

- Public/Private Partnerships and relationships with EMC’s could be developed to provide comprehensive broadband coverage that is consistent, reliable, and equitable.

The following needs and community policies in this plan relate to the provision of broadband infrastructure:

- Need Address Broadband Infrastructure needs
- Policy 1.24. Community-wide technology infrastructure should be considered a basic community facility and as such should be adequately planned for and implemented.
- Policy 1.25. Efforts should be made to expand and improve high-speed, reliable, affordable Internet access throughout the entire community.
- Need Expand Broadband Infrastructure
- Policy 9.7. Efforts should be made to ensure all citizens have access to basic technology infrastructure.

The above needs and policies have been used to inform an action plan to support the deployment of broadband services into unserved and underserved areas of Lowndes County and the Cities of Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, Remerton, and Valdosta. The specific action items in the action plan are listed below and are cross-listed in the Community Work Programs of the appropriate jurisdictions (see Section 7).

Broadband Action Steps

Activity	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
Provide communitywide adequate high speed broadband access.	Lowndes County, City of Hahira, City of Lake Park, City of Remerton, City of Valdosta	\$1 -\$10 million	General Fund, SPLOST, grants, private funding
Adopt a Broadband Ordinance.	Lowndes County, City of Dasher, City of Hahira, City of Lake Park, City of Remerton, City of Valdosta	Staff time	General Fund
Apply for Broadband Ready Certification.	Lowndes County, City of Dasher, City of Hahira, City of Lake Park, City of Remerton, City of Valdosta	Staff time	General Fund
Review and reduce local obstacles to development and rollout of broadband infrastructure	Lowndes County, City of Dasher, City of Hahira, City of Lake Park, City of Remerton, City of Valdosta	Staff time	General Fund