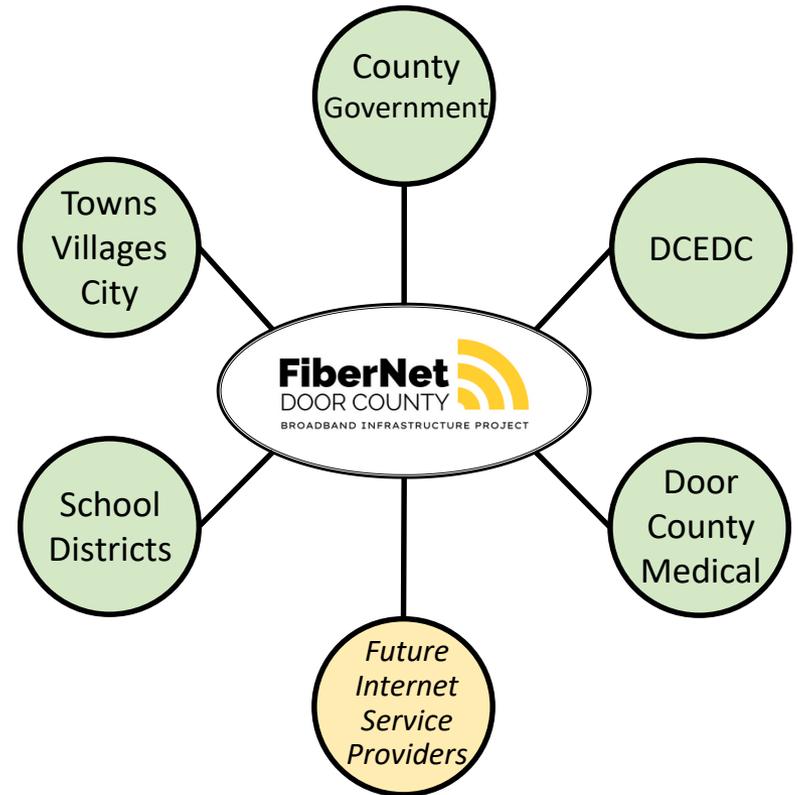# Door County FiberNet

County Broadband study implementation recommendations from the Broadband Steering Committee & endorsed by the DCEDC Board of Directors.

Key Study Findings / Recommendations

- The study provides a general design model that can be replicated throughout the County and it should be utilized as the guide for implementing broadband in the County.
- We knew we had issues, but this study defines how poor our service is in the County which will help enable grant funding.
- While there are significant public resources available for broadband, it will still require local investments to accomplish the countywide vision.
- Broadband is not a luxury, it is a necessity like electricity.
- Like electricity, it will require partnership between the private and public sectors.
- Door County needs a dedicated "leader and champion" for the overall broadband strategy to be successful.
- To accomplish a federated network, we will need to work together to ensure connectivity and efficient use of funds.
- We will need to build partnerships with potential Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to be successful.
- It will take time and persistence at the local, county and state level.

The study states that it will take financial commitments from the stakeholders above plus investments from the private & business sectors.

County Government	Towns / Villages / City	DCEDC	School Districts	DC Medical
Project Coordination	Local Project Planning	Project Communication	Project Engagement	Project Engagement
Middle Mile Connections	ISP Coordination	Business Education	Parent Engagement	Tele-Health Engagement
ISP Coordination	Resident Education	Business Coordination	Grant Support	Grant Support
WPS Coordination	Resident Surveys	Funding Opportunities		
Grant Coordination	Grants	Grant Support		
	Implementation	Coordination / Facilitation		
		FiberNet Website Management		

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Door County FiberNet – 90 Day Timeline

The critical first step is to get a Project Coordinator on board which will take time. However while this is taking place, there are still items that can be accomplished by all of the partners.

County Government

- Review and accept the Study
- Approve the hiring of the Project Coordinator *
- Approve and allocate American Recovery Fund dollars for the hiring of the Coordinator and related startup needs
- Create a FiberNet Implementation Committee composed of key stakeholders
- Communication with Town / Villages / City on actions taken

Towns / Villages / City

- Review the recommendations from the study
- Create a local FiberNet / Broadband Committee
- Complete a local community assessment (template to be developed)
- Depending on progress, some communities may be ready to consider applying for grants in March
- Communicate with residents on the overall broadband vision

Door County Medical

- Keep a pulse on potential grant opportunities and telehealth expansion
- Communicate within health community on the overall broadband vision

DC Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC)

- Complete the Community educational sessions for the results of the study
- Work with the stakeholders on the plan implementation strategy
- Existing Broadband Steering Committee ends

School Districts

- Keep a pulse on potential grant opportunities including the federal e-rate program
- Share data confidentially about access and affordability during planning
- Communicate with parents on the overall broadband vision

Internet Service Providers (ISPs)

- Some Communities may be ready to have some discussions with ISPs

Private Sector

- Engagement with the private sector

* Note: As the title states, the County Project Coordinator is intended to coordinate the broadband plan vision and not control the local governance of the project. Furthermore, it is not implying the County will own or control any of the assets (which will most likely be true for all of the communities).

Based on project implementation, it is critical to point out that a second 'private' position may be necessary to help coordinate the implementation of FiberNet.

"Many Hands Make Light Work"