



WILDWOOD

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The Honorable City Council
City of Wildwood, Missouri
16860 Main Street
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

Re: Update on the City's Rural Internet Project

Council Members:

The City, through its Department of Planning and Rural Internet Access Committee (RIAC), continue to work on several different initiatives relating to the extension of high-speed internet service to the underserved and non-served areas of Wildwood. Many of these initiatives have been presented to the City Council over the past years, via these regular updates from the Department, with the major current activities summarized below for the purposes of this report. These summaries are as follows:

⇒ **Committee Comments on Consultant's Preliminary Draft of the Internet Study**

The Department of Planning has no new information to report on the provision of the high speed internet service to the rural areas of Wildwood at this time. Since the production of the consultant's report in June 2019, the Department has been preparing comments regarding it to be forwarded to the author of it for review and possible inclusion. Collecting the comments now allows the information to be provided to the consultant, so the report can be finalized. With the final report available, the Rural Internet Access Committee (RIAC) can begin implementing the different approach or approaches identified therein to provide internet access to portions of this community where it currently does not exist.

⇒ **Other Efforts – Meeting Results, Budget, etc.**

The Department also continues to assist individual subdivisions and residents with service requests with either Bays ET or Wisper ISP, along with providing information and guidance on extending Charter Communications (a.k.a. Spectrum) to underserved or unserved areas of Wildwood.

If any of the City Council members should have questions or comments in this regard, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning at (636) 458-0440. Thank you for your continued support of this project and the efforts to address the needs of rural Wildwood residents.

Respectfully submitted,

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