

Community Owned Fiber For McHenry County's Future

Why Waste Tax Dollars When We Can Invest?



Billions of our tax dollars have already been given to companies like Comcast and AT&T to improve their infrastructure and we still do not have universal coverage, reliable, high-speed, and cost effective broadband Internet. It is time to stop wasting money this way and create a clear path forward with fiber that we own. Our investment stays right here, in our community.

Fiber Means Faster Connection and Much More

- Create jobs and help existing business grow through lower cost, superior services
- Attract new business by offering superior speeds and reliability
- Encourage telecommute capabilities to diminish traffic congestion and maintenance costs
- Increase home values and personal use applications for smart home expansion
- Expands TeleMed and remote education options for McHenry County College and healthcare facilities
- Allows expansion to rural areas to support family farming and agricultural business

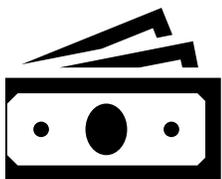
“... Easy access to cheap, fast internet services has become a facilitator of economic growth and a measure of economic performance.”
- The Economist

Community Owned Fiber Connects Everyone



Creative Funding Opportunities Are Available

Most networks have been built with community investments in low interest loans repaid by the revenue each network earns. Additionally, funding options can include:



- Property owners join together to finance infrastructure improvements like fiber networks through bonds backed by property assessments to fund the project, essentially attaching the cost of the network to each participating property. It is a voluntary arrangement that can be paid all at once or over a 20-year period. The longevity of fiber's viability makes this a perfect option.
- Federal program like the Community Block Grants distributed by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) can be used for a range of infrastructure and development projects, including fiber networks.

Internet Freedom for McHenry County
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