

# IOWA COUNTY

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



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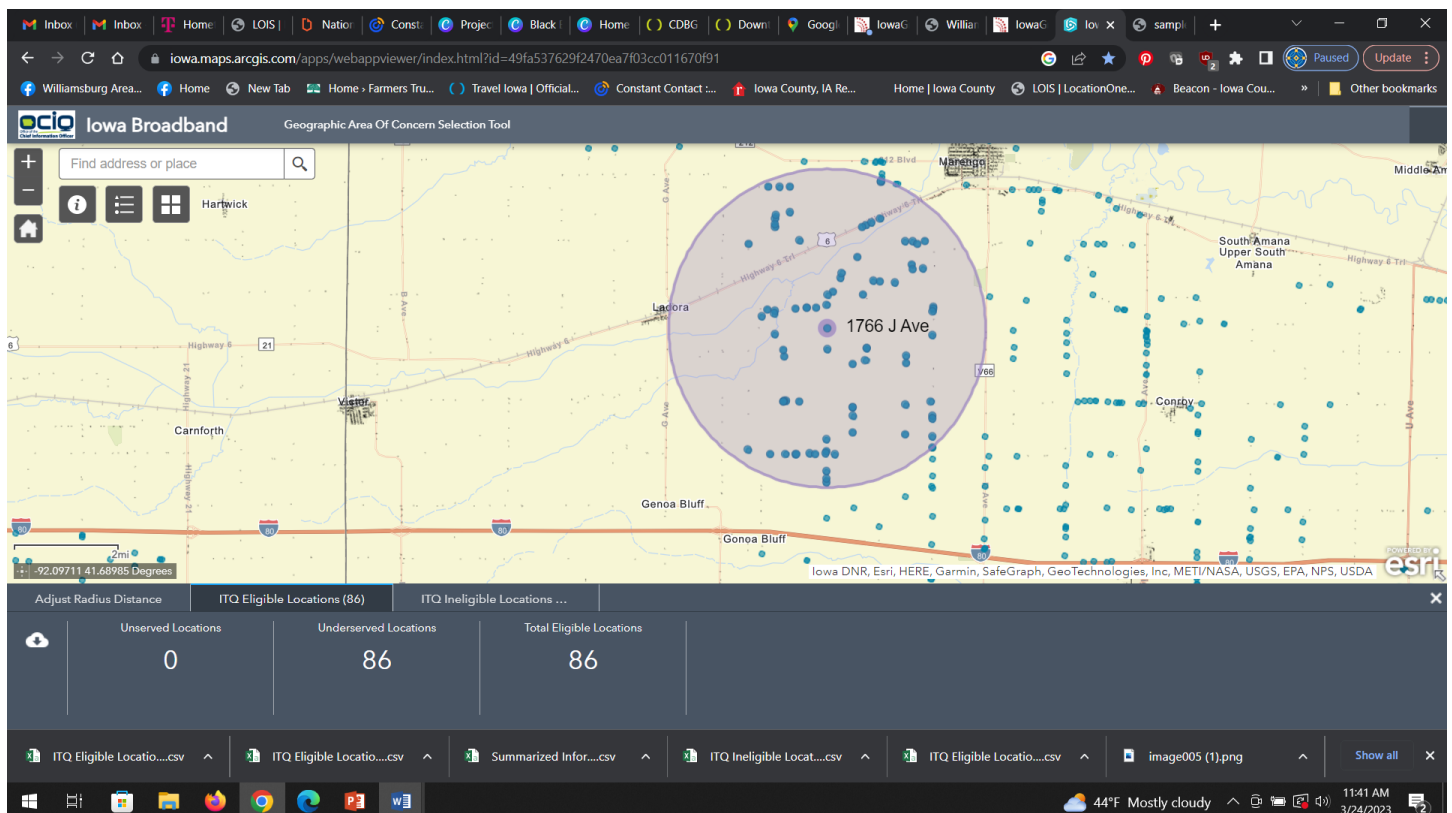
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To the Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa:

Rural Marengo, Iowa is submitting this application in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone. Rural Marengo, in association with local organizations within our represented geography, have identified a specific area of geographic concern with regards to existing broadband availability.

As such, we are proposing that a Broadband Intervention Zone be established for the area in and around the community of Parnell and Williamsburg in Iowa County. Pursuant to the Iowa Broadband Map v.5, this area is currently served by a single broadband provider and with speeds that do not facilitate the required 100/20 minimum threshold for robust connectivity.

The prospective Intervention Zone would bring needed broadband connectivity to 86 currently underserved homes and businesses in the area as further represented by the diagram below:



Robust broadband is critical to this community's continued economic growth, and to ensure local citizens have access to essential infrastructure required for health, safety and education of current and future generations.

Sincerely,

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