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News Release

Brightspeed Jumpstarts Fiber Internet Network Build in Central Jersey, Gig-Speed Connectivity Coming Soon

Company's multi-million-dollar investment bridges digital divide in New Jersey

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — May 16, 2024 — Brightspeed, the nation's fourth largest fiber broadband builder focused on empowering more homes with ultrafast, reliable internet, announces its Brightspeed Fiber Internet network will soon provide state-of-the-art internet connectivity to more than 28,000 families and businesses in the Griggstown, Flemington, and Clinton areas of Central New Jersey.

Brightspeed Fiber Internet is already available to 8,300 addresses in Flemington and Clinton, and this expansion will now give even more residents and business owners in Central New Jersey communities super-fast internet service with none of the hassles. Once connected, customers can expect straightforward bills, easy-to-understand plans and internet connections that just work.

What to Expect During Construction

Residents are already seeing Brightspeed trucks rolling into their local neighborhoods as crews work to bring more addresses online. Brightspeed's highest priority is working quickly and efficiently within local communities, keeping safety at the forefront.

Families and businesses can check for fiber availability in their area by visiting <u>www.brightspeed.com/brightspeed-fiber-internet/</u> and signing up to receive alerts when service is available at their location. When connectivity is available, Brightspeed installation technicians provide the very best experience for customers.

New Jersey is Getting the Best in Broadband

The Brightspeed Fiber Internet network leverages the latest XGS-PON (10-Gigabit Symmetric Passive Optical Network) technology to bring gig-speed capabilities and consistent responsiveness that enable multi-device households to connect, work, study, stream, communicate and game efficiently and reliably in New Jersey.

Brightspeed Fiber is More Than Just Internet

Put simply, high-speed internet equals opportunity for households and businesses alike, and access to fast, reliable and affordable internet and Wi-Fi will help close the rural-urban digital divide. That's why Brightspeed is building its smart, fiber optics-based network in communities like Somerset and Hunterdon Counties — so more Americans have the reliable connectivity they need to work, learn, play and thrive.

Brightspeed is already investing \$2 billion in deploying next-generation fiber-optic technology to build a more reliable, super-fast broadband internet network that will reach more than three million homes and businesses across 20 states. Additionally, the company will continue pursuing state and federal funding to augment its current fiber network build plan in New Jersey to help close the digital divide.

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 more than 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 <u>www.brightspeed.com</u>.

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