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Greetings,

Our community is participating in Connect Michigan's "Connected Community" program. This project will assess the current status of broadband access, adoption, and use in our area so we can develop a Broadband Technology Action Plan to improve the quality of life and economic potential across Muskegon County.

The Connected Community program includes the following Core Elements:

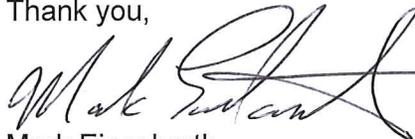
- **Create Community Broadband Team** – This team has been established and consists of representatives from local government, schools, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations and internet service providers.
- **Broadband Assessment** – Residential and business surveys have been created to collect data on how Muskegon County residents and businesses are using broadband and related technologies. The County would appreciate your assistance in distributing the surveys to residents and businesses in your jurisdiction. The surveys are available online at the following websites:
 - **Business Survey** - <http://bit.do/MuskegonBroadbandBusiness>
 - **Residential Survey** - <http://bit.do/MuskegonBroadbandResident>

The Community Broadband Team plans to collect survey results through January 2016. They will then begin action planning around broadband expansion.

Some local units of government have opted to print and mail these surveys with their winter tax bills. We've attached Word Documents versions of the survey for your convenience if you choose to do this.

If you have any questions about the Connected Community program, please contact Jonathan Wilson, Muskegon County Economic Development Coordinator at 231-724-8861, or via email at wilsonjo@co.muskegon.mi.us.

Thank you,



Mark Eisenbarth
Muskegon County Administrator