

JULY-AUGUST 2022 UPDATES

BRINGING LIGHTNING FAST, LOCAL INTERNET TO THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM
OF VERMONT



Photo submitted by M. Gaiss

WE'RE IN CONSTRUCTION!

Our crews are currently constructing portions of our network in Concord and Waterford!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We're thankful to the select boards and community members in Peacham, Groton, Ryegate, Walden, Hardwick, and Derby who've chosen to invest \$400,467 in ARPA funds towards building NEK Broadband infrastructure within their towns!

WE'RE HIRING!

We're seeking an Operations Manager, Treasurer, and Administrative Assistant. See the job descriptions at nekbroadband.org/careers.

SERVICE AREA UPDATE

Our high-speed broadband internet service is

NOW AVAILABLE

in areas

of Concord, Waterford, and Lunenburg!

New service was just brought to Marko Road in Concord, and we expect Route 18 in Concord/Waterford to be finished by the end of this month.

To check if we're in your neighborhood yet, sign up at get.nekbroadband.org.

If it's not, we will alert you when service is available.

NEXT STEPS

We are currently focused on building the foundation, or “backbone” of our network. Once the backbone is complete, our next steps will be determined using objective criteria including grant funding obligations, existing infrastructure within each town, and numbers of priority addresses as identified by the state. Priority addresses are those where school-aged children or people using telehealth services live.

NEK Broadband expects to bring new high-speed internet to portions of 90% of the towns in the Northeast Kingdom over the next two years.



NEK BROADBAND IN THE NEWS

Seven Days:

[Vermont Announces \\$47.8 Million in Rural Broadband Spending](#)

Vermont Communications Broadband Board (VCBB) Press Release:

[Vermont Broadband Investments Approach \\$100 million](#)



NEK Broadband participated in a July press conference with Governor Scott and the Vermont Community Broadband Board to announce \$48.8 million in grant awards to community internet expansion efforts across the state. NEK Broadband was awarded \$5 million in addition to \$16 million received in May! Pictured are Director of VCBB Christine Hallquist, Governor Phil Scott, Executive Director of NEK Broadband Christa Shute, Senator Joe Benning, and community supporters.