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### **Surf Internet Breaks Ground in Churubusco, Indiana, Set to Invest Over \$1 Million**

ELKHART, Ind. (June 27, 2023) – Surf Internet<sup>SM</sup> kicked off the next phase of bringing fiber internet to the community of Churubusco, Indiana, with a groundbreaking ceremony held on June 23. Elected officials, members of the Churubusco Chamber of Commerce, Surf representatives, and community stakeholders were in attendance to celebrate this key milestone.

Surf Internet has already invested \$5.2 million in Whitley County through the buildout of fiber internet services for Columbia City, and is now investing over \$1 million in Churubusco.

“We are proud to continue our work in Whitley County by offering transformative fiber internet service to the residents of Churubusco,” said Surf CEO Gene Crusie. “This is a community that has not had access to the many personal, business, and economic opportunities that come with high-speed internet connectivity. We’re thrilled to partner with this great town to change that trajectory for these residents today.”

Construction to bring its reliable, high-speed fiber network to over 750 addresses throughout the town is set to be completed by the end of this year, before expanding their network further into Whitley County. Once complete, the fiber infrastructure will allow Surf to introduce multi-gig speeds in the future, giving residents even faster options to suit their connectivity needs.

“Today is a great day for the Town of Churubusco. It is long past time that citizens get access to high-speed, affordable internet,” said Whitley County Commissioner Theresa Baysinger. “My experience working with Surf has been great. I have high hopes for the rural parts to receive it next. The County’s new Broadband Task Force will be working diligently to capture some of the millions of dollars in grants coming from the State in the next year.”

The work in Churubusco 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. Updates on construction are available on the company’s website at <https://construction.surfinternet.com/>.



### **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 170-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 <https://surfinternet.com>.

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