

# Gogebic Range Broadband Initiative



## WHO is involved?

The Gogebic Range Broadband Committee is comprised of local community leaders from various sectors with a common mission of enhancing and expanding broadband **access**, **adoption** and **use** throughout the county for the benefit of local residents and businesses. To that end, the Committee has partnered with Connect Michigan and their “Connected Community” program to assess the present state of broadband in the Gogebic Range and establish a broadband planning process and plan to address our current and future broadband needs.

## WHAT is being done?

To perform an assessment of the Gogebic Range current broadband environment, the Committee will be conducting surveys of local residents, businesses and other organizations across the county. Responses to these surveys will help us better understand the existing resources and capabilities we now have to support our **access**, **adoption** and **use** of broadband technology in our homes and businesses. 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?

Our Community Broadband Assessment and related surveys will be launched in April and continue into the August timeframe. Results from this work will be shared with the public later this spring, followed by 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 the Gogebic Range. To take the survey as a resident, a business owner or a designated representative of another organization, please go to <http://connectmycommunity.org/gogebic-county/> and select the appropriate option. And please share this information with your peers and encourage others to take our survey!