



Indiana Uplands Digital Inclusion Plan Greene County



Digital Inclusion Plan

Goals & Strategies

Goal 1: Build/upgrade affordable and adequate broadband connectivity throughout the community and improve adoption

Strategy 1a) relying on primary or secondary data sources (including school district data), identify broadband investment priority areas (BIPAs) in the community. These may include areas in need of broadband investment to upgrade existing service and/or stimulate competition.

Strategy 1b) Accommodate the broadband portal that the state of Indiana is creating later this year.

Strategy 1c) secure buy-in from local government and other stakeholders to provide funds and other resources to providers investing in the BIPAs. This includes identifying potential local, state, or federal sources.

Strategy 1d) streamline easements, rights-of-way, property tax abatements, incentives, and others to ensure ROI is maximized for providers. Offer help to providers that have secured federal or state funds to invest in your community so they can begin construction/upgrades as soon as possible.

Strategy 1e) identify discounted internet service plans in partnership with internet providers, schools, and other key stakeholders.

Strategy 1f) design and implement an awareness campaign of service plans, as well as efforts to increase adoption among community residents, businesses, and organizations.

Goal 2: Assist residents in obtaining reliable devices.

Strategy 2a) encourage businesses and organizations in the community to donate devices including desktops, laptops, and tablets.

Strategy 2b) work with local schools and other nonprofits to reformat donated devices, provide technical assistance, and/or provide digital literacy workshops.

Strategy 2c) establish a device give-away or loan program in partnership with community nonprofits, targeted to community residents in need of devices and/or digital literacy workshops.



Strategy 2d) research and secure grants to offer incentives to volunteers and help support the device program in the community.

Goal 3: Improve digital literacy and skills among all residents.

Strategy 3a) inventory community anchor institutions and other relevant organizations (e.g., libraries, bookstores, community colleges, churches, etc.) with access to fast internet and devices that are better positioned to host digital literacy workshops and/or provide public access to devices and internet.

Strategy 3b) inventory existing digital literacy workshops and classes to identify gaps and niches to be filled including but not limited to efforts conducted by schools, nonprofits, community colleges, local economic development organizations, etc.

Strategy 3c) once locations conducive to hosting digital literacy workshops and existing efforts are identified, promote a schedule of workshops targeting multiple groups in the community.

Goal 4: Integrate digital inclusion strategies into community, economic, and workforce development.

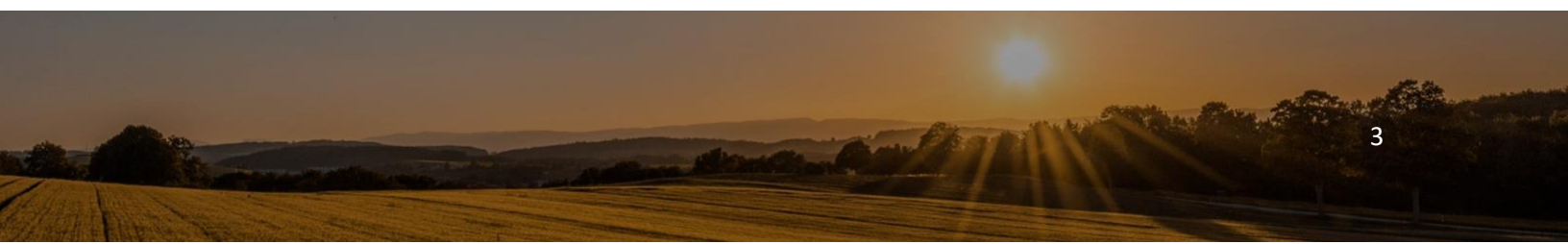
Strategy 4a) in partnership with the local economic development organization, chamber, and/or main street association, survey existing businesses to identify their information technology and workforce needs. Use this information to inform effort outlined in Strategy 3c.

Strategy 4b) identify facilities in the community that could potentially be transformed into business incubators, co-working spaces, telework nesting, and/or tech hubs, particularly in the eastern part of the county.

Strategy 4c) in partnership with LEDO, chamber, and/or main street association develop and implement entrepreneurship.

Strategy 4d) survey manufacturers and other businesses to better understand the barriers or workforce needs around digital technology.

Strategy 4e) support Purdue Extension's efforts to provide resources to farmers to adopt digital agriculture strategies (e.g., precision agriculture).





Goal 5: Strive to establish and sustain digital inclusion.

Strategy 5a) expand the digital advisory team into a broader coalition of digital inclusion stakeholders in the community. This coalition can monitor implementation of the plan and review progress twice per year, coordinate networking around digital inclusion, and serve as a liaison to additional community coalitions.

Strategy 5b) constantly update inventory of a) facilities conducive to digital literacy workshops; b) businesses and organization donating devices; c) existing digital literacy workshops and topics available.

Strategy 5c) periodically gather information regarding internet access, availability, and cost. This data should continue to inform the implementation of the plan and monitor progress in reducing digital exclusion in the community.

Strategy 5d) ensure that digital inclusion is a community and economic development priority.

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