



Community Broadband Project – Sebago Fiber & GPCOG

You may have heard that GPCOG's Regional Broadband Committee (including Casco, Naples, Raymond, Sebago, & Standish) and Sebago Fiber are working together to bring Fiber Internet to communities around Sebago Lake.

As you know, many residents in the area are unserved or underserved by existing internet providers. Existing services may also be unreliable. Sebago Fiber has been selected as the preferred service provider to bring fiber internet access to the area.

Sebago Fiber and the Town of Sebago have also applied for a grant from MCA to provide UNIVERSAL COVERAGE to the Town of Sebago. Some small areas of North Baldwin & Hiram who are connected to utilities through Sebago would also benefit from this initiative.

While Casco, Raymond, Naples, and Standish are not eligible for the grant, Sebago Fiber plans to treat this project as a regional broadband access project. The communities around Sebago Lake can help each other get better, more reliable internet coverage.

Maine Connectivity Authority, through GPCOG, has provided funding for community outreach related to this project, specifically for the towns of Sebago, Casco, Naples, Raymond, and Standish.

How can you help? As librarians, you undoubtedly provide support and access for those in the community who don't have adequate internet services. We're asking for you to assist us by helping to get the word out to all your patrons. We need as many residents & business owners in these five towns to take the Demand Survey as possible. (The demand survey will become the basis for building a fiber internet network. The areas with the most sign-ups will be built first).

We know you're busy, but anything you can do to assist us with informing the community about the survey will benefit the entire region.

- 1. ASK your patrons to fill out the survey.
- GIVE your patrons a survey card with QR code.
- 3. DISPLAY the flyers in prominent locations.
- 4. POST the survey on social media (can be shared from Sebago Fiber or create your own)
- 5. SEND the survey in your next email or newsletter.

We have dropped off flyers and survey cards today. We can also provide graphics and suggested wording for social media and email. Please email brandie.shydo@sebagofiber.net for graphics, etc. or with any questions about this outreach.

Thank you for your help with this important project!