

# Creating a Connected Sussex



## What is the Sussex Broadband Project?

*Sussex Broadband* is focused on starting a community conversation about how Sussex County's residents and businesses can harness high-speed broadband services for community and economic development purposes. This project aims to start the conversation by:

- ◆ **Defining Broadband** in terms of the technology and what it can do for Sussex's residents, businesses, and governments,
- ◆ **Cataloguing Availability** of broadband services in Sussex County,
- ◆ **Recognizing Obstacles** that hinder the use of broadband services in rural and coastal areas like Sussex,
- ◆ **Highlighting Successful Approaches** that have enhanced broadband use and availability in other rural and coastal areas, and
- ◆ **Encouraging Community Conversation** about opportunities and obstacles surrounding the future of broadband in Sussex.

## What's been done?

- ◆ Mapped Wi-Fi hotspots in Sussex
- ◆ Conducted research on broadband technologies and regional strategies to enhance broadband service
- ◆ Surveyed Sussex municipalities about their broadband usage

## What's Next?

- ◆ Launch the project website ([www.sussexbroadband.org](http://www.sussexbroadband.org))
- ◆ Compile municipal survey results
- ◆ Start a community conversation about the future of broadband in Sussex

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