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Ulster County Legislature Supports Grant to Expand Broadband Service to Towns of Denning, Hardenburgh, Rochester and Wawarsing

The Ulster County Legislature unanimously supported applications by Time Warner Cable, Link By Air and Rural Technologies Strategies for a Connect NY Broadband Grant to expand rural broadband service in the Town of Denning, Hardenburgh, Rochester and Wawarsing.

"This is what good government is all about," said Thomas "TJ" Briggs, District 15 Legislator and a sponsor of the resolution. "It is a bi-partisan effort that is for the betterment of our communities."

New York State made grant funding available under the Connect NY Broadband Grant Program to extend broadband service. Broadband service is lacking in many areas of those Towns.

"With the world at our fingertips it's imperative to keep up with technology," observed District 14 Legislator Craig Lopez. "Broadband is an important part of that technology and this grant will enable the residents of Ulster County to have access to information, programs and services the fastest most efficient way possible." Lopez and Briggs represent the Town of Wawarsing.

James Maloney, Legislative Vice Chair and Chair of the Ulster County Legislature's Economic Development & Tourism Committee agreed and added "Broadband is a key ingredient to developing and retaining business in today's economy."

District 22 Legislator John Parete represents the Towns of Denning, Hardenburgh and was Co-sponsor of the Resolution. "The lack of broadband service affects everything from public safety to education and business," Parete noted, "For the mountain people – this will be great!"

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