

WAS IT IN THE PLAN?

The 2045 Comprehensive Plan uses broad land categories but does not discuss data centers.

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NO SPECIFIC USE

The plan does not identify data centers or hyperscale facilities as a preferred land use.

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NEW RULES NEEDED

County materials treated data centers as a use the existing County Code did not address.

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TOD REJECTED

The Board rejected the proposed Technology Overlay District approach in 2026.

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UPDATE FIRST

The paper argues that any future siting should begin with a public plan update.

Broad EO and IND categories are not the same as a specific public decision to invite hyperscale facilities.

A GENERAL LABEL IS NOT A MANDATE.

READ THE PLANNING RECORD

The sequence matters when deciding whether a specialized use was actually contemplated.

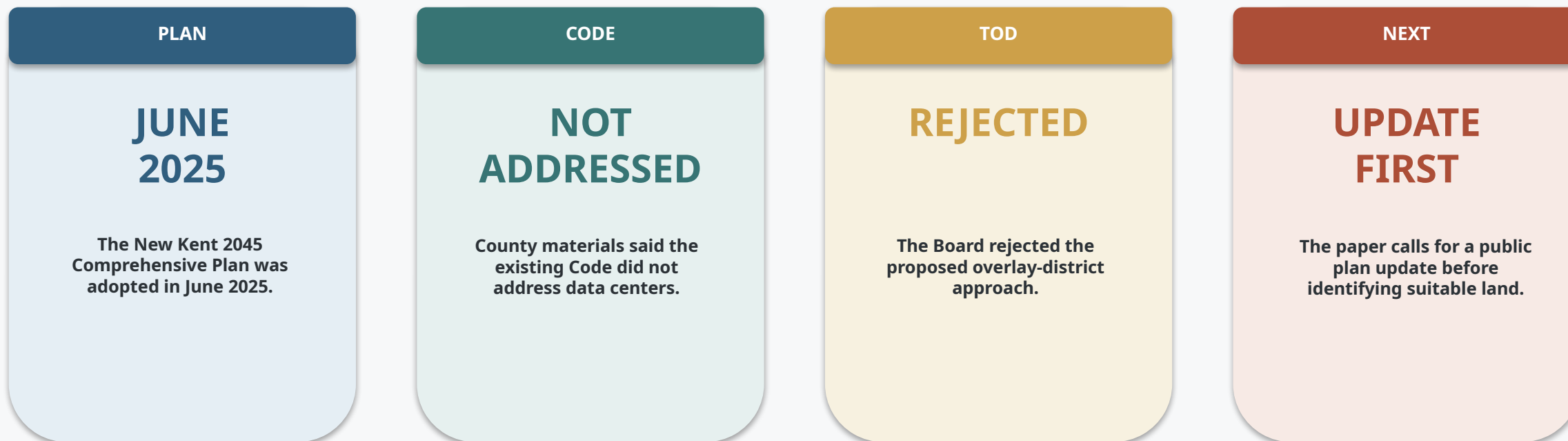
RECORD		WHAT IT MEANS
EO and IND categories	→	Many uses may fit
No data-center discussion	→	No specific endorsement
New code work followed	→	Distinct rules were needed
TOD path rejected	→	Return to public process

A later effort to fit a new use into a broad category does not rewrite what the plan originally said.

TRACE THE DECISION, NOT THE LABEL.

FOUR PLANNING FACTS

The paper separates the adopted plan, the County Code, the TOD proposal, and the next public step.



Plan consistency should be demonstrated openly before a project or specialized district moves forward.

PLAN FIRST. PROJECT SECOND.

THE CITIZEN 4x4

Four questions help citizens test whether future data-center decisions follow the public plan.

- 01

READ THE PLAN

Find the exact language that supports or conflicts with the proposed use.
- 02

TRACE THE TIMELINE

Separate the adopted plan from later studies, proposals, and staff actions.
- 03

ASK FOR AUTHORITY

Identify who authorized each planning step and when public approval occurred.
- 04

REQUIRE AN UPDATE

Use a public plan amendment before designating any specialized data-center area.

A transparent planning process shows citizens where the authority came from and where the decision changed.

MAKE THE PLAN SAY WHAT WE MEAN.