

Annual Report

Performance Measurement Report FY 2023

Mission Statement: The mission of ErieNet Local Development Corporation is to deliver affordable broadband access to unserved areas; improve services in underserved communities; and enable world-class broadband investment and deployment county-wide. Through the development of a state-of-art fiber optic network, ErieNet LDC will enhance economic development opportunities, promote better quality of life for Erie County residents, and position Erie County as a globally competitive community.

For all measurement purposes, FY 2023 was the LDC's first year in existence mainly used for building administration, planning, and securing contracts for 2024 construction and fiber build out. The make-ready process was our only active effort towards the fiber network.

- **Deliver affordable broadband access to unserved areas.**
 - In 2022, ErieNet was given \$34 million to build a fiber open access network county-wide. The network's design includes rural and inner-city areas that are considered unserved and underserved, bringing accessibility to much needed regions.
- **Enable world-class broadband investment and deployment county-wide.**
 - Construction design, securing contractors and engaging/preparing municipalities for implementation has been the main focus of 2023.
 - The county-wide network will connect all towns, cities, and villages as well as bringing a faster and more secure public safety network.
- **Through the development of a state-of-art fiber optic network, ErieNet, LDC will enhance economic development opportunities, promote better quality of life for Erie County residents and position Erie County as a globally competitive community.**
 - The design reflects all municipalities and the majority of their buildings will be connected. It is also designed to be at or near school districts, healthcare facilities and all public safety buildings.
 - The fiber backbone will bring economic growth opportunities where they previously did not exist. A secure and robust fiber network that is open to anyone will attract businesses to the area, fostering job development and development in rural and inner city locations.