

# Chatham Municipal Network

Initial Charter v1.0

## Purpose

This group has been established to evaluate, implement, and manage a fiber network suitable for current and future governmental infrastructure throughout Chatham County. The group will:

- Evaluate and award network partners
- Identify and retain funding as required
- Identify and implement necessary ordinance changes and/or policy to enable the successful completion of each phase and manageability

Further, the group will collaborate with the selected vendor(s) to:

- Determine access points, routes, and other infrastructure components
- Establish projected buildout plans, phases, and timelines

## Goals

1. Provide underground fiber-optic connectivity between all related governmental buildings and communications infrastructure throughout Chatham County and the municipalities within.
2. Increase coverage, capacity, and quality of telecommunications through one or more partnerships with telecommunications vendors
3. Community investment/longevity; ultimate ownership of fiber lines (sheath)/conduit
4. Provide value to a potential partner

## Outcomes

This group will be primarily focused on goal 1. Even though, we highly prefer all goals are reached.

## Group Members

Membership to this group requires ownership and authority of public land within the affected areas.

While this currently focuses on the Chatham County boundaries, expansion into the surrounding areas is expected and welcomed. Currently, the group consists of:

- Chatham County
- City of Savannah
- Garden City
- Thunderbolt
- Tybee Island
- Chatham County Board of Education

## Group Organization

The group will consist of one representative from each member jurisdiction. A representative, or other delegate, must be in attendance at each meeting.

Each member will participate in meetings at least quarterly and will have the authority granted to vote on related issues and/or plans.

Decisions requiring monetary investment will be voted on for presentation to the governing body of the respective jurisdictions, with a final decision signed and returned before the next scheduled meeting.

## Communication

Meetings and written correspondence will be done through email.

Almost all other communication will happen through telephone.