

Hancock Telephone Completes New NY Broadband Program Project in Delaware County

More Than 1,600 Households and Businesses Gain Broadband Access

Nearly 130 miles of New and Upgraded Fiber-Optic Lines for Rural Communities

Fiber-to-the-Home Technology offers Internet Speeds of over 100 Mbps

The Hancock Telephone Company today announced completion of its New NY Broadband Program project to expand high-speed broadband Internet service to more than 1,600 homes and businesses in unserved rural areas of Delaware County.

The completed project deploys nearly 130 miles of new and upgraded fiber-optic lines across the Village and parts of the Town of Hancock, as well as the Town of Tompkins, meeting Hancock's commitment for its New NY Broadband Program grant. The Program provided approximately \$4.9 million in State funding to support the project, which also leveraged \$1.2 million in private funding, for a total public/private broadband investment of \$6.1 million in the region.

"We congratulate Hancock Telephone on its launch of new high-speed internet service in partnership with the Broadband Program Office," said Jeffrey Nordhaus, Empire State Development Executive Vice President of Innovation and Broadband. "Broadband is a necessity for all communities in today's economy and this launch will bring service to more than 1,600 unserved homes and businesses in Delaware County."

Robert Wrighter Jr, VP of Hancock Telephone said, "We are delighted to have the construction complete and can now start the process of connecting homes and business to the new network."

As part of this broadband expansion, Hancock Telephone installed high-speed fiber-optic cable at the home of Hancock resident Nancy Furdock. Nancy manages MediaChameleons, a company that provides marketing consulting and design services. Prior to receiving this new service, Nancy's ability to work with large files for graphic design and videography for her clients was frustrated by a lack of high-speed Internet. Now, instead of waiting hours for file uploads and downloads, it takes only minutes, enabling MediaChameleons to expedite project completion and expand its capacity for new clients.

"The guys and gals at Hancock Telephone Company have been great. I wouldn't trade my small town phone company for anything."

Residents interested in broadband service can contact Hancock Telephone at 607-637-9911.

About Hancock Telephone:

Hancock Telephone is a family owned company that has been serving the Hancock and surrounding areas for over 100 years, bringing the latest technology possible to our customers, and continually striving to improve the quality of service available to every customer.

About the New NY Broadband Program

Recognizing the importance of broadband infrastructure and building on prior State investments in broadband deployment, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in 2015, with legislative support, established the \$500 million New NY Broadband Program. The Program provides New York State grant funding to support projects that deliver high-speed Internet access to unserved and underserved areas of the State, with priority to unserved areas, Libraries, and Educational Opportunity Centers.