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### Fiber Broadband Connection Coming to King & Queen County

**WILKESBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, NOVEMBER 9, 2021.** RiverStreet Networks is bringing one of the most advanced fiber optic internet technologies to King and Queen County, VA. Many state and local representatives participated in the groundbreaking ceremony held at the Farmer's Market on Lewis B. Puller Highway in Shackelford, VA.

The King and Queen County FTTH project is countywide. It is estimated that over 500 miles of fiber will be installed to pass the 3,832 locations in the County at a cost just over \$18 million. The funding for this project has been supplied by multiple federal, state, and local sources. There is over \$5 million grant award from the FCC CAF II auction. Virginia DHCD has supplied almost \$6 million in grant funds from two different VATI grants. King and Queen County approximately \$3.1 million in grant matching funds as well as \$700,000 in CARES funds to aid in construction. Additionally, the Rappahannock Indian Tribe has provided \$195,000 in CARES funds to aid in construction. RiverStreet Networks has allocated approximately \$4 million of their \$48 million USDA Reconnect loan and company capital for this project.

State and local officials across Virginia are working together with RiverStreet Networks to make high speed internet a reality for the community of King and Queen County, VA. Residents and businesses will benefit by having internet access to learn and work from home, attend telemedicine appointments, connect with relatives and much more. RiverStreet Networks' commitment to bring fast and reliable internet to the unserved and underserved communities is one step closer to closing the digital divide in rural America.

Today's ground-breaking ceremony symbolizes the start of the fiber build work, with seven anchor institutions recently connected with fiber internet. Construction started in early 2021 with Lawson-Marriott Elementary School, King and Queen Elementary School and Central High School converted to fiber during the summer of 2021. In addition, the King and Queen Courthouse, King and Queen County Board of Education, King and Queen County Library and the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office have been switched to the new fiber network. When the project is completed, more than 3,800 locations will have access to the fiber network. Follow the progress on our website at <https://myriverstreet.net/king-and-queen-fiber-build>. Our customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 6:00pm for assistance.

King and Queen County's Broadband project is the beginning of a multi-phased opportunity in 14 additional counties located in South Central Virginia to pass more than 13,400 homes, businesses and other anchor institutions with fiber optic broadband service.

RiverStreet Networks, a leader in the broadband industry, is thrilled and prepared to bring the same winning formula of excellent customer service combined with high-speed internet to King and Queen County. "With technology evolving faster and faster, users demand more bandwidth and faster internet connections. The internet is vital for everyone's success. Almost everything we do in our daily lives can be done over the internet" states Eric Cramer, CEO, and President of RiverStreet Networks. "High-speed internet is becoming the focus of communication."

Located in the foothills of North Carolina, RiverStreet Networks, a subsidiary of Wilkes Telephone Membership, started in 1951 as a local cooperative to serve rural Wilkes County, NC. After completing an award-winning Fiber-to-The-Home network to all its members, RiverStreet Networks was established to offer state-of-the art technology to areas outside of the traditional market. With 70 years of experience, RiverStreet Networks remains committed to bringing high speed internet to the unserved and underserved communities.