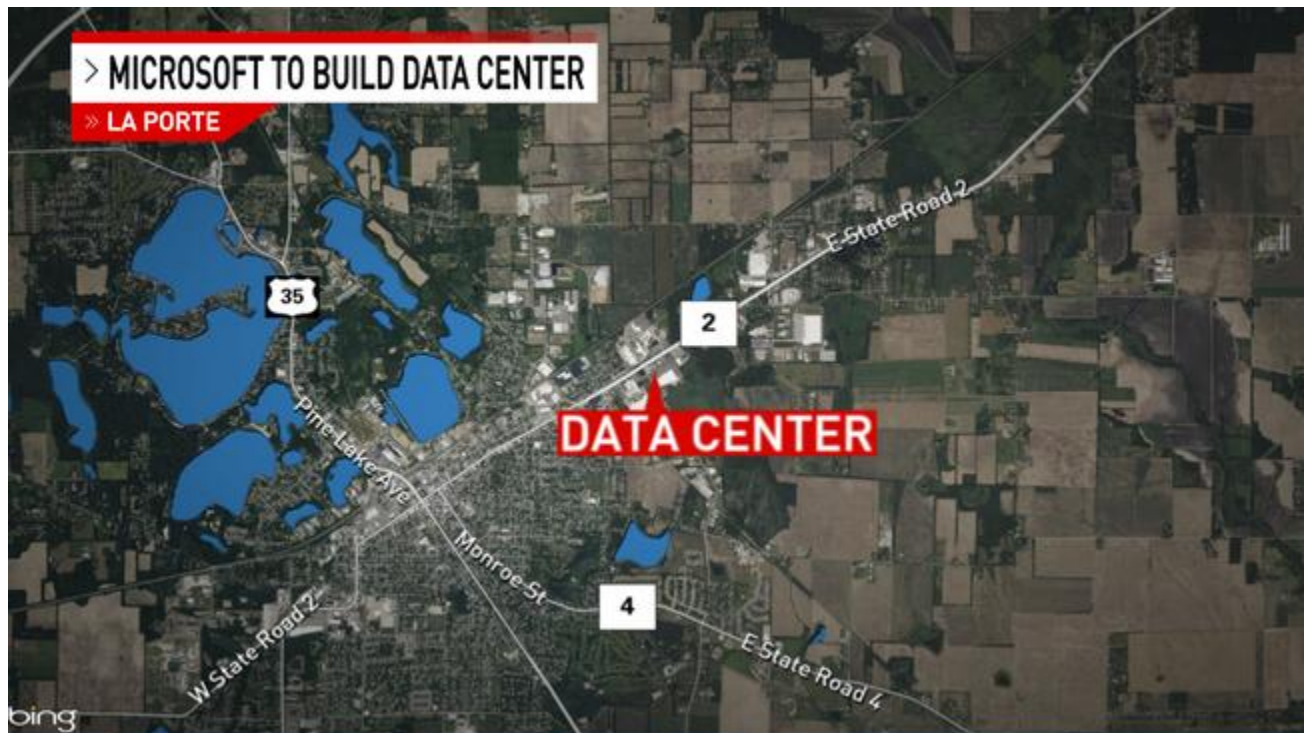


# \$1 billion Microsoft data center coming to LaPorte

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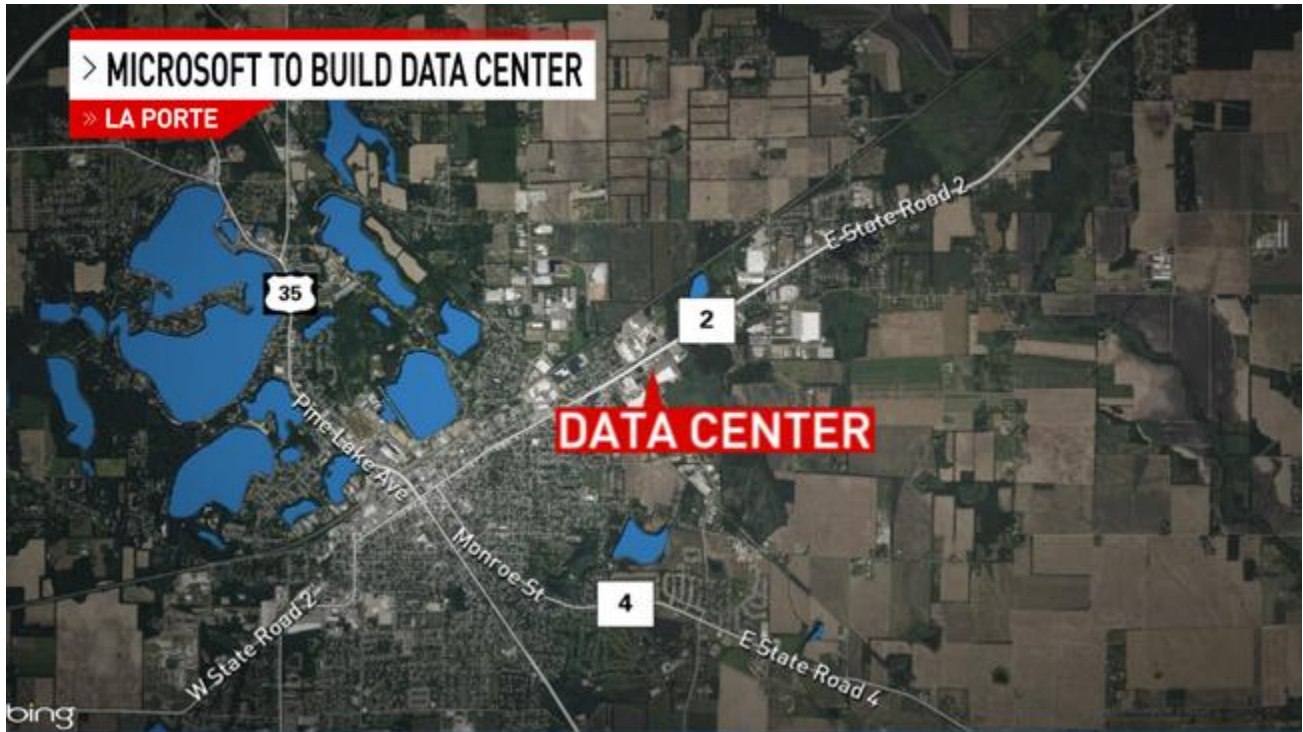
LAPORTE, Ind. (WSBT) — A major development was announced Tuesday morning by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb that Microsoft plans to build a \$1 billion data center in LaPorte.

The data center will be built on the city's south side off Boyd Boulevard.

***“Yeah, it's a big, today's a great day for the city of LaPorte,” said Bert Cook, Executive Director, LaPorte Economic Advancement Partnership (LEAP).***

The data center will be 245,000 square feet and sit on 489 acres of land.

The data center will support Microsoft by accelerating cloud computing infrastructure and support the growth of artificial intelligence.



A \$1 billion Microsoft data facility will be constructed in LaPorte's Radius Industrial Park (WSBT 22 Map)

***“Historic. This is historic news. That is on day one. We said LaPorte is a special place. It's the place to be. And I think this shows everybody here that someone like Microsoft, that could set up shop anywhere across this great nation. Has chosen our community because they recognize as well How special LaPorte is,” said Mayor Tom Dermody (R).***

In Thursday’s announcement, the governor’s office says northwest Indiana was the ideal location because it is within the third largest US metropolitan area along with Indiana’s favorable business climate.

Holcomb welcomed Microsoft and looks forward to the impact it’ll have on the state and the city of La Porte.

“So, when you look at just the numbers you start with \$1 billion been invested in our community that's an impressive number 200 high-paying jobs that will ultimately be located here,” said Cook.

WSBT spoke with a few neighbors near the site.

Although they didn’t want to go on camera, they said they are concerned about an increase in traffic and the potential impact on water and noise.

Despite the concerns, they believe the center is good for La Porte and its economy.

“You know, now, we just wait, and Microsoft will come out with their plan. We look forward to seeing that, but I think you’ll see in my opinion Microsoft’s involvement sooner than later with the community of LaPorte,” said Dermody.

As LaPorte prepares to welcome Microsoft, it’s not only a significant milestone for the city but for the state as well.

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