

Media Release

Comcast to provide high speed internet to Caroline County

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Bowling Green—Caroline County's long struggle to bring high speed internet to a majority of its citizens has succeeded. Comcast, one of America's largest providers of internet services, has committed to extend wired internet service to the residential communities in western Caroline County.

Notification came to the County in the form of an email by Thomas Coughlin, Senior Vice President, outlining Comcast's commitment to serve the community and the dates of likely construction of the new lines and their completion.

Construction will begin in April or May of this year at Belmont and expand both north and south to cover the communities of Lake Caroline, Lake Land 'Or, Lake Heritage, Glen Meadows, Holly Ridge, and Caroline Pines. Service to all areas is anticipated by the end of the year, but service will begin at the time infrastructure reaches each community.

The successful expansion of high speed internet service came after several years of work by the Board of Supervisors with government agencies, private businesses, and federal officials to lever a commitment to provide internet services to Caroline communities.

Caroline has been in the identical position as many rural communities next to urban areas: close to modern internet service, but one step beyond the profit model of most internet service providers. By obtaining high speed internet service for its citizens, the Caroline Board of Supervisors has achieved what few rural communities have been able to accomplish.

County officials, while acknowledging the Comcast success, also recognize the remaining challenge of providing some form of faster internet service in the more remote areas of Caroline. Conversations with other internet providers are being scheduled and further progress for expanding service to more remote areas of the County remains a goal of County government.

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