

NEW HAMPSHIRE FASTROADS: BUILDING LAST MILE ACCESS

New Hampshire **FastRoads**

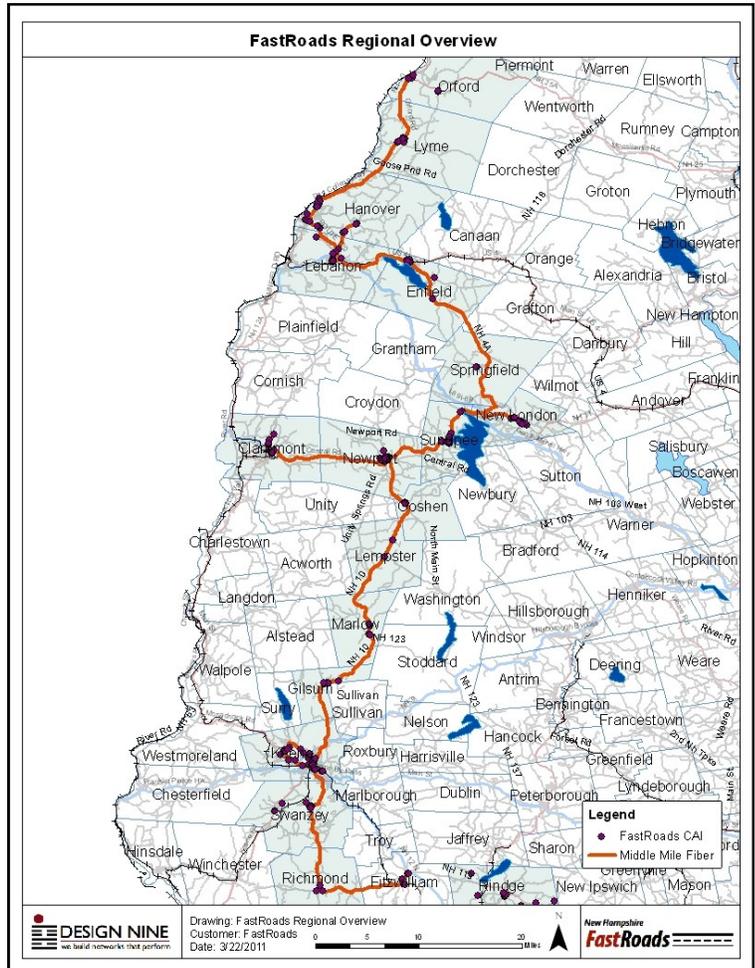
New Hampshire FastRoads is an LLC of Monadnock Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The organization was established to bring accessible and affordable broadband to the towns of the Monadnock and Upper Valley regions of New Hampshire. NH FastRoads is partnering with Network New Hampshire Now (NNHN), a collaboration of public and private organizations to develop a high speed broadband network throughout the state.

NH FastRoads' mission is to ensure that homes, businesses and institutions of the region have the best broadband infrastructure to support jobs and sustainable economic development. The organization's work will enable delivery of a variety of services such as consumer and business Internet access, voice telephony (VoIP), IP-based television, movies on demand, business class videoconferencing, health care services (e.g. in-home monitoring), home and business security, computer backup, public access television, Internet radio, and many other advanced services.

Work has begun to build a next-generation fiber network that will bring high-speed "last-mile" networks in Rindge and Enfield, NH, and "middle mile" projects delivering fiber network access to 20 towns and 220 community anchor institutions in the area. Construction of the first phase of the network is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2012.

Design Nine was recently awarded a contract to provide network architecture design and mapping services. The

company has deep experience in designing open access and open services networks. Among their many responsibilities will include assisting FastRoads in all facets of project planning, including environmental assessment, bidding, procurement, quality assurance and regulatory permitting.



Carole Monroe, Executive Director of FastRoads, states "Design Nine has helped more than 150 communities build broadband networks, and is one of the few firms in the country with experience in open access broadband networks."

FastRoads has started its search for a vendor to engineer and build fiber optic cabling for last mile distribution and access, and middle mile access (drops).

For more information on FastRoads please visit their website at : <http://www.newhampshirefastroads.net> or call Carole Monroe at (603) 283-5129.

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