Adams County Broadband Initiative

The importance of partnerships in our broadband expansion efforts

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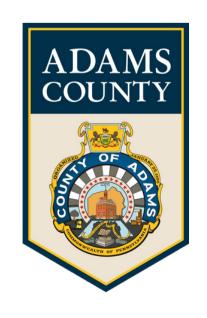
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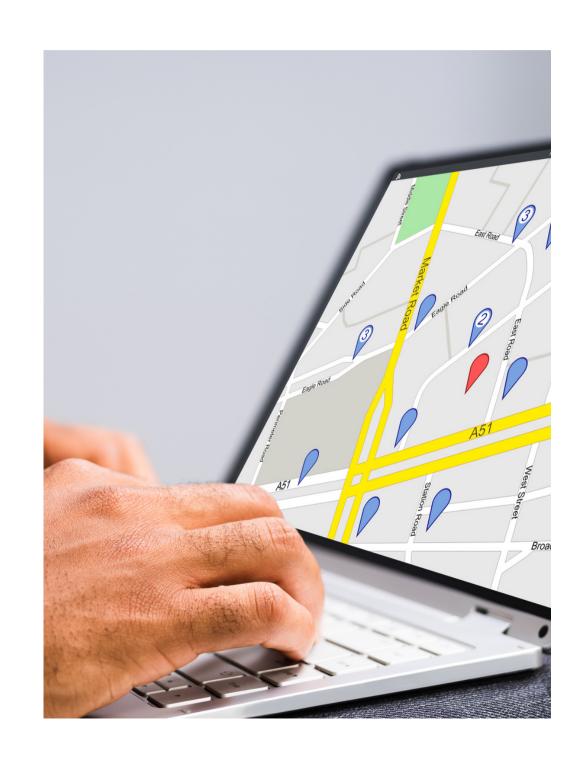


Our Past Broadband Efforts

We previously attempted to create a similar initiative

Several important lessons were learned

The main lesson - Partnerships over technical expertise



The Beginnings of the ACBI

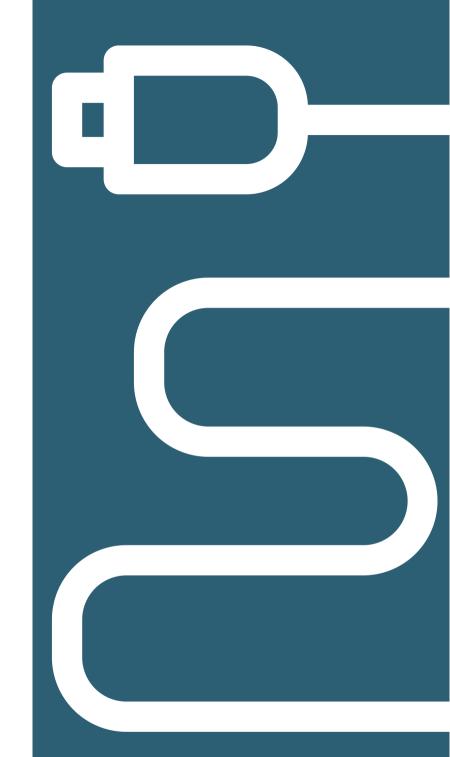


Immediately the County entered into a partnership with the Adams Economic Alliance

Businesses are more likely to share information

The AEA is aware of potential development sites, business expansion efforts, etc.

POTENTIAL PARTNERS!



The Broadband Taskforce



The County and AEA worked together to establish a taskforce representative of our community

Council of Governments	Small Business
Education	Healthcare
Underserved Populations	Tourism Industry
Major Employer/ Agricultural Industry	County Commissioner in ex officio role

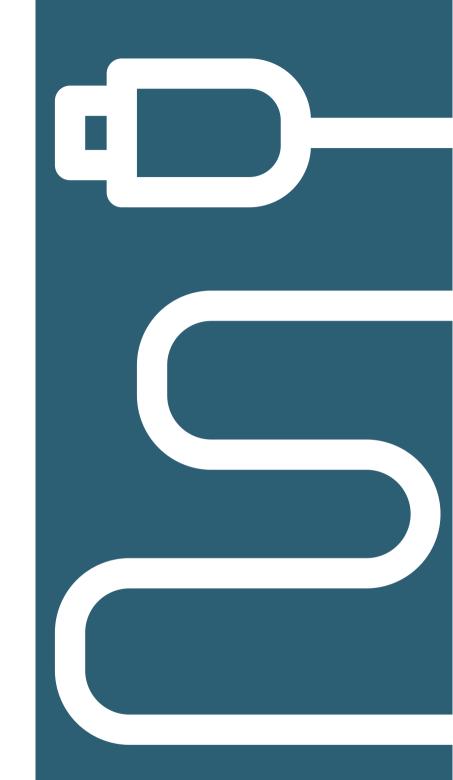
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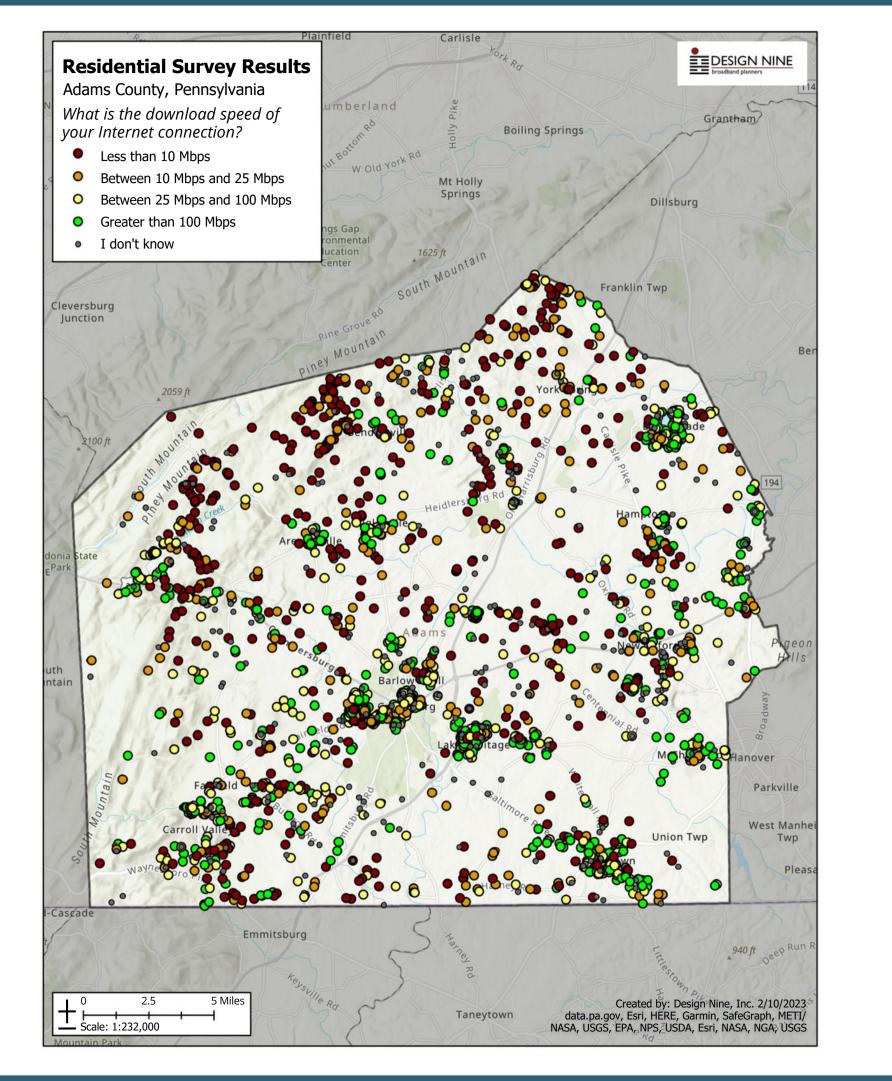


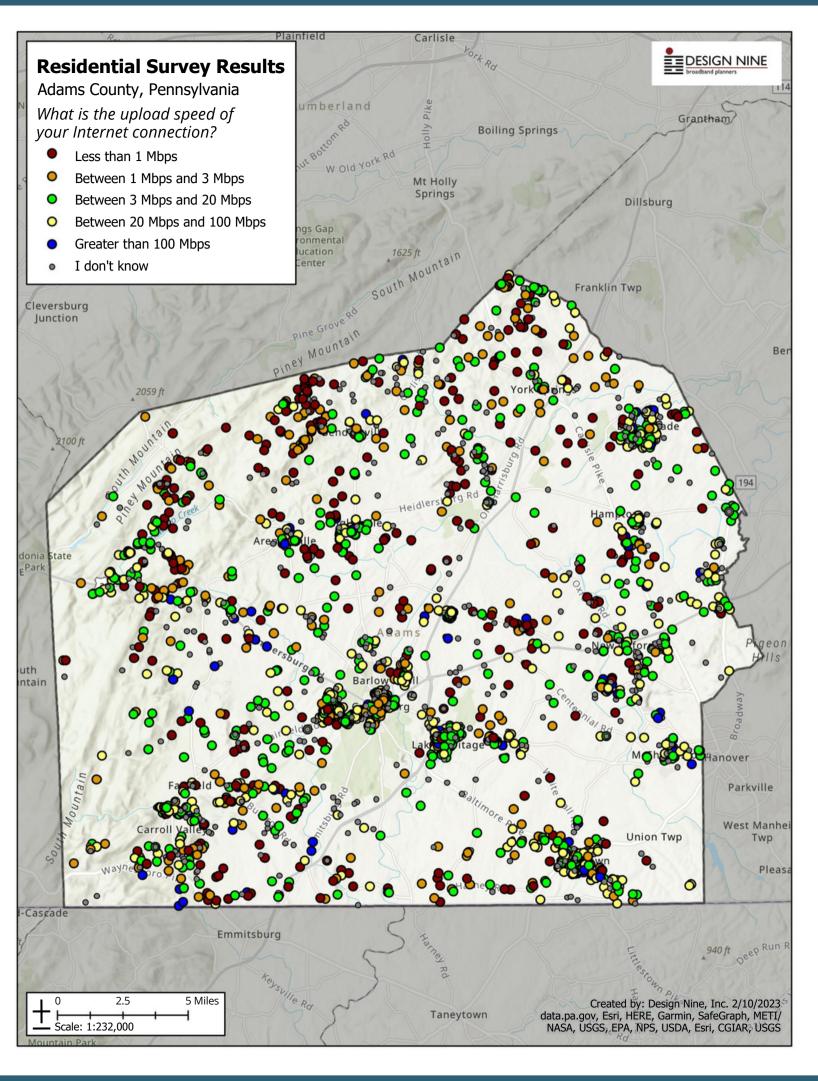
Currently developing our <u>Broadband</u> <u>Feasibility Study</u> in partnership with Franklin County

This study will tell us where we need internet and potential strategies for each County to get it there.

The taskforce was instrumental in us conducting a successful survey of our residents and businesses







Residential Survey

Main Takeaways

74% interested in faster and more reliable Internet service

42% are "dissatisfied" or "very dissatisfied" with current Internet speeds

38% have no other options for their internet services

94% feel the County government should help facilitate better broadband

Business Survey

Main Takeaways

75% interested in faster and more reliable Internet service

30% are "dissatisfied" or "very dissatisfied" with current Internet speeds

77% need employees to be able to work from home

93% feel the County government should help facilitate better broadband

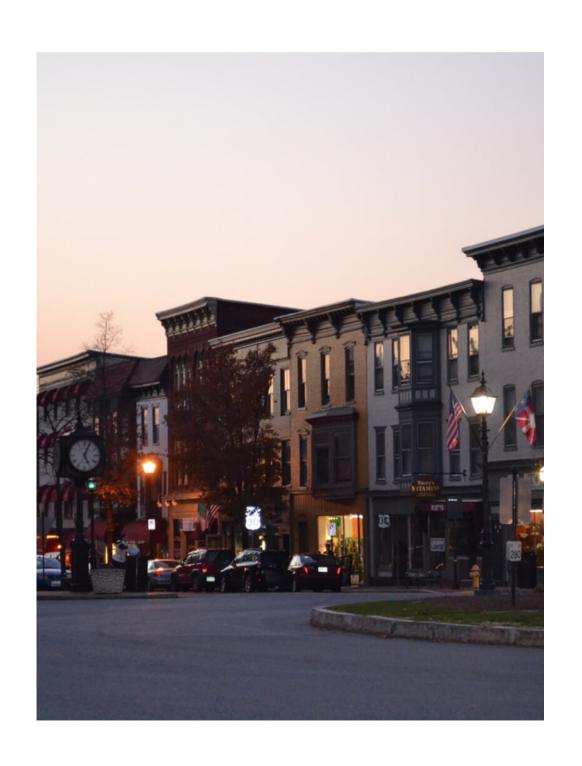
Final Thoughts

We have not identified our final strategy – this will be unique to us!

O2 Community buy-in is vital

O3 The timing has never been better

O4 Stay involved with the BDA!



THANK YOU