

Wapello County Board of Supervisors
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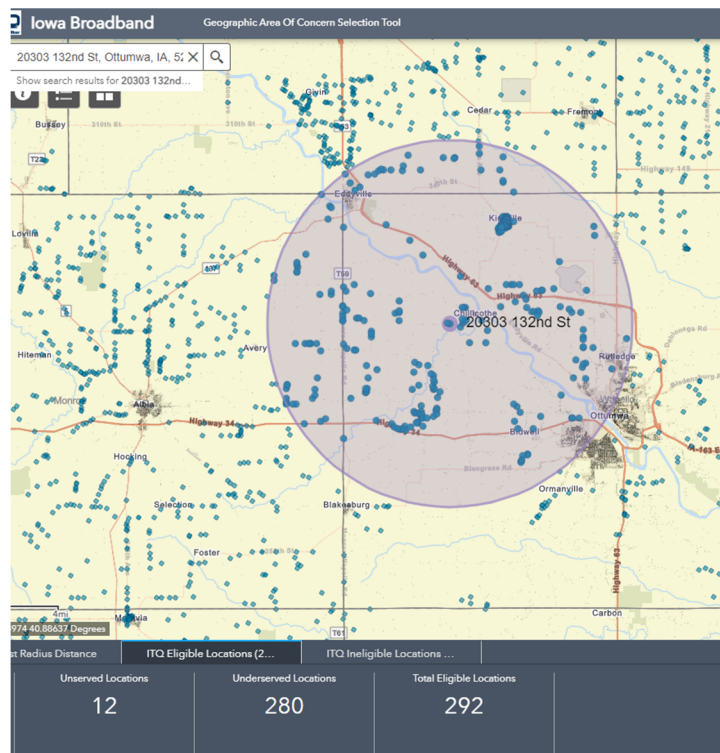
March 10, 2023

To the Iowa Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO):

The Wapello County Board of Supervisors is submitting this application in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone. With due diligence and research, the board of supervisors has designated a geographical area of the county that has a severe lack in proper broadband coverage.

It has been determined that a Broadband Intervention Zone should be created in the rural areas NW of the community of Ottumwa, IA in Wapello County. According to the Iowa Broadband Map v.5, this area is served by 2 larger broadband providers whose broadband speeds fall short of the 100/20 minimum threshold for quality internet connectivity.


The Intervention Zone we are proposing would have a drastic impact on the number of unserved and underserved locations in our county. The zone includes 12 unserved and 280 underserved businesses and residential homes (a total of 292 eligible locations) presented in the map below:



With many of our constituents in these areas lacking a reliable internet connection, we feel the designation of this Intervention Zone would greatly benefit our local community as a whole. As more

businesses move to a virtual work environment, schools and other educational institutions create a more online curriculum, and healthcare providers become more available at the touch of a finger, ensuring there is proper broadband infrastructure in place to facilitate these advancements is vital for our communities, both now and in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bryan Ziegler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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