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At a glance

Item	Detail
Project	Dutchtown Owns Dutchtown — a community-owned, sovereign AI infrastructure mesh
Location	Dutchtown neighborhood, South St. Louis, Missouri
Fiscal home	Solara Frequency Foundation · 501©(3) · EIN 33-4532002
Research home	BioPhi Research Institute
Founder	Sarah Runge — U.S. Army veteran, author of <i>Get Your Freq. On!</i> , currently elected to a neighborhood planning body
Phase 1A status	Running — node operational, 2026–2028 arc
Per-node cost	7K–15K hardware · <\$3K/year operating
Two parallel tracks	(1) build distributed community AI in Dutchtown; (2) publish Ten Non-Negotiable Demands for any hyperscale data center proposed in Missouri
Scale comparison	One Dutchtown node ≈ 1 kW. The Armory hyperscale proposal was 120 MW — about 120,000× our footprint.
Funding path	Conservative 750K–2M / 5yr · Aspirational 4M–15M · NSF Stage 1 ~\$75K targeted
Web	dutchtownownsdutchtown.org · solarafrequencyfoundation.com · frequencyforthepeople.org

The story in three sentences

A 120 MW hyperscale data center was proposed for the historic Armory site in South St. Louis. The neighborhood did not consent, did not see a community-benefit agreement, did not see an environmental-justice analysis, and organized 13,000+ signatures against it. *Dutchtown Owns Dutchtown* is the constructive answer: a forest of small, neighborhood-owned, sovereign AI nodes, plus a published set of conditions that any hyperscale must meet to build here.

Quote bank

"We are not anti-compute. We are anti-extraction. The Armory taught this neighborhood, again, that consent is not the default. So we built a model where consent is the foundation."
— Sarah Runge, Founder

"Calling what we are doing a 'data center' is a category mistake. Our nodes are kitchen-appliance scale. About $\frac{1}{120,000}$ th the load of the hyperscale that was proposed for our block. Different scale, different governance, different relationship to the neighborhood." — *Dutchtown Owns Dutchtown master plan, v4*

"Information environments shape neighborhoods the way water and air quality shape neighborhoods. The right to think clearly — free of attention extraction, manipulation, and forced fragmentation — is a public-health concern." — *The Dutchtown Digital Bill of Rights, Article IX commentary*

"Vendor cloud gives you Inspection, sometimes. It does not give you Possession, Operation, Benefit, or Refusal. Four out of five missing is not sovereignty." — *Five Dimensions of Data Sovereignty, v4*

"Civic infrastructure has a habit of arriving in a neighborhood right before the rents do. We are designing this so that the people here today are still here tomorrow — and so that the value the work creates returns to them." — *Anti-Displacement section, v4*

Frequently asked

Are you a 501(c)(3)? Yes. Donations are made to the Solara Frequency Foundation, EIN 33-4532002, and may be tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Won't your community AI be way worse than ChatGPT? No. We're using the open-source Llama, Mistral, and Qwen model families on consumer-grade GPUs (RTX 4090/5090 class). For

chat, summarization, translation, neighborhood-data analysis, document drafting, and basic agent tasks, the gap to a hosted frontier model is small — and we trade that small gap for full sovereignty over data, governance, and refusal.

How does this resist gentrification? Seven concrete mechanisms, including a Community Stabilization Fund ($\geq 10\%$ of every grant) reserved by policy for direct anti-displacement spending, deed restrictions and land-trust partnerships where we hold real estate, a 501©(3) firewall that prevents private inurement, and a Community Data Governance Council whose composition (long-time residents, recent immigrants, working-class neighbors, $\geq 50\%$ BIPOC) is in the bylaws.

Are you saying no hyperscale anywhere? No. We are saying *no extraction*. Build it where the community has consented through a binding CBA, where the water cap holds, where the bond is posted, where the EJ review is real, where the workloads are not surveillance, and where the host neighborhood has a shut-off clause. The Ten Demands are how a hyperscale earns the right to build.

Where are you in the funding cycle? Phase 1A is running on initial Foundation capital. Phase 1B targets NSF Civic Innovation Challenge Stage 1 (~75K) *plus a coalition of city, neighborhood, and private sources. The full conservative arc is 750K–\$2M over 5 years.*

Can other neighborhoods adopt this model? Yes — that's the point. Everything we publish is open-source. Adapt the Bill of Rights to your zip code. Bring the Ten Demands to your council. Replace *Dutchtown* with your block. The blueprint is yours.

Press contact

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