



# County of Brunswick

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To Citizens of Brunswick County,

Greetings from the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors!

The Board of Supervisors adopted its Vision for 2035 in February 2017 to provide a guide, or road map for our County. Among those priorities in the Vision for 2035 included the following:

- ◆ Premier Location for Economic Growth and Development

In response to this goal the Board of Supervisors voted to partner with the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) – at no cost to the County- to conduct a comprehensive Broadband Needs Assessment Survey for the County to:

- Identify gaps in broadband service,
- Identify key vertical assets that could address the un-/under-served areas,
- Provide funding options for new infrastructure,
- Define strategies for partnering with incumbent providers, and
- Document methods for addressing broadband awareness and adoption to improve utilization for all citizens.

As you may be aware, better broadband access can enhance the quality of life for many through increased access to health services, improved communication with friends and family, and faster home entertainment streaming, as well as opportunities for working, shopping, and education from home.

I am certain that by now everyone has either seen in our local newspaper or on social media a request to go online to complete the Brunswick County Broadband Needs Assessment Survey. If you have filled out the survey we **GREATLY** appreciate your participation. The last day to participate in the survey is ***Monday, April 9, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.*** To more accurately assess our County's needs and level of interest we need **EVERY HOUSEHOLD AND BUSINESS** to either complete a paper copy that is located at the public library, the County Government Building – Administration or Planning Offices or the Chamber of Commerce, or you may still go online to the County's newly updated website at [www.brunswickco.com](http://www.brunswickco.com).

We look forward to your responses to the County's Broadband Needs Assessment Survey.

Sincerely,

Barbara Jarrett Harris, Chair  
Brunswick County Board of Supervisors