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Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana Broadband Office designate Fulton County as a Broadband Ready Community

INDIANAPOLIS (Nov. 30, 2021) – Today, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Broadband Office announced that Fulton County is now designated as an official Broadband Ready Community. The Broadband Ready Communities Program was created as a tool to encourage broadband development throughout Indiana.

The Broadband Ready Community certification sends a signal to the telecommunication industry that a community has taken steps to reduce barriers to broadband infrastructure investment.

“Our administration remains focused on getting high-speed, reliable internet service to unserved and underserved Hoosiers,” Crouch said. “Congratulations to Fulton County as it joins the more than 55 other Indiana communities that are now broadband ready. Other communities around our state have already benefited through the Broadband Ready Communities Program. I want to applaud Fulton County leaders who have taken these necessary steps to attract broadband investment.”

The certification was approved by the Indiana Broadband Office following the Fulton County Commissioners adoption of a Broadband Ready Community ordinance.

“Providing our citizens with valuable infrastructure is a common goal and we are happy to be a part of Indiana counties moving forward as a Broadband Ready Community,” the Fulton County Council and Commissioners said in a joint statement.

According to Earnie Holtrey, Project Manager at the Indiana Broadband Office, 2021 continues a record pace for community applications to the Broadband Ready Community program.

“It is a pleasure to see the Fulton County commissioners and County council coordinate their efforts as they lead the county towards affordable and reliable connectivity. This is a special day for their residents, and we celebrate this designation with them,” said Holtrey.

Via 2020 legislation, the Broadband Ready Community Program was transitioned from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ([IEDC](#)) to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs ([OCRA](#)). [IBO](#) began the day-to-day management of the Broadband Ready Community Program on July 1, 2020. For more information, visit in.gov/indianabroadband.

Under the leadership of [Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch](#), who also serves as the Secretary of Rural Development, the Indiana Broadband Office (IBO) mission is to assist residents in need of affordable and reliable broadband connectivity. This mission of reaching Hoosiers where they live, work and play is accomplished by communicating with stakeholders, providing resources to a diverse audience, and leveraging established relationships with elected officials, associations, and providers.

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