

KVCOG is pleased to announce an initiative to expand broadband service in the region. We are working in partnership with FairPoint Communications and our regional economic development partners on a project called *FairPoint / Connect Northern New England (Connect NNE)*. FairPoint's *Connect NNE* project is based on collaborating with local governments, businesses, and other organizations to invest in and grow the regional local economy. FairPoint is working to partner with state, local, and regional organizations that work to support economic growth in the region.

Expanding Broadband Availability.

Providing widely available broadband services is a core part of FairPoint's business strategy and will help support economic development efforts in Maine. FairPoint plans to increase broadband availability and enhance high-speed data services. The company is committed to maintaining and improving the state-of-the art network infrastructure in the region.

On November 10, FairPoint launched an online registration tool to help identify and map demand for broadband services in the KVCOG region. The registration tool will help FairPoint collect information from residents and businesses that want to both establish and to expand broadband services in their area. FairPoint will use the data to guide future investment, construction and upgrades to FairPoint's broadband network.

Registering your Interest.

To register your interest in broadband, businesses and residents can go to the web site: www.iwantmybroadbandfromfairpoint.com/kvcog Fill in the form and press "Submit". Your data will be entered into the FairPoint data base and your location indicated on a map of the region. With this information, FairPoint can better plan the scale and location of its investments in developing and delivering broadband capability.

The expansion of the FairPoint broadband network will take time. Registering on the site will not guarantee access to broadband, but the information will help FairPoint prioritize the build out of its broadband network in the region. If you have questions about FairPoint's plan, you can contact FairPoint at 888.648.3066.

Need Help Registering.

If you need help registering or do not have access to the Internet presently, you may call Amy Harrington at KVCOG for assistance. Amy can send you a paper form or put your data in to the data base while on the telephone with you. Call Amy during KVCOG business hours at 207-453-4258 ext 11.