Land of Sky Regional Broadband
May 21, 2018 – Summary Update

Challenge: Without direct and focused investment in broadband infrastructure, the region will slip further behind the rest of the state's technology advancements.

Goal: Attract investment in broadband infrastructure for economic development, education, health, and opportunity in the Land of Sky Region through Public-Private Partnerships.

WestNGN Internet Survey
Tell us about your internet service!
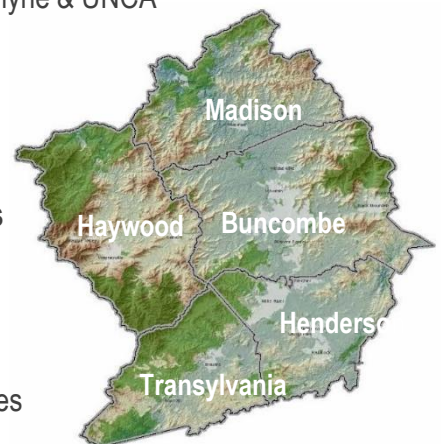https://bit.ly/2KMdD2g

Phase I: WestNGN Initiative to bring gigabit speed broadband to regional job centers.

- 1st regional meeting of 73 leaders hosted by UNCA to learn of Next Generation Network in RTP
- 6 Municipalities agree to form West Next Generation Network (WestNGN)
- 2nd regional meeting of 83 leaders explored future technology needs
- Community Profiles for Communities developed
- Broadband Friendly Policies agreed upon
- Request for Negotiation released in August 2017
- Future of Technology Visioning document developed by Lenoir Rhyne & UNCA
- Proposals reviewed, interviews held and solutions negotiated
- Municipalities implement chosen strategies
- Two new entrants to the broadband market in the region

Phase II: ARC & ERC supported broadband within rural areas

- Regional Broadband Summit held January 22, 2018
- Regional Asset Mapping & Development of Community Profiles
- Regional Broadband Survey to determine current level of service
- Identify priority locations for connections to serve rural communities
- Create Deployment Plan

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