

# MOUNT WASHINGTON, MA

## Fiber to the Home Network



FINAL DESIGN &  
ISP ENGINEERING



FTTH  
NETWORK



BROADBAND  
EXPANSION



ECONOMIC  
GROWTH



INCREASED PROPERTY  
VALUES

Mount Washington – one of Massachusetts' smallest towns – is located within the Mount Washington State Forest where internet was generally unavailable and cell service was sporadic at best. With only 145 full-time residents, Mount Washington remained underserved by incumbent service providers. Determined to provide 21st century broadband services, the Town took steps to build a municipally owned communications network to deliver high-speed broadband connectivity.

Facing opposition, the Town sought special permission from the Massachusetts' state legislature to finance, own and operate a municipal FTTH network without having to set up a municipal light plant per Massachusetts law. Through overwhelming citizen support, the Governor signed a bill allowing Mount Washington to build and operate the infrastructure. The Town maintains network ownership and selected a third-party service provider to offer end services to subscribers.

Mount Washington received \$230,000 in grant funding from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute helping to offset some of the network build costs. To further reduce

costs, residents chose whether fiber was connected to their homes, signing a three-year commitment, paying up front for high-speed internet and telephone services and contributing \$300 as a startup fee toward installation.

eX<sup>2</sup>, in partnership with White Mountain Cable (a subsidiary of Dycom), provided Mount Washington with engineering and installation services, including final design, procurement and turn up and testing of the electronics. The network has dedicated fiber strands to each household and provides the capability to expand to all town buildings and residents who choose to pay monthly for services.

### ABOUT US

eX<sup>2</sup> Technology, a Vivacity Company, is a single source solution for those seeking to build, scale or future proof their communications infrastructure. eX<sup>2</sup> specializes in standalone and turnkey network design-build-maintain and infrastructure asset commercialization services to maximize customer revenue potential and accelerate broadband expansion throughout the nation.



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