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## Surf Internet Bringing Fiber Connectivity to LaPaz, Marshall County in Indiana

ELKHART, Ind. (March 24, 2023) – Surf Internet<sup>SM</sup> is in the final phase of construction on their high-speed fiber network for the Town of LaPaz, Indiana. The project is scheduled for completion by early April.

"Transforming rural communities like those in Marshall County isn't a secondary focus for Surf, it's the heart of our mission," said Surf CEO Gene Crusie. "We go where large service providers won't, providing high-speed fiber internet at affordable rates to residents who, until now, haven't had meaningful choices for connectivity. We're proud to partner with the Marshall County Commissioners to continue this important work."

This is the first step to connect northeast Marshall County through a fiber "ring" that will extend from LaPaz to Lake of the Woods, and over to Bremen. Funding for the project comes from \$1.5 million of Surf's own private capital, as well as a \$500,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant awarded last June by Marshall County Commissioners.

"Surf Internet's expansion of their fiber internet network into Marshall County will directly contribute to the economic vitality of this region," said Marshall County Commissioner Kevin Overmyer. "Advanced connectivity means increased opportunities for our residents in every area of their lives. High-speed internet helps people work more effectively from home, delivers better access to healthcare, and gives our children better tools for education."

The work in Marshall County is part of Surf's overall commitment to build an advanced fiber-optic network serving rural communities across the Great Lakes Region of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. Construction updates for all of their project areas can be found on the company's website at <a href="https://construction.surfinternet.com/">https://construction.surfinternet.com/</a>.

## **About Surf Internet**

Surf Internet is an innovative fiber-optic internet company that serves as the essential gateway to connectivity across the Great Lakes Region of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. The company is building a bridge to the wide open future by delivering high-speed, reliable internet to homes and businesses in underserved, rural communities. Surf's 140-plus-person team is local, giving them an edge when it comes to customer care and advocacy for the region. Headquartered in Elkhart, Ind., Surf also has offices in La Porte, Ind., Byron Center and Fowlerville, Mich., and Coal City and Rock Falls, Ill. Learn more at <a href="https://surfinternet.com">https://surfinternet.com</a>.