Broadband Assessment & Implementation Plan



Barry County, Michigan



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Barry County Chamber of Commerce and Economic **Development Alliance**

BUSINESS LINE(S)

Strategic Consulting

SCOPE OF SERVICES

- ✓ Broadband Accessibility Analysis
- ✓ Community Engagement
- √ Geographic Information Systems Data Collection & Analysis
- ✓ Grant Application Support
- ✓ Infrastructure Planning

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In July 2021, Barry County, Michigan, engaged Antero Group to coordinate with key stakeholders in aligning and advancing regional priorities for broadband expansion through the development and analysis of updated maps. In addition to facilitating community engagement and stakeholders through workshops, Antero provided direct support in coordinating with broadband providers to develop a comprehensive assessment of the gaps and barriers in accessibility for broadband through survey distribution and analysis. Furthermore, Antero provided application-strengthening recommendations for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) grant submission for Barry County.

OUTCOMES

- ✓ Comprehensive data analysis of preliminary findings of gaps and barriers to accessibility
- ✓ Development of a GIS-supported project basemap and geodatabase highlighting broadband coverage, upload and download speeds, transportation networks, floodplains, and potential expansion areas
- ✓ Development of recommendations report with detailed analysis and recommendations for infrastructure planning
- ✓ Identification of potential funding sources to augment priority project implementation costs
- ✓ Delivery of a comprehensive broadband assessment report

