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Glenwood Telephone Company (GTC) and South Georgia Broadband, Inc. looking to map Wheeler County Broadband access.

March 29, 2019 — Glenwood Telephone Company along with its subsidiary South Georgia Broadband, Inc. are looking for facts on who can't get Internet, who can only get slow Internet (below 10 Mbps down / 1 Mbps up) and those who can get real Broadband (defined currently by the FCC as 10 Mbps down / 1 Mbps up) in Wheeler County, Georgia.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is looking at increasing the definition of Broadband to 25 Mbps down / 3 Mbps up which would allow for offerings such as SHDTV as well as more HD streams per household.

GTC and South Georgia Broadband, Inc currently are looking at areas to expand into with Fiber To the Home (FTTH). While GTC and South Georgia Broadband, Inc. may not be able financially to service all areas with FTTH right away, we are looking at using data from this study to pinpoint areas where we have fiber close to, where we pass by with fiber now, and where it makes financial sense to bring FTTH in the near future. This information will also be used for potential funding opportunities at both the Federal and State levels.

We know there is a digital divide in Wheeler County and want to help in areas where there is a need where we financially are able. We hope citizens of Wheeler will take a minute and let us know are you served, underserved, or unserved. The more people participate in this study the more accurate information we have and the faster we can make well-informed decisions.

GTC Vice President Jim O'Brien says "We are already aware of some areas and have already pinpointed and started building out to them. We are hoping your answers will assist us in pinpointing more underserved and unserved areas faster. If there are a number of homes in your area who cannot access superfast broadband Internet, this project may speed things up even more."

Mr. O'Brien continues "We will be visiting Washington D.C. mid April to tell Wheeler County's story and seek support at the Federal level for more funding and attention to not only Wheeler County's digital divide but also the digital divide Nationwide."

For people in Wheeler County who want to participate in this study please visit

www.wheelercountybroadband.com and take a short survey or contact the project at 912-523-5111.



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