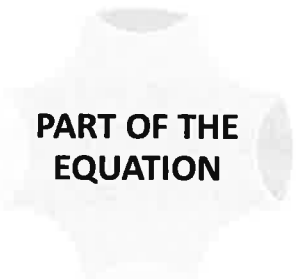


# Importance Of Broadband

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- 1 **Business Growth / Attraction**
    - Large & Small
    - Workforce
    - Remote Needs
  - 2 **Education**
    - K – 12
    - Tech College
    - 4 Yr College
  - 3 **Tourism**
    - Promote
    - Connectivity
  - 4 **Quality Of Life**
    - Urban vs Rural
  - 5 **Citizen Attraction**
    - All Ages
    - Decision Maker
    - Social Media
  - 6 **Medical Care**
    - Telemedicine
    - Rural Hospitals
  - 7 **Agriculture**
    - Precision Ag
    - Access To Markets
  - 8 **Community Sustainability**
    - Demographics
    - Prepare For Future

# PSC Broadband Expansion Grant

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## Purpose

Assist With the Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability in Underserved Areas of the State.

PSC Program Developed To Address Disparity Between The Quality of Broadband Service Available in Urban Areas and That Available in Rural Areas of the State.

Address Unserved and Underserved Areas

Funds Are Used To Assist With Construction of Broadband Infrastructure



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## Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention:

With high rates of suicide in Wisconsin and across the nation, the time is right to study and work to remedy this devastating trend. I am honored to have been named the Chair of the Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention. This 15-member bipartisan task force traveled around the state to receive feedback from survivors, experts, advocates and families who have been impacted. We released our interim report and 10 recommendations in the Capitol on September 25<sup>th</sup> during Suicide Prevention Awareness month.

In 2018, 887 Wisconsinites died by suicide, down from 918 in 2017. Although this number slightly declined, there is still a lot of work to do. As part of this task force, legislators were tasked with evaluating the current resources for suicide prevention in our state and identifying opportunities to target and assist at-risk individuals such as youth, veterans, farmers, first responders and police officers.

Our report, recommendations, all hearing materials and archived video footage can be found on our task force website, here:

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/committees/assembly/suicideprevention>.

If you or someone you know is struggling call the Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1.800.273.8255 or text "HOPELINE" to 741741.

## October is Manufacturing Month:



Manufacturing continues to be a growing sector of our Wisconsin economy and contributes nearly \$63 billion of output for the state in a year. Due to retirements and expansion, there are significant opportunities for our youth to pursue a career in this industry. In order to ensure a robust and talented workforce is ready to fill these jobs, the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development has opportunities like the Youth Apprenticeship Program and Career and Technical Education Grants to give our students the hands-on experience and certifications to ready them for these important careers.

I always enjoy taking tours of local businesses, if you know of a local manufacturer or business you think I should check out, contact my office!

## **Chronic Wasting Disease Sampling in Green Lake and Marquette Counties:**

During the 2018 deer season, the first Marquette County CWD positive wild deer was harvested in Buffalo Township. In order to determine the extent of the disease, DNR wildlife management staff are working to sample and test deer heads from hunter harvested adult deer during the 2019 archery and gun deer seasons.

In cooperation with local businesses, DNR staff will collect deer heads for chronic wasting disease surveillance and testing during the 2019 deer hunting seasons.

Hunters have several options available to have their deer sampled for CWD. In addition to a network of 24/7 self-service sampling stations (kiosks) around the state, many meat processors and business owners offer in-person sampling assistance. Some sampling locations also have DNR Wildlife Management staff available to take samples and answer hunter questions. Hunters will need to have their harvest authorization number, harvest location and contact information available for testing.

For an interactive map with sampling locations available in your area, visit <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/registersample.html>.

CWD testing is free of charge to the hunter, and anyone submitting the head will receive their results in two to three weeks. To view CWD results for a harvested deer, visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), search keywords "CWD results". Hunters will need to enter a customer ID or CWD sample barcode number to view test results.

## **Transportation Budget Update:**

When the legislature passed the state budget this year, it included \$90 million for the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). Unfortunately, Governor Evers vetoed \$15 million of that money from the program and removed the direction that these funds be spent on local road aid. He turned this program into a one-time grant program that can be used for various forms of transportation projects. The remaining \$75 million has not yet been allocated toward any projects and is now available for cities, villages, towns and counties to submit grant applications.

The Department of Transportation website has more information on the grant application process and a link to informational webinars recently hosted.

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/aid/mls.aspx>

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# Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting

DATE: October 21, 2019

LOCATION: Dodge County

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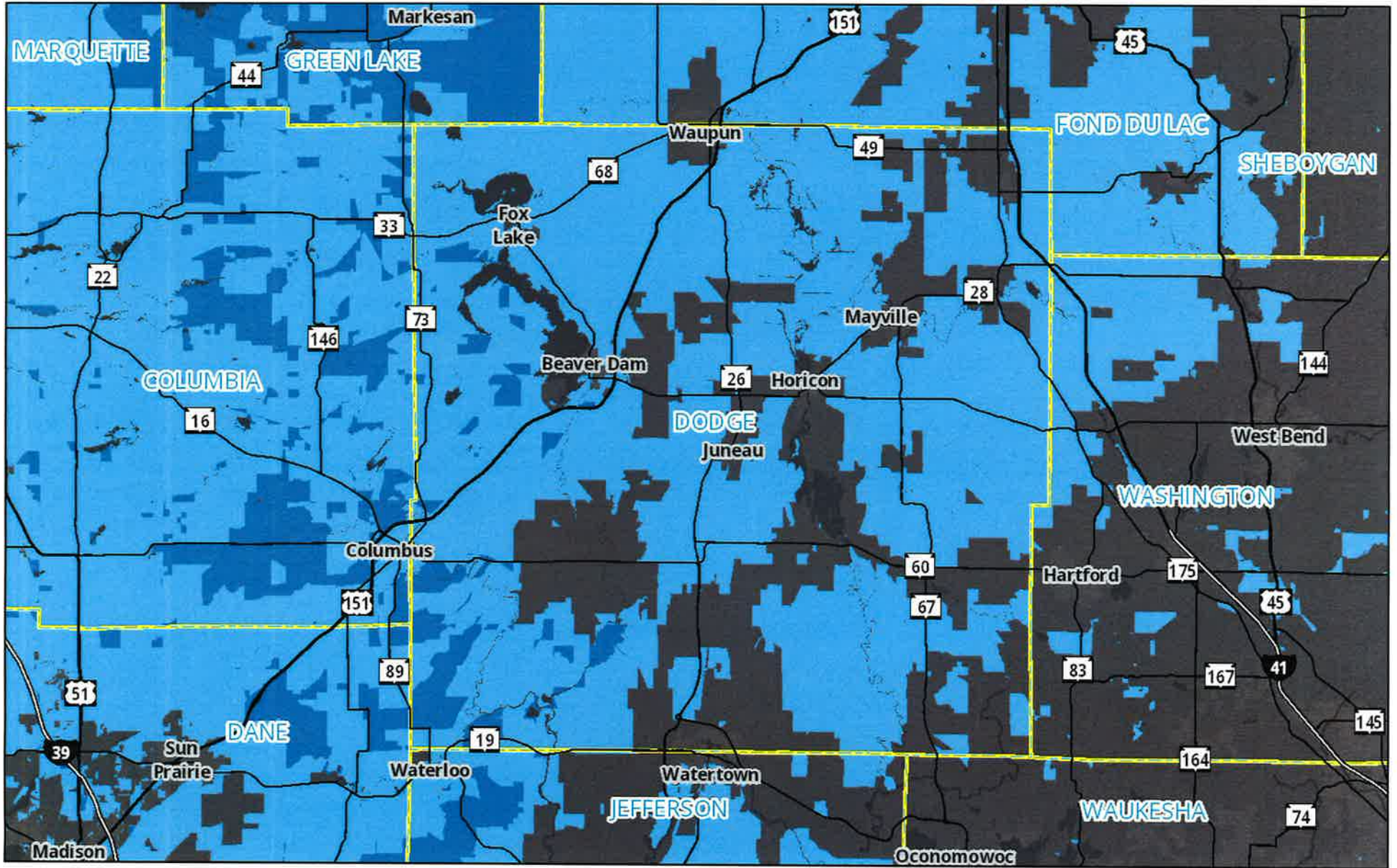
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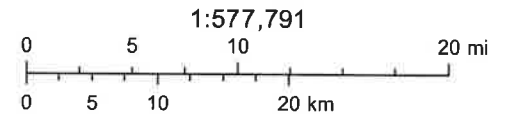
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# Wisconsin Broadband Map



October 18, 2019



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# TELECOMMUTER FORWARD! COMMUNITY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

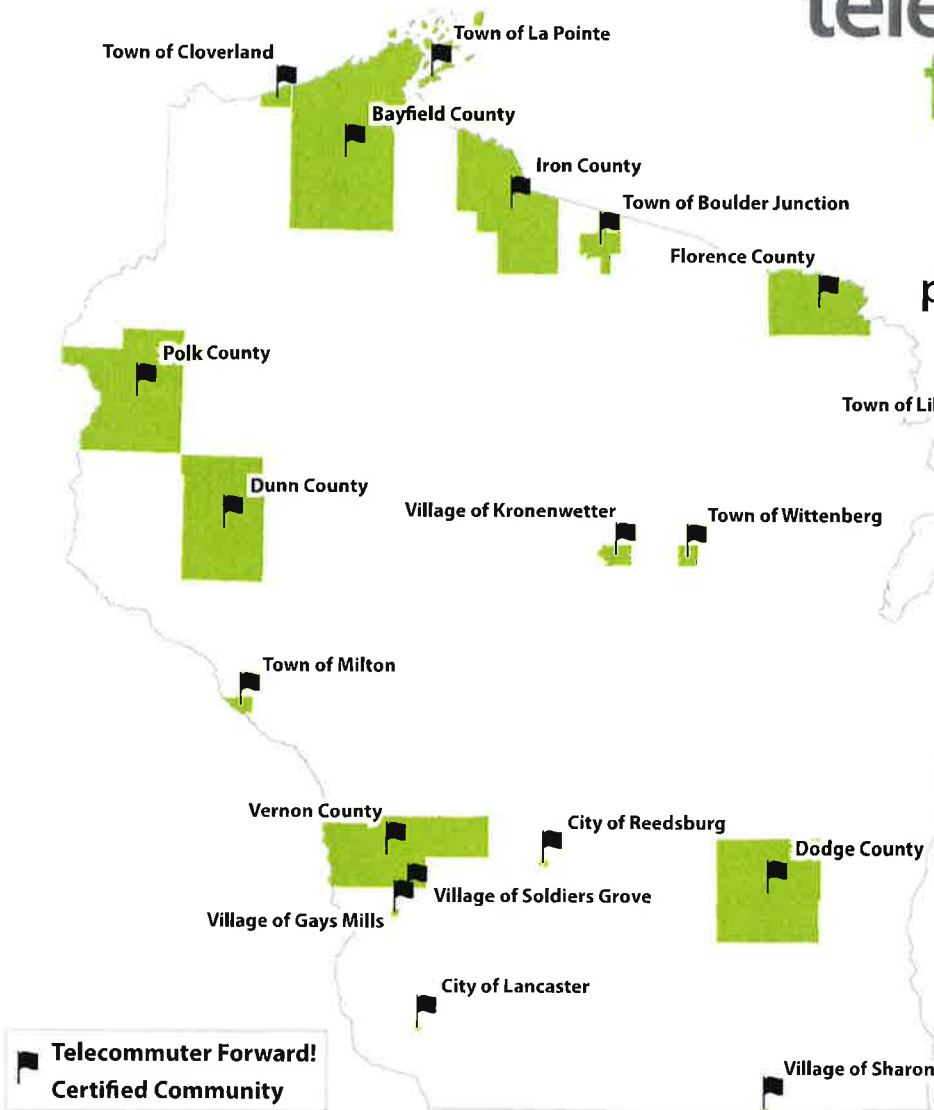
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telecommuter  
forward!  
Community

Support and commit to  
promote the availability of  
telecommuting options

Coordination and  
Partnership Between:

- ✔ Wisconsin Broadband Office
- ✔ Broadband providers
- ✔ Realtors
- ✔ Economic development professionals
- ✔ Employers + employees
- ✔ Other telecommuting stakeholders



## CERTIFY YOUR COMMUNITY

TO GET STARTED VISIT:

<https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/TelecommuterForward.aspx>

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