

Broadband Planning

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What I do

- *Planning assistance and outreach*
- *Resource awareness*
- *Liaison between our office and localities*
- *Mapping & GIS*
- *In effect, walking localities through the beginnings of broadband planning and project development*

What Rappahannock can do

- *Start identifying unserved areas*
- *Talk to local providers about potential partnership, known service gaps*
- *Identify county resources*
 - *This can be in-kind support or financial*
- *Publish an RFI for partnership*
- *Begin to combine this information into potential project areas for grant funding*
 - *At this point, project details such as wireline vs. wireless will start to become apparent*
- *Depending on partner relationships, think about phasing a project*
 - *Can one project cover the whole county? With one or more partners?*
- *Keep universal coverage in mind - 95% is the Governor's goal*

Next Steps

- *Compile data*
 - *GIS resources*
 - *Information from school system*
 - *Surveys*
 - *Goal is to identify service gaps*
- *Get in contact with local providers*
 - *Assess interest in grant applications*
 - *Find out what you can about service areas*
- *Consider what the county can invest*
 - *In-kind assistance*
 - *Monetary*
 - *Service district*
 - *Manpower*