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ECFiber Expands Wicked Fast Internet to areas of Randolph and Norwich
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The East Central Vermont Community Fiber-Optic Network (ECFiber) added 12 more miles of fiber-to-the-home routes in September. Full fiber-optic network is available for the first time in Randolph on VT Route 14 South, Crocker Rd, and Kingsbury Rd as ECFiber begins its access into parts of Randolph lying east of I-89. Expansions in northeast Bethel on Gage Rd., Randolph Center Rd., Factory Hill Rd. are also “lit” and ready for new customers. Meanwhile, a recent extension in Norwich connects the north and south sections of New Boston Rd previously built and lights up Barbara Lee Lane. These projects were partially funded by grants from the Vermont Telecom Authority (VTA), together with investments by local residents.

It is well known that a fiber-optic network connection to the internet offers almost unlimited speed and capacity, but it is also offers excellent reliability and stability. In this age of needing to be “always on” for both work and pleasure, community-owned fiber networks are making this happen even on the dirt roads of rural Vermont.

The Public Service Department is currently building 80+ miles of open-access fiber-optic cable trunks designed by the VTA through parts of Randolph, Brookfield, Braintree, Sharon, Pomfret, Reading, Stockbridge, Rochester, and Hancock. As those trunks are completed in early 2016, ECFiber's long-term leases on strands within them will enable us to serve the 1,000 homes along those routes and in Pittsfield, West Windsor, and South Woodstock as well.

ECFiber is a consortium of 24 towns in East-Central Vermont that have banded together to build a community-owned fiber-optic network to deliver high-speed Internet to every home, business, or civic institution in our territory. ECFiber offers real broadband: symmetrical internet access (same upload as download,) and a choice of five speeds (from 7 Mbps to 400 Mbps) that do not vary by time of day or according to the weather - as well as phone service with unlimited USA and Canada long distance calling.

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