



**FREDERICK COUNTY
COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT**

Rowan Digital Infrastructure Community Engagement:

By the Numbers



A Special Note from Ron Cramer

Having grown up on a dairy farm in Frederick County, I've been blessed to call this community home my entire life. I first interacted with Rowan Digital Infrastructure at one of their open house events. I was immediately impressed with their openness towards all the residents in our neighborhood – a neighborhood close to where they planned to build a data center. It was clear to me that before they built a data center, they wanted to build trust with our community.

In my role as Rowan's community affairs specialist, I look forward to continuing to build and strengthen connections with the Frederick County community so that we can build opportunity for all. This place will always be my home, and Rowan's commitment to responsible growth, environmental care, and strong local relationships assures me that we'll continue to see Frederick County flourish as an inclusive and vibrant community.

— **Ron Cramer** Community Affairs Specialist
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Our Commitment

This impact report captures the full scope of how Rowan and our project partners are investing in this community — from direct donations to local nonprofits and upgrades to nearby community buildings, to food trucks for our neighbors. It also highlights our broader contributions, including public road improvements and additional on-site personnel that go above and beyond the required scope of our construction project.

Since we began our outreach to this community in 2023 — well before any public hearing — our community engagement efforts in Frederick County focused on the priorities we heard from you: Education, housing, and local partnerships. That is even more true today as we close out 2025. Through open dialogue and collaborative programs, we strengthened relationships and delivered tangible benefits — above and beyond the \$2.2 billion in overall economic impacts that our development represents for the region.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

\$6.8M

Invested in programs, events, and improvement projects outside Rowan's development scope

225+

Attendees across three major Open Houses and additional forums

20

Nonprofit and civic organizations supported financially



Rowan Takes a Collaborative Approach to Development

At Rowan, we believe it's not only important for communities to understand what we're doing, but also why we're doing it. That is why we have engaged early and often, across a broad spectrum of public officials, neighbors, and local organizations:

- Hosted three Open Houses near our project sites, plus targeted outreach to HOAs, schools, and trade associations.
- Partnered with local institutions like Frederick County Public Schools, Habitat for Humanity, and the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation to launch STEM initiatives and housing programs.
- Maintained ongoing dialogue with elected officials, unions, and community groups to ensure transparency and responsiveness — and regularly seek feedback from our immediate neighbors about how we can improve their experience during construction.

ORGANIZATIONS WE PARTNER WITH



Community Voices

“This digital infrastructure initiative aligns perfectly with the historical significance of the industrial land, once an economic powerhouse for our county. Through projects like Rowan’s we envision the revitalization of this site to benefit our community by generating economic output and job opportunities.”

– **Meghan Sweigart** techfrederick

“We believe this data center will not only strengthen Frederick County’s economy but also serve as a model for responsible and sustainable development in Maryland and the nation.”

– **Michael McHale** IBEW Local 24

“We see Rowan not just as a donor, but as a partner in building the kind of Frederick County we all want to live in. They have shown a willingness to listen, learn, and invest in solutions that meet the needs of the whole community, not just today, but for years to come.”

– **Eric Anderson** Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County





Looking Ahead to 2026 and Beyond

We will continue:

- Expanding educational partnerships with local public schools and community colleges.
- Supporting local nonprofits through grants and volunteer programs.
- Listening to you — we want to hear your questions, ideas, and concerns.

Visit our website to see the latest project updates and community impact, or share your thoughts.