

What Ilion Residents Should Know

A two-page summary of the facts about the former Remington site

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The former Remington Arms complex today: vacant, deteriorating, and in the center of the Village.

37

acres in the center of the Village

44

buildings, all aging or obsolete

1M+

square feet, vacant since March 2024

\$40–80M

estimated cleanup cost before anything is built

Where things stand

- **The site cannot be reused as it is.** An independent study commissioned by Empire State Development found all 44 buildings aging or obsolete, with limited potential for reuse. The property also contains petroleum residues, cyanide contamination and asbestos, and was accepted into the State's Brownfield Cleanup Program.
- **No project has been proposed.** Nothing is before the Village to review or approve.
- **Manufacturing is still being pursued.** Turin has approached Micron, marketed the site with professionals, provided materials to a titanium manufacturer and an energy storage company, and listed the property on New York State's global marketing platform. So far, no manufacturer has committed.
- **A data center is being explored as another option.** The study found a data center to be the strongest option for the site. No data center company is involved or committed.
- **The local market cannot pay for the cleanup on its own.** Any realistic redevelopment needs an end user with the financial strength to help pay for cleanup and construction.

What responsible redevelopment could mean for Ilion

Thousands

of construction jobs over several years, with work for local contractors and suppliers

Hundreds

of permanent jobs, many paying six figures

Tens of millions

of dollars in new tax revenue for roads, schools, water, parks and public safety

Development would also bring the environmental cleanup the site needs, under State supervision, and a community investment agreement negotiated in public with the Village. Left vacant, the property will keep deteriorating, with growing risks of trespassing, theft, fire and further decay.

Your questions, answered

Will it drain our water?

The site has its own wells. In this climate, modern cooling uses little to no water, and a data center here would use far less than Remington did.

Will I hear it from my house?

A modern facility would be quieter than the gun plant that ran here. Noise limits can be written into the approval and verified by independent testing.

Will my electric bill go up?

No. The project — not Ilion residents — will pay for the necessary power infrastructure. Ilion's Municipal Electric Utility could also generate additional revenue, helping subsidize residential electric rates.

Will it pollute the air?

A data center has no smokestack and no manufacturing emissions. Backup generators are for emergencies only.

Is the ground safe?

The site is in the State's Brownfield Cleanup Program, supervised by the Departments of Environmental Conservation and Health, with public comment. Cleanup of this scale happens when there is a project to pay for it.

Will it harm wildlife?

The property has been industrial for over 200 years. Any project would still need to protect nearby woodlands, farms and waterways through environmental review.

Will my home lose value?

Research on communities that host data centers found home prices rose, not fell. The bigger risk to nearby values is a vacant, deteriorating complex.

Will there be trucks all day?

A data center manufactures nothing, so daily traffic is light once built. Construction traffic is temporary and its routes are set at the Planning Board.

Protections residents can require

Residents will have the chance to review and comment on any future project through the Village's site plan review. Any end user should be expected to put these in writing as conditions of approval:

- A maximum noise level at the property line, verified by independent testing
- Limits on water use, with reporting the Village can see
- Paying its own power infrastructure costs, not ratepayers
- Local and regional hiring targets
- A community investment agreement negotiated in public, with the Village deciding where the money goes

Turin supports requiring every one of these.

About the proposed moratorium

The proposed moratorium discourages all economic investment, not just data centers.

It sends investors and manufacturers a clear message to stay away from Ilion. Modern industry runs on power, so a rule written around electrical demand would pause nearly every realistic use for this site, **including manufacturing.**

New York State has already paused new large data center approvals while it writes statewide rules. A separate local moratorium risks telling manufacturers and investors that Ilion is closed for business, a message that is hard to reverse even after a moratorium ends.

Get the facts before you decide

Attend the public hearing on Monday, September 28, 2026. Ask questions of the Board, the consultants and Turin.

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