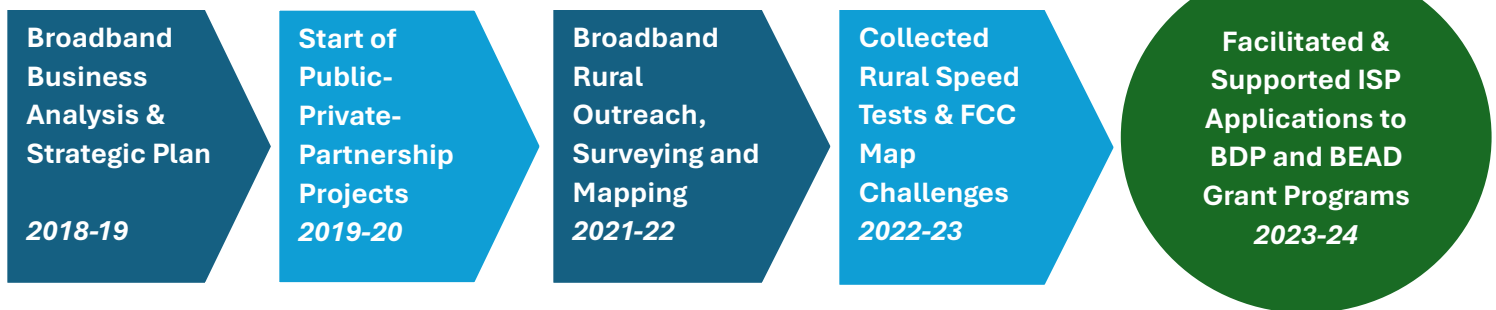


# Marion County

## Broadband Initiative Outcomes

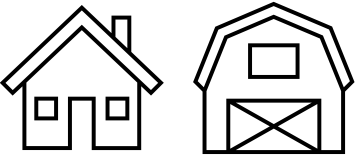


Marion County Economic Development Staff, with the assistance of Magellan Consultants and multiple RARE AmeriCorps participants, have worked since 2017 to bridge the digital divide by supporting and facilitating the development and expansion of fiber-based broadband service to unserved and underserved rural areas of Marion County.




Completed Deployment Projects
<b>Wheatland-Metheny Rd Project – 2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnered with DataVision</li> <li>48 rural connections</li> <li>Marion County lottery contribution \$150,000</li> <li>DataVision contribution \$151,408</li> </ul>
<b>Detroit-Idanha Project – 2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnered with Ziplly</li> <li>477 rural connections</li> <li>Marion County contributed staff support</li> <li>Ziplly received CARES Act funding of \$627,300</li> </ul>
<b>Arbor-Grove Rd Project – 2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnered with St-Paul Cooperative Telephone</li> <li>22 rural connections</li> <li>Marion County lottery contribution \$60,000</li> <li>St Paul Cooperative contribution \$47,450</li> </ul>
<b>Howell-Prairie Rd Project – 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnered with DataVision</li> <li>24 rural connections</li> <li>Marion County lottery contribution \$150,000</li> <li>DataVision contribution \$194,929</li> </ul>

### Broadband Generates Economic Value

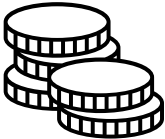


**571 rural connections**



**\$1,113,450 of added annual economic value within rural communities**

\*calculated using broadband impact estimates from the NRECA



**Up to 3.1% increase in property values**

\*per FBA study on property values

The deployment of fiber-based broadband service enhances economic growth and diversification, the ability of citizens and businesses to access education, healthcare and public safety services – improving the overall quality of life of rural communities.

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