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ARPA Funds Help County Build, Track Broadband.

Washtenaw County, Mich. mapped its broadband capacity and illustrated its needs for expansion.

As it gears up to meet a goal of full broadband connectivity by 2025, Washtenaw County, Mich. has launched a digital map that tracks its progress, thanks to American Rescue Plan Act dollars and general county funds.

Lack of broadband is a huge detriment to any county and its residents, particularly in the sectors of education, healthcare, employment and business development, said Washtenaw County Commissioner Jason Maciejewski.

“This goes way beyond simply trying to stream movies and music online — these are really things that impact people’s everyday lives, their ability to get broadband level internet service,” Maciejewski said.

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