

2023 Henniker Broadband ~ Town of Henniker Annual Report

The Henniker Broadband Committee has been meeting under the direction of Carol Miller, Director of Broadband Initiatives, the National Collaborative for Digital Equity. The Committee goals were to improve access to high-speed, affordable, reliable, and future ready broadband for all in town.

The Henniker Broadband Committee was established on November 3, 2022, because of a growing concern of resident taxpayers with regards to access to internet services. Town Administrator Dianne Kendall recruited members of the community to serve on the committee that were interested in investigating and analyzing the availability and high-speed capacity of current broadband service. The Committee attended monthly meetings (12) held on the 1st Wednesday of the month and stepped through a process of gathering information and interviewing internet service providers who were in a position to improve service capacity and options while filling gaps of adequate coverage in areas of town with poor performing internet access and low-speed broadband.

The committee is made of the following members: Marc McMurphy, Chair, Paul Knudsen, Jesse Pinnell, Robert Pagano, Scott Osgood, Carol Conforti-Adams and Diane Kendall.

The committee has identified all residences in Henniker that do not have access to high-speed broadband. The committee also communicated the town's desire for those locations to have access to providers already providing service in Henniker. After interviews with existing providers, seeing their plans, and hearing verbal commitments to extend high-speed broadband to the remaining unserved residences in a reasonable amount of time, the committee feels that no further action is required at this time.

We are pleased with the outcome of our work and minutes of our meetings and a final report are available on the town website at <https://www.henniker.org/henniker-broadband-committee>.

We look forward and feel confident that Henniker residents and businesses have access to the broadband capacity to take advantage of economic opportunity, and access to health care, government services, and educational advancement.

Sincerely,

Marc McMurphy

Chair—Henniker Broadband Committee