



Connect Beaver County Broadband Announces Groundbreaking in Hanover Township

Armstrong to begin construction, bringing high-speed, reliable Internet to previously unserved residents

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The Connect Beaver County Broadband Program announced today that local Internet service provider (ISP) Armstrong has initiated fiber construction that will bring broadband internet to 65 previously unserved locations in Hanover Township.

Addresses slated for the new broadband Internet connection populate Hanover Kendall Road, Airline Drive, and Hanny Beaver Road. Locations are part of the Program's Early Action Project for broadband development and were identified using information collected from the 2021 Broadband Data Collection and Feasibility Study.

Homeowners in the vicinity were notified late last month of pending construction and of their new opportunity for connectivity.

The new broadband service deployment is the result of a multi-year collaborative effort between Beaver County and ISPs that aims to bridge the digital divide and connect all unserved or underserved locations in the county with high-speed Internet.

"Beaver County is now one step closer to connecting Hanover, one of the many communities that need it most," said Beaver County Commissioner Chairman Daniel Camp. "We've been eagerly anticipating the start of construction because we know prosperity depends on affordable, reliable, and fast Internet connections. Our Connect Beaver County Broadband Program is about ensuring that all our residents, regardless of zip code, can participate in the digital economy, education, healthcare, and more."

Newly connected Hanover locations will soon have the option to contract with Armstrong for high-speed broadband Internet. More information about the work can be found on the website in the program's News & Updates page.

"We are thrilled to bring high-speed Internet to more of our Hanover residents," said Lance Grable, Director of the Beaver County Office of Planning and Redevelopment, "This start of construction in Hanover is a long-anticipated milestone in the project. We look forward to announcing additional progress in various areas of the county in the coming months."

Beaver County continues to serve as a national leader in broadband infrastructure development. The Connect Beaver County Program demonstrates the power of collaboration between the public and private sectors to bridge the digital divide and create a more connected community.

To learn more about the Connect Beaver County Broadband Program, view progress, and join the mailing list, visit <u>connectbeavercounty.com</u>.





About the Connect Beaver County Broadband Program

Beaver County Office of Planning & Redevelopment is advancing the Connect Beaver County Broadband Program to deliver high-speed Internet to communities across the county that need it most. Through the Program, broadband service access will be provided in 24 municipalities across the county in areas that are unserved or underserved. The initiative is supported through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and aims to be completed by December 2024.

About the Beaver County Planning Commission

The mission of the Beaver County Planning Commission is to provide strategic, coordinated, and objective guidance and oversight to the growth, planning, and development activities of Beaver County. The goal of the Commission is to ensure that Beaver County's future is characterized by a healthy environment, economy, and society achieved through proactive planning, citizen representation, effective communication, and professional services.

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