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Wifi Hotspots Live on Penobscot Avenue in Time for July 4th Celebrations

MILLINOCKET, Maine - (June 30, 2017) - Our Katahdin is pleased to announce that phase one of the community broadband technology plan is underway, and live wifi hotspots will light up Penobscot Avenue just in time for the 4th of July holiday. The project includes placing three wifi hotspots along Millinocket's main street to provide free wifi service for visitors and locals spending time downtown to visit shops and grab a bite to eat.

With a community broadband planning grant from ConnectME, our technical partner, Axiom Technologies, identified providing wifi internet access in downtown Millinocket as an important first step through many community interviews. This project is only possible with the support and participation of several key partners. The Millinocket town office, DesignLab and the Scootic In are hosting the wifi equipment on their roofs. Axiom Technologies of Machias completed the design and implementation work. GWI is the current internet service provider.

The installation of the wifi hotspots is yet another example of multiple people who support the Katahdin Region making an investment. The Northern Forest Center and Elliotsville Plantation, Inc. both made generous donations to make these installations possible. Both organizations support broadband development in rural areas as part of diversifying our rural economy. Our local Bangor Savings Bank branch is contributing to the on-going service costs.

To all visitors and Katahdin region alumni home for the long weekend, please check out our downtown and log-on to the newly available wifi.

About Our Katahdin

Our Katahdin is a volunteer driven nonprofit organization working to promote community and economic development in the Katahdin region. The core of Our Katahdin is a website for people who love the Katahdin region and believe in its future. Our Katahdin is a platform— bringing together ideas, people and funding to move our community forward. Where ideas meet action.

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