

# garrett google fiber network



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### **1,300+ SHOW SUPPORT FOR GARRETT COUNTY'S BID TO BECOME A GOOGLE FIBER NETWORK:**

***Deadline to Sign the Petition is March 26th***

March 18, 2010 – Oakland – More than 1,300 individuals have signed the Garrett County Fiber Network's (GCFN) petition to become a Google community with ultra fast high speed Internet access, and over 1,100 have joined the Garrett County & Google Fiber Project's Facebook page. To add your support to Garrett County's effort to become a truly connected community, please visit <http://fiber.garrettcountry.org> before March 26, 2010.

Although Garrett County's beautiful surroundings offer mountains of possibilities for all, especially hundreds of thousands of visitors from Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Ohio, and New York, its rural landscape has historically limited internet access. Connectivity is unavailable or limited to dial-up and satellite service in more than half of the county.

"The Google Fiber project would bring us forward a decade in an instant," explained Joyce Bishoff, interim president of the 700-member Garrett County Chamber of Commerce.

About the Garrett County Fiber Network (GCFN):

Garrett County is competing with communities throughout the USA to convince Google to build a high speed

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fiber network delivering speeds of 1 Gbps (over 100 times faster than DSL). To learn more about how Google's high speed fiber network can bring amazing innovation to education, healthcare, business, citizen services, and community action, please visit sign GCFN's web site at <http://fiber.garrettcountry.org> or call 1-866-403-5982. Be sure to sign GCFN's petition and nominate Garrett County for Google's incredible trial program. But please act quickly; Google needs to hear from you no later than March 26, 2010.