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December 19, 2022

Dear Community Leaders, Schools, Businesses, Residents and Media:

Right now, we have a short window of opportunity to position Bedford County for additional broadband funding to help those in our county who are still unserved or underserved by high-speed internet. The new Broadband Map has been released by the FCC with the ability to challenge broadband service data by individual address. **Challenges must be made by JANUARY 13, 2023**, which will help determine how the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program funding will be allotted. The \$42B included in this program is funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. As the Federal Government determines where to deploy funding, it is critical that Bedford County Map inaccuracies are corrected...and currently, there are many inaccuracies.

WE ONLY HAVE A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME TO ACT. We must work together to see that necessary challenges are made by the January 13th deadline. PLEASE HELP.

Go to the Bedford County website at www.bedfordcountypa.org. Click on the news page to access the Broadband Map where an individual can input their address and begin a challenge. Detailed directions can also be found there to assist with completing a challenge. The Broadband Map can be accessed directly at <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home>.

WHAT YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW:

- Forward this email with attachments to all those in your contact list, asking them to check their address and make challenges to inaccurate information. Also encourage them to forward the email to their contact lists.
- Make announcements and provide handouts at municipal, agency, organization, school, business, and church meetings. Get the word out!
- Provide assistance to those without internet capabilities and anyone who needs help. Currently, a help desk and laptop computer stations are available at the following locations:
 - **All County Public Libraries (beginning immediately)**
 - **Bedford:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8:30 AM to 6 PM; Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4 PM; Saturday 9 AM to 2 PM
 - **Everett:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 AM until 5 PM; Tuesday and Thursday from 12 PM to 7 PM; Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM

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- **Hyndman:** Monday 11 AM to 5 PM; Tuesday , Wednesday, Thursday 11 AM to 7 PM
- **Saxton:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 AM to 5 PM; Saturday 9AM to 1 PM
- **Bedford County Courthouse (January 3 – 13 Weekdays)**
Commissioners Office, 3rd floor; 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday - Friday

Feel free to set up a help station at your location.

CONTACTS:

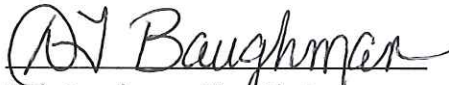
Commissioners' Office: 814-623-4807
County Planning Dept: 814-623-4827
County GIS Dept: 814-624-2688
Bedford Library 814-623-5010
Everett Library 814-652-5922
Hyndman Library 814-842-3782
Saxton Library 814-635-3533

You will find additional information attached to this email. Thank you for helping us reach as many people as possible during a busy time of year.

Sincerely,



Barry Dallara, Chairman



Deb Baughman, Vice Chair



Alan Frederick, Secretary

