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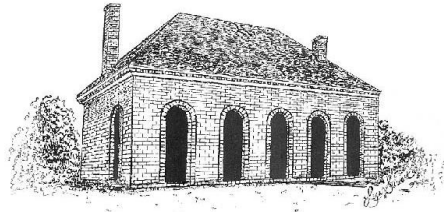
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2020 Citizens Advisory Committee

In October 2019, the Board of Supervisors created a Broadband Advisory Committee that includes citizens who possess applicable expertise in the appropriate fields (Information Technology; wired internet service provision; wireless internet service provision GIS mapping; and broadband infrastructure and tools). The Committee was charged with the following scope:

- Develop practical solutions for serving the unserved and underserved areas of the County and prioritize these solutions;
- Review existing broadband availability mapping and work with service providers;
 - o Attempt to identify inaccuracies;
 - o Recommend a method/methods to obtain information to correct the inaccuracies
- Determine what infrastructure currently exists and how it can be leveraged to expand and improve service;
- Prepare final report and make presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Over the course of a year the Committee met and ultimately developed a Hanover County Blueprint to Broadband [Internet](#). The [report](#) was presented to the Board of Supervisors. Supporting material are available [here](#) (file is 18mb in size).

2010 Citizens Advisory Committee

In 2010 the Board of Supervisors established a high speed internet advisory committee to develop a plan to expand high speed internet access across the County. The committee drafted a [report](#) that included a number of recommendations. The County has been implementing these recommendations. However, at that time, internet service providers were not prevalent and the County was not able to generate any interest from private internet service providers to expand broadband internet service into rural areas of the County. In addition internet service technology has been greatly enhanced. In 2010 high speed internet was considered speeds greater than 4 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload (today that is 25/3).

The High Speed Internet Committee (HSIC) reported back in 2012 with a number of recommendations for consideration by the Board, which have served as the basis for the County's broadband planning effort. A summary of their recommendations:

- Designate point person for broadband – completed
- Communication – completed (on-going)
- Pursue grant opportunities – completed (on-going)
- Map internet availability – completed (using State/Federal mapping resources and on-line surveys)
- Ensure Libraries have broadband internet service – completed
- Consider establishing special tax districts – completed (Board of Supervisors determined not to proceed with this option)