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Quaker Square was awarded a \$1 million grant by Gov. Mike DeWine. LISA SCALFARO/AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

## Quaker Square gets \$1M state boost

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Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine has announced brownfield remediation grants for projects in Summit, Medina, Portage and Stark counties — including to assist the redevelopment of Quaker Square in Akron.

DeWine, Lt. Gov. Jim Tressel and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik announced \$1 million in funding from the Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program to the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation for cleanup and remediation at Quaker Square.

Work at the Quaker Square complex at 135 S. Broadway in Akron will involve remediation of mold, asbestos and biological waste, as well as demolition to the interior, according to a list of funded projects from state officials.

The goal with environmental clean-up at the more than 400,000-square-foot vacant site is to make way for hotel rooms, apartments, office space, retail and public areas.

Quaker Square, purchased by the Quaker Square Redevelopment Group in June 2025, is expected to create up

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## Ohio politicians forced to rethink data centers

Seek answers as constituents in both parties push back



Google's New Albany hyperscale data center campus is built on 441 acres. DORAL CHENOWETH/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

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MOUNT ORAB, Ohio — Residents of this rural Southwest Ohio village filled a cramped, gray room with their worries, frustrations and prayers.

The topic at this February village council meeting: data centers.

The room only held 33 people; dozens more spilled into the hall or watched from outside. Packed, hours-long meetings became a common occurrence in Mount

Orab and other Ohio communities after data centers began popping up across the state.

There are 232 data centers in Ohio, the sixth most in the country, according to a list of all current and under-development listings provided by Data Center Map, a global data center directory. Some are small enough to fit inside office buildings. Meta's New Albany data center, which the company is expanding, is built on 766 acres of land — more than a square mile.

These campuses store data and power websites,

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"This is the issue for our generation."

Daneil Edelen Who lives near Mount Orab's potential data center



The meeting between President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping did not secure any public commitment from China to help the United States end the Iran war. EVAN VUCCI/POOL/REUTERS

### ANALYSIS

## Trump leaves China with stalemate

Summit yields modest economic deals, little else

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REUTERS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's visit to Beijing may have produced modest results by the standards

of U.S.-China summits but it highlighted a clear benefit for China: After the extremes of last year's trade war, the countries have reverted to their familiar economic and strategic standoff.

Two days of talks between Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping underscored that even after Trump's "Liberation Day" tariffs and the ensuing trade detente the two sides reached late last year, Washington and Beijing are still locked in the

contest that Trump inherited when he started his second term.

For the United States, that means that the most troubling aspects of the relationship — from what it considers Beijing's mercantilist trade policies to its efforts to increase its military clout in the Indo-Pacific — remain largely undressed.

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