

**Wyoming County
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Dear Wyoming County Resident:

As we emerge from the disruptions of Covid-19, the pandemic has highlighted the importance of high-speed broadband to work effectively, learn, communicate, shop, and play. With 14.6% of households lacking access, Wyoming County ranks 4th from the bottom in New York State in broadband availability. This gap in broadband access is a fundamental threat to our future economic development and prosperity. New federal funding provides a critical opportunity to improve and increase broadband access.

New York State has begun working with ECC Technologies to identify areas of our county that lack access to broadband. ECC Technologies is no stranger to Wyoming County. In 2009, they completed a needs assessment and municipal fiber cost modeling study. Their current assignment is creating an internet site (www.WyomingCountyBroadband.com) that collects data about broadband access.

The data we obtain from this survey will help us identify those areas most in need. With this vital information gathered, ECC can meet with the local cable and telephone companies other potential providers and even apply for specific state and federal grants to help close these gaps.

Words can't over-state how important this survey is to Wyoming County. The more responses we obtain, the better positioned we are as a County to move forward.

As a leader in Wyoming County, we need your help in spreading the word and encouraging residents to participate by visiting www.WyomingCountyBroadband.com and completing the assessment. ECC Technologies is committed to the privacy of each respondent. No personally identifiable information will be disseminated.

I appreciate your help with this survey. Don't hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions about this broadband assessment initiative.

Kind regards.

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