



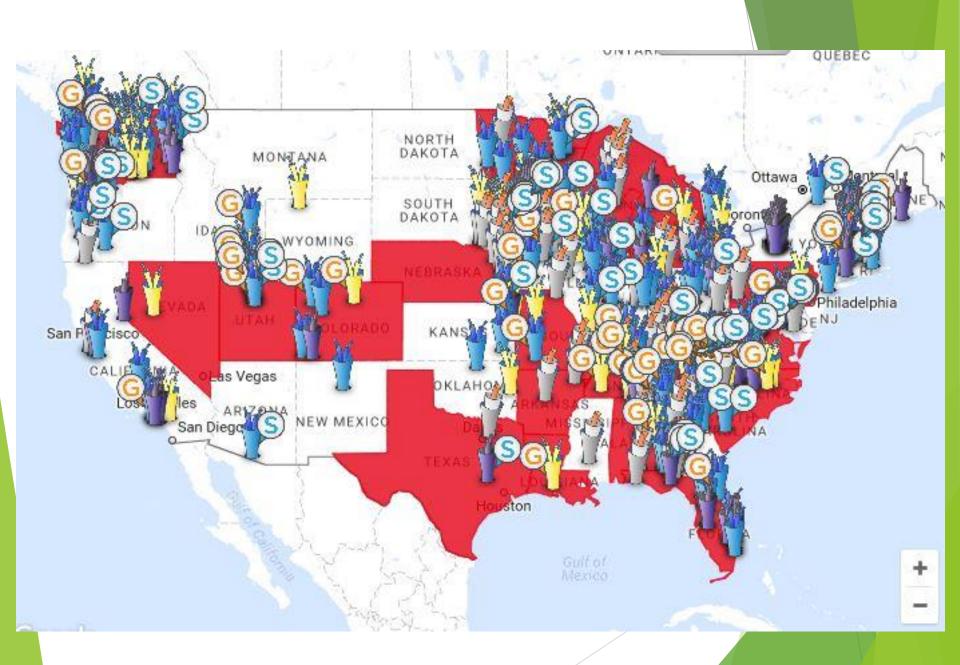
Fiber Town Hall Meeting

## Agenda

- Introductions
- What is Community Broadband?
- Why Broadband Matters for New Hampton
- Why Fiber Optics?
- Discussion and Feedback

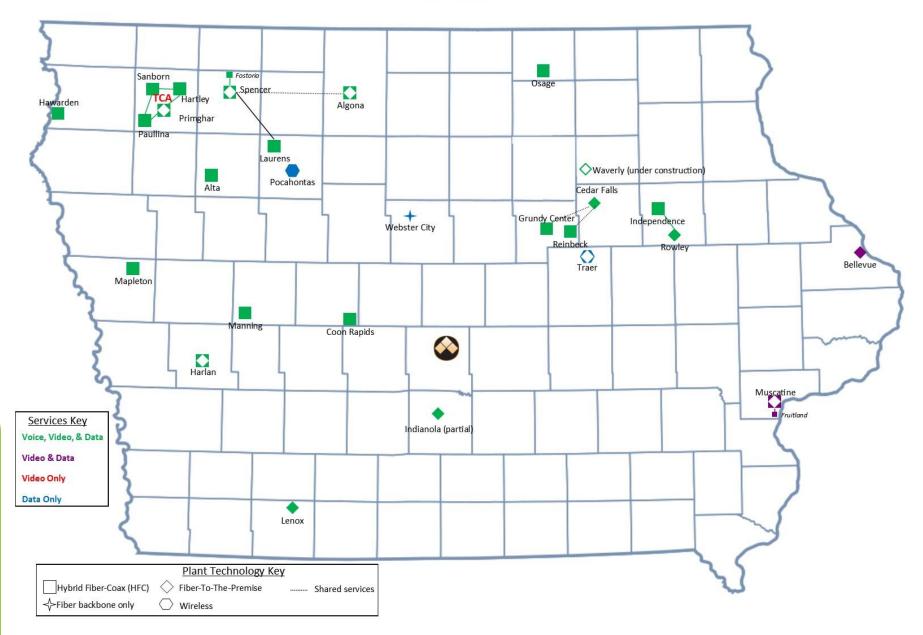
# What Is Community Broadband?

- Sandy, Oregon Video
- Telecommunications infrastructure that is citizen-owned and controlled
- Because it's owned and controlled by the community, decisions are made locally, not at the distant corporate headquarters of a large company
- A growing national trend-150 communities and growing!



#### **Iowa Municipal Broadband Utilities**

updated June 2016



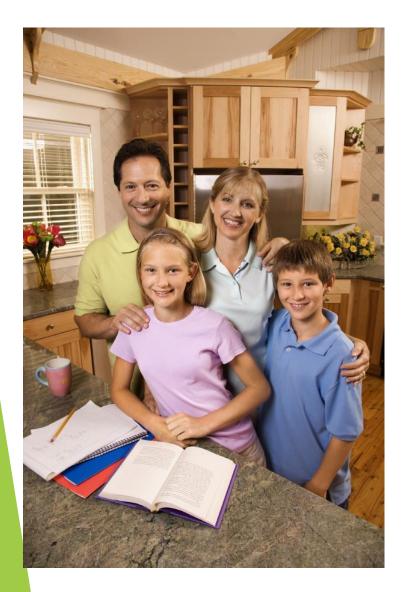
#### What is GOOD Broadband?

- ► Fast
- ► Reliable
- ► Affordable
- Universally Available

#### Why DOES Broadband Matter?

- ▶ It matters for EDUCATION
- ► It matters for JOBS
- ► It matters for HEALTH CARE
- ► It matters for QUALITY OF LIFE
- ► It matters for THE FUTURE of every community

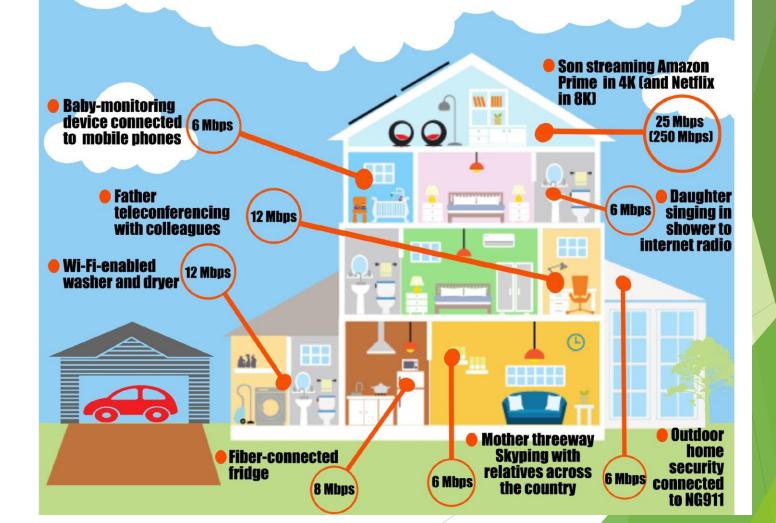
### Quality of Life



- \* Will this family want to live in a community where their kids can't complete homework because of slow or unreliable broadband?
- \* Will this family want to live in a community where they can't work from home because of bad broadband?
- \* Will this family want to live in a community where slow and/or unreliable broadband limits their entertainment choices?

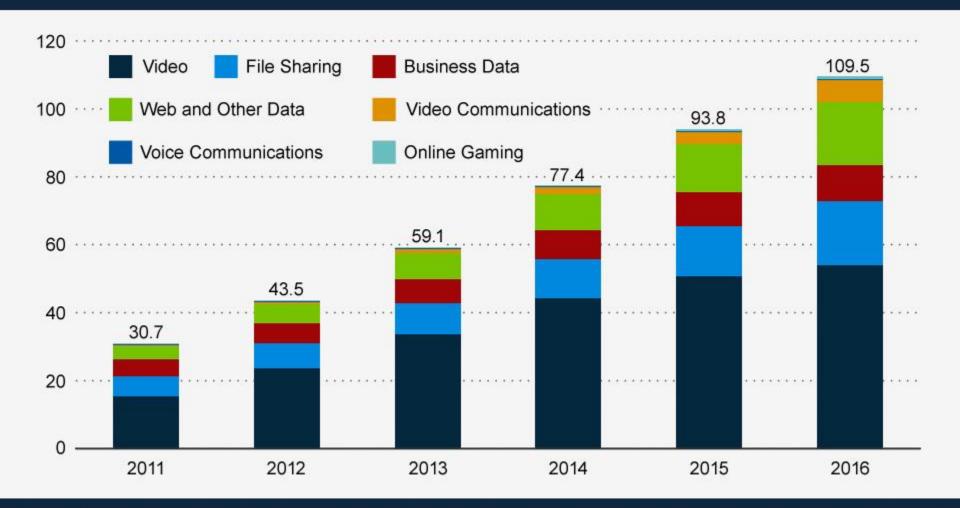
# A Bit About a Byte

A digestible morsel from the tech table



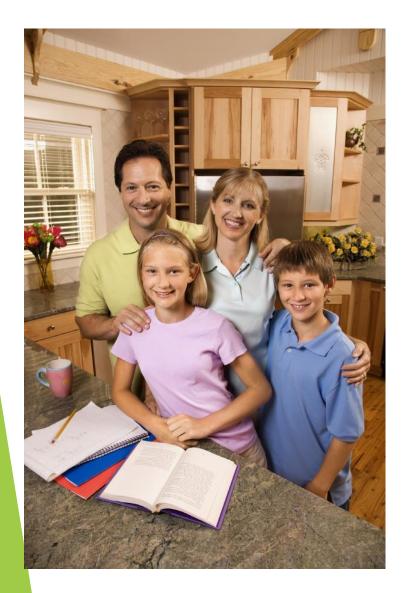
#### Video Accounts for Half of Ever-Growing Internet Traffic

Estimated global IP traffic per month (in exabyte)





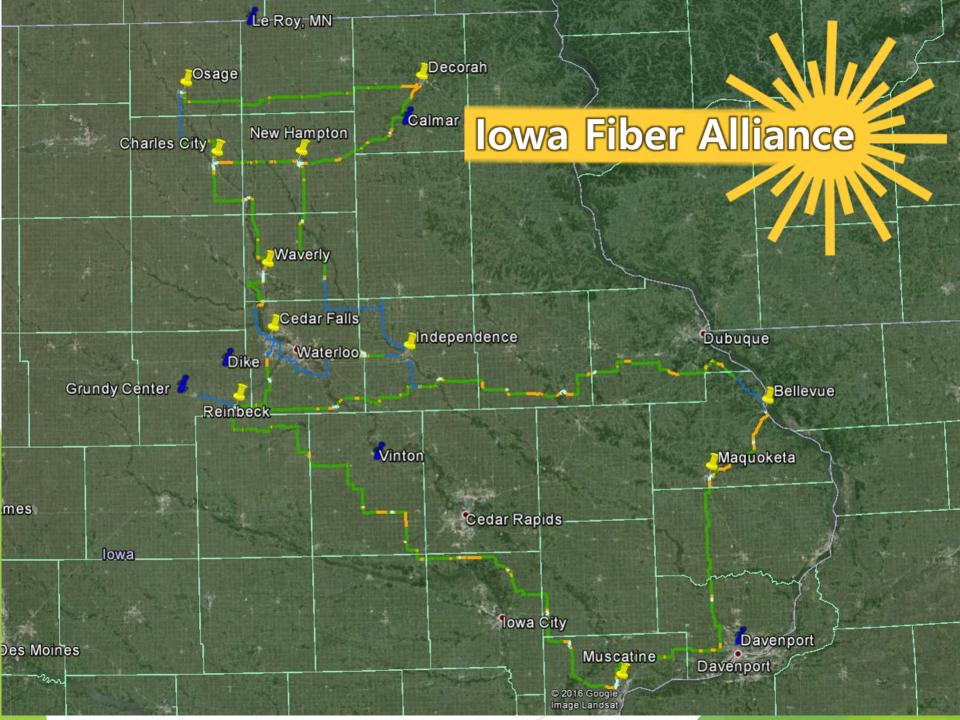
### Quality of Life



- \* HOME VALUES: 2014 survey by research firm RVA LLC found that the presence of a fiber connection ads between \$5000 and \$6000 to the value of a \$300,000 home
- \* Condo buyers willing to pay a 3% premium for FTTH
- Renters would pay an 8-15% premium for FTTH

# Why Build a Fiber Broadband Network?





1,000 Mbps = 1 Gbps

10 Gbps

40 Gbps

## Questions?

## Next Steps

# Community Engagement and Education Project

- Fiber Town Hall Meeting (you are here!)
- Educational Stakeholder Meeting (held 8/11/16)
- Governmental Stakeholder Meeting (held 8/16/16)
- Economic Development Stakeholder Meeting (held 8/16/16)
- Health Care Stakeholder Meeting (To Be Announced)
- Chamber "Lunch and Learn" (to be announced)
- Community surveys (late August-early September)
- Report to New Hampton Light Plant Board of Trustees in September

### Preliminary Design, Cost Estimate, and Business Plan Study

- Issue Request for Proposal (RFP) to qualified firms with experience doing studies for community fiber broadband networks
- Hire a company to do the study
- NHMLP evaluates results of the study and decides whether or not to move forward with a fiber broadband network.

Steps to be completed by end of 2016

## Questions?

#### Additional Resources

- www.ourbroadbandfuture.com/newhampton.html
- ► Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/newhamptonbroadband</u>
- Institute for Local Self Reliance: www.muninetworks.org
- Fiber To The Home Council: www.ftthcouncil.org
- Broadband Communities Magazine: www.bbpmag.com
- CLIC-Coalition for Local Internet Choice: http://www.localnetchoice.org/