



Priority Project 1 – Expand Broadband Availability

Vision

Broadband service availability for consumers, businesses, and institutions in the county equal to the state availability rate of 95%.

Mission

To establish collaborative partnerships between service providers, county organizations and state resources that cause the availability of high bandwidth connectivity to key business centers and educational facilities as well as residential Broadband services consistent with those found in more metropolitan areas.

Actions

- Secure project team leads and members.
- Identify areas of the county where Broadband expansion is needed.
- Determine resources required (funding, providers, county and state-owned assets, etc.) to meet the expansion needs previously identified.
- Pursue securing of these required resources with assistance from Connect Ohio
- In parallel, build an expansion plan utilizing the Connect Ohio Project Management process.
- Implement expansion plan.

Measurement

Increase Broadband Availability from 72% to 95% within 16 months. Increase equates to 3,187 additional households with available service, from 10,027 for a total of 13,214 by March 2011. (based on Connect Ohio availability mapping)

Timeline

Project to commence October 2009. Funding estimated completion February 2010, infrastructure estimated completion February 2011.

Project Team

To be determined.