



## EATON COUNTY BROADBAND ASSESSMENT SURVEY

### WHO IS INVOLVED?

The Eaton County Broadband Communication Council was formed by the Board of Commissioners and is comprised of community leaders from various sectors across the county. The Council's mission is to enhance and expand broadband access, adoption and use throughout the county for the benefit of residents and businesses. To that end, we have partnered with Connected Nation Michigan and their "Connected Community" program to assess the present state of broadband in Eaton County and establish a process and plan to address our current and future broadband needs.

### WHAT IS BEING DONE?

To perform an assessment of Eaton County's current broadband environment, the Council will be conducting surveys of residents, businesses and other sector-aligned organizations across the county. Responses to these surveys will help us better understand the current needs and existing broadband resources we have to support the residents, businesses and other organizations in our county. After a structured evaluation of this assessment, we'll then develop appropriate action plans and projects to improve our broadband environment most effectively.

### WHEN WILL THIS TAKE PLACE?

The Eaton County Broadband Assessment and related surveys will be launched on September 1 and continue until late October. Results from this work will be reported and shared with the public, including recommendations from Connected Nation Michigan and additional work to develop a county-wide Action Plan to address identified areas of need.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Your participation in the appropriate broadband survey and overall support of our efforts are very important in developing an accurate assessment of broadband availability and related needs in Eaton County. To take the survey as a resident, a business owner or designated representative of another organization, please go to the link below or pick up a printed survey at your local government office or library.

For Eaton County, go to: <https://myconnectedcommunity.org/eaton-county>

Please share this information with others in the county and encourage them to take this important survey!