is built on trust, transparency, and genuine investment. That's the kind of neighbor DataBank is committed to being.

For more on our sustainability and community commitments, visit our online [Corporate Responsibility page](#).

