



City of Grafton, Illinois

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Mayor
Tom Thompson

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To Whom It May Concern:

Board of Aldermen

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I am writing this letter to express my enthusiastic support for the Grafton Telephone Company Gigabit Communications Challenge initiative. Providing broadband services to Grafton and our surrounding geographical area will be a catalyst to our residential and housing market, tourism, and continued foreign investment in businesses and light industry that will produce employment, needed tax revenue, entrepreneurship, and enhanced educational and job training opportunities for our young people.

City Clerk
Mary Lillesve

Grafton and our surrounding communities are in a rural area in close proximity to a large metropolitan city (St. Louis, MO). Visitors to our town and young professionals moving to Grafton have the expectation that we have state of the art computer access. Grafton will have sixteen new residential homes built by July of this year. Our city is experiencing resurgence in our housing market. Recently, we unveiled the plans for the new American Heartland Fish Company establishing a business in Grafton. Grafton is involved in the global economy and international trade. We believe our new light industrial park will attract other businesses that will need broadband computer access.

City Treasurer
Bill Senger

I believe your investment in our area will return many-fold in taxes, investment, employment, and the preparation of our young people for work in the 21st Century.

We appreciate the opportunity that our Governor and State of Illinois is giving us to "build a smart community".

Sincerely,

Tom Thompson
Mayor of Grafton

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Grafton, Illinois

A Real American River Town