

News Release

Brightspeed Fiber Internet Opens Opportunities for 50,000 Residents and Businesses in Central Pennsylvania

With support from state and local leaders, the company celebrates the official launch of reliable, high-speed fiber network and donates to nonprofit during ribbon-cutting event

Charlotte, N.C. – Wednesday, August 21, 2024 – Today, Brightspeed, one of the nation’s largest fiber broadband builders, marked an important milestone in its fiber broadband build across Pennsylvania with a ribbon-cutting event at New Bloomfield Park. Joined by U.S. Congressman John Joyce, State Senator Greg Rothman, State Representative Perry Stambaugh, the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA) and other local dignitaries, the company officially launched its state-of-the-art, high-speed Brightspeed Fiber Internet service that will soon be available to nearly 50,000 homes and businesses in Adams, Cumberland and Perry Counties. Additionally, more than \$780,000 in grant funding from the PBDA will augment the company’s planned fiber network build by another 340 locations in Perry County, one of 11 counties in the state where more than 50 percent of tested broadband connections were measured as ‘unserved,’ having internet speeds below 25/3 Mbps.

“One of my top priorities in Congress is closing the digital divide and ensuring that every family and business across our district has fast, affordable and reliable internet access,” remarked U.S. Congressman John Joyce during the event. “Right now, more than 318,000 Pennsylvanians do not have access to fast and reliable internet. It’s time to work together through public-private partnerships that can deliver results for the families and communities in our district.”

Brightspeed is dedicated to deploying next-generation, fiber-optic technology to build a more reliable, super-fast broadband internet network that will reach more homes and businesses in these Pennsylvania communities — a state that ranks 12th in the nation when it comes to internet coverage, speed and availability according to [BroadbandNow](#). The table below breaks down the planned locations for its network across Central Pennsylvania.

COMMUNITY	PLANNED LOCATIONS
New Oxford	3,672
Gettysburg	9,199
Carlisle	18,498
Shippensburg	7,466
Littlestown	2,383
Mount Holly Springs	1,476
Marysville	1,208
Newport	1,698
Duncannon	1,362
Newville	1,404
Biglerville	1,737
Fairfield	772

“In today’s world, Pennsylvania residents cannot run a business without reliable internet. Strong internet is no longer a luxury – it is a necessity, crucial to successfully participating in our digital economy,” says John Mizerak, director of Government Affairs at Brightspeed. “Roughly five in ten Pennsylvania residents cannot purchase a fiber internet plan, and Brightspeed is committed to changing that by increasing availability, accessibility, and affordability of high-speed, high-quality fiber broadband.”

In addition to honoring this milestone, Brightspeed presented a \$2,500 donation to Communities In Schools PA, a nonprofit committed to providing resources and enhancing educational success for students across Pennsylvania.

Customers can check for Brightspeed Fiber Internet availability in their area by visiting www.brightspeed.com/brightspeed-fiber-internet/ and signing up to receive alerts when service is available at their location. From installation to ongoing support, Brightspeed’s team is committed to providing the very best experience for customers.

About Brightspeed

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C. and with assets and associated operations in 20 states, Brightspeed provides broadband and telecommunications services through a network platform capable of serving more than 6.5 million homes and businesses. Our 4,000 employees are committed to building a future where more communities benefit from a more connected life, deploying a state-of-the-art fiber network and a customer experience that makes being connected as simple as it should be. For more information, please visit www.brightspeed.com.

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