

Rock County Fiber-to-the-Home Project







- Late 2013: Project started
- Sept 2014: Organized Rock County Broadband Alliance, LLC dba Alliance Communications
- Oct 2014: Submitted grant application for Rock County excluding Kanaranzi due to prevailing wage rules. \$12.8M
- Feb 2015: Grant winners announced
- March 2015: Begin filing for CLEC authority and a MN 911
 CLEC plan for Rock County
- March-Aug 2015: Conversations occur regarding project costs, including prevailing wage projections. Rock County Commissioners vote to grant RCBA \$1M for the project.





- July 23, 2015: Bid letting meeting with contractors
- Aug 4, 2015: Bid opening. Bids ranged from \$10.5M to \$15.6M. Final contract awarded to Michaels Corp.
- Aug 5, 2015: Marketing campaign planning starts
- Sept 23, 2015: Final grant contract signed
- Sept 23, 2015: Fiber ordered and marketing plan begins
- Nov 2015 Feb 2016: Construction plans developed
- March 2016: Pre-Construction meeting
- April 2016: Construction starts
- Fall 2016: Home installations begin



Groundbreaking





Marketing Challenges

- Short timeframe to collect signups
- Prospective customers didn't know us
- Didn't have full contact information



Marketing Tactics



Trunk or Treat



Rock County Fair



Billboards and yard signs



Marketing Tactics











Digital campaigns

- Google
- Bing
- Facebook



Traditional marketing

- Oversized postcards
- Newspaper ads
- Community education booklet ads
- Letters, radio and movie theater ads



Pre-Construction





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Hut Construction









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Line Construction





Breaking Rock





Line Construction



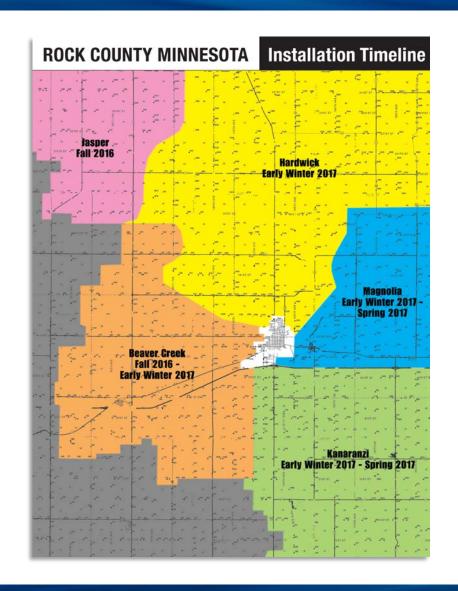


Plowing Drop



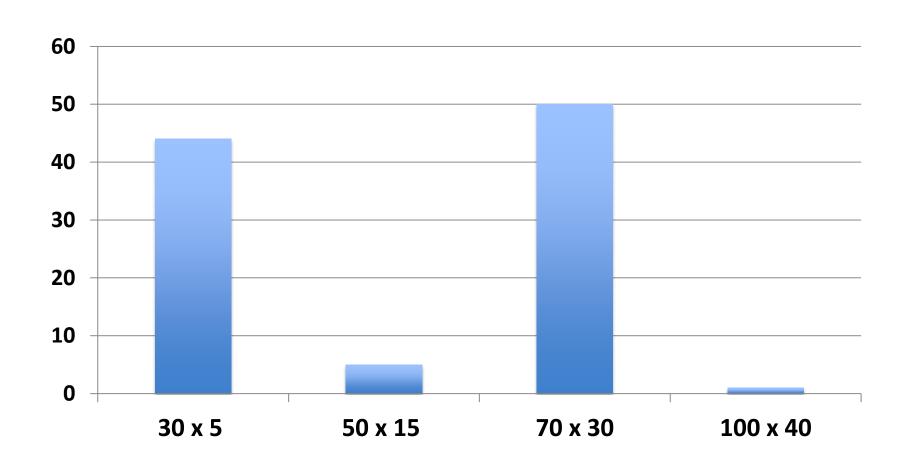


Installation Timeline





Internet Speed Usage





Testimonials

"My service is spectacular and out-of-this-world. I wish my other locations had this kind of service." ~ Jasper customer

"The service is phenomenal, even better than I expected. Everyone at Alliance has been awesome. I've been very impressed so far." ~ Rural Luverne customer

"We are totally and completely loving our fiber-optic connection out here!" ~ Hardwick customer



Future Opportunities

Economic Development

- Business expansions
- New startups
- Relocations to Rock County

Residential Growth

- Since telecommuting is now an option, residents can work for anyone from anywhere.
- Broadband enhances quality of life



Financial Report

	Budget	Actual	
Project Planning	\$15,000.00	\$17,584.00	
Obtaining Construction Permits	\$100,000.00	\$99,252.00	
Construction of Last Mile Facilities	\$10,000,000.00	\$10,535,215.00	
Equipment	\$1,145,000.00	\$1,304,166.75	
Installation and Testing	\$240,000.00	\$603,090.17	
	\$11,500,000.00	\$12,559,307.92	
Cost per Mile (531)		\$23,652.00	
Cost per customer (1100)		\$11,417.55	
Return on Investment		9.51	yrs



All of us at **Alliance Communications** would like to thank officials from Rock County and the State of Minnesota.