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Northampton Joins Next Century Cities

Nationwide initiative supports broadband investment for community development

Today, Mayor David J. Narkewicz announced Northampton has joined Next Century Cities, a bipartisan, city-to-city initiative dedicated to ensuring the availability of next-generation broadband Internet for all communities.

“Joining Next Century Cities (NCC) connects the City of Northampton to a network of communities that are committed to continuous innovation and facing similar challenges”, said Mayor Narkewicz. “NCC is a great resource in our exploration of gigabit-level Internet service development as an essential infrastructure to strengthen our local economy and expand information and technology access for residents.”

“Next Century Cities welcomes Northampton, the latest community to join us in support of high-speed Internet” said Deb Socia, Executive Director of Next Century Cities. “We encourage all cities who are interested in recognizing the benefits of these investments to business, schools, government, and more to join this initiative.”

To date, over 100 cities and their elected leaders have joined Next Century Cities in recognition of the importance of leveraging gigabit-level Internet to attract new businesses and create jobs, improve health care and education, and connect residents to new opportunities. Next Century Cities will support communities and their elected leaders across the country as they seek to ensure that all have access to fast, affordable, and reliable Internet.

More information is available at <http://nextcenturycities.org/>