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City of Dixon Celebrates High-Speed Fiber Internet Access Delivered by Surf Internet

ROCK FALLS, Ill. (December 22, 2023) – Surf InternetSM marked a significant achievement in the City of Dixon, Ill., with the introduction of high-speed fiber internet to the area. A ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 27 and the presentation of a commemorative plaque to Dixon's Mayor, Glen S. Hughes, highlighted the occasion.

With this development, roughly 1,800 residents and businesses across the Dixon area will gain access to Surf's cutting-edge fiber-optic internet service by the end of the year. A total of 5,300 passings are slated to be completed over the next year, with Surf investing a total of \$6.9 million in the project.

Gene Crusie, CEO of Surf, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "This marks a pivotal milestone for us as we continue to serve the Sauk Valley community. Dixon is truly home for Surf, and our commitment extends beyond providing internet services. In addition to serving the homes and businesses located here, we invest in educational initiatives, maintain offices and leadership here, and actively participate in community activities and events. We look forward to continuing to grow and thrive together."

Mayor Hughes expressed his gratitude, stating "We appreciate Surf's efforts to expand the access to high-speed internet in Dixon, and their willingness to get involved as a part of the community."

Adding to the significance of the occasion, Dixon became the location for Surf's 100,000th passing, a major milestone as the company progresses towards its goal of reaching 400,000 by 2028.

Tim Shipman, Building Official of Dixon remarked on the achievement, saying, "This is extraordinary that we have the 100,000 passing mark in Dixon. The project as a whole is really exciting for the city, getting fiber to essentially every home. We are looking forward to this project ramping up and continuing. The internet needs are continuously growing, having the service speeds that Surf Internet can provide to every resident in town is amazing for our community."

The work in Dixon is part of Surf's overall commitment to build an advanced fiber-optic network serving communities of all sizes across the Great Lakes Region of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. Residents who would like to see if Surf Internet services are currently available for a specific address, can visit https://surfinternet.com/ and click the "Check Availability" button.

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 Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. 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., Coal City and Rock Falls, Ill., and Byron Center and Fowlerville, Mich. Learn more at https://surfinternet.com.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Surf employees, town officials, Dixon Chamber of Commerce and Sauk Valley Chamber of Commerce representatives, and partner company RLM Underground employees pose for a photo during the ribbon cutting ceremony held November 27.



PHOTO CAPTION: Surf representative Jennifer Alvarez presents Dixon Mayor Glen Hughes a commemorative plaque during the ribbon cutting ceremony.