

REGIONAL BROADBAND ACCESS

PROJECT
PROFILE

This project seeks to enable high-speed broadband internet access for the significant portion of our regional population that lacks it. Reliable and affordable internet access is necessary to enable remote education, employment, and healthcare, which have become critical services now and into the future. In the Columbus Region, there are substantial access needs in urban, suburban, exurban, and rural communities.

Prioritized as a project of
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SIGNIFICANCE**

Project Type:
Telecom and Smart Tech

Lead Agency:
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)

Partner Agencies:
Numerous public and private partners (e.g., businesses, local governments, etc.) across the Columbus Region

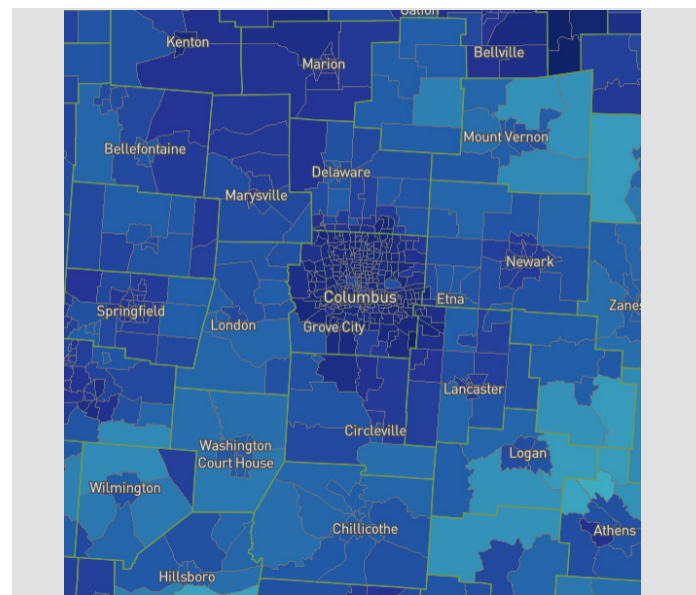
Jobs Supported:
Supports workforce development through increased opportunities in education, workforce training, remote work opportunities, and shared services



Project Location
Regionwide applications, including urban and rural communities

Project Benefits

- Expands economic opportunity in historically underserved urban and rural communities
- Allows regional communities to access innovations in remote work, healthcare, education, workforce training, and shared services
- Facilitates opportunities for partnerships between public and private entities to provide tailored solutions across the region
- It is estimated that connecting every Ohio household to broadband would grow our state's GDP by \$1.4 billion, an increase of about \$4,000 per household.



Number of fixed residential broadband providers across the Columbus Region, showing many areas with limited access. Source: Federal Communications Commission

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