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Surf Internet Nears Completion of Fiber-Optic Build in Hartford, Michigan

Close to 1,000 homes and businesses will gain access to high-speed fiber service by the end of the year.

HARTFORD, Mich., Nov. 25, 2025 – [Surf Internet](https://surfinternet.com)® announced today that construction of its fiber-optic network in Hartford is nearing completion, with service already available to the first group of homes and businesses. The project, which began with a groundbreaking on October 15, will bring fast, reliable fiber internet to nearly 1,000 locations across the city by mid-to-late December.

Construction has been moving forward in three phases. The first area came online at the end of October, giving more than 250 homes and businesses access to fiber service. A second area covering 300+ additional locations was scheduled for completion by the end of November. The third and final area, reaching nearly 400 locations, will be finished in December. Surf brought in extra construction crews to help accelerate the timeline and ensure steady progress throughout the fall.

Community leaders shared their enthusiasm as construction progresses across the city.

“We welcome Surf Internet to Hartford to bring more options and opportunities to our residents!” said Mayor Rick Hall. “The City of Hartford is excited to have Surf Internet! It will be a great benefit to the residents to have fiber-fast internet!” added Nicol Pulluam.

Surf Internet CEO Gene Crusie said the project reflects both the city’s momentum and Surf’s broader mission to expand fiber connectivity across the Great Lakes region.

“We’re thrilled to see fiber service going live in Hartford and to give residents and businesses the kind of internet access that helps communities grow,” Crusie said. “Whether it’s supporting local employers, helping students stay connected, or strengthening the quality of life for families, reliable internet matters. We look forward to being a long-term partner in Hartford’s future.”

Homes and businesses can check address availability and sign up today at 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 300-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 maintains local Michigan offices in Byron Center, Howell, and Fowlerville, with additional regional offices in La Porte, Ind., and Coal City, Rock Falls, and Naperville, Ill. Learn more at <https://surfinternet.com>.

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CAPTION: Hartford leaders and Surf Internet representatives mark the Oct. 15 groundbreaking for the city's new fiber-optic network. From left to right: Faith Rumfelt (Surf Regional Market Manager), Patty Schroeder (Greater Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce), Nicol Pulluam (City Manager), Mayor Rick Hall, Jane Danger (City Commissioner), Ricky Ricks (Department of Public Works Superintendent), Nancy Spoula (City Commissioner), and Jim Morris (Surf Regional Development Manager).