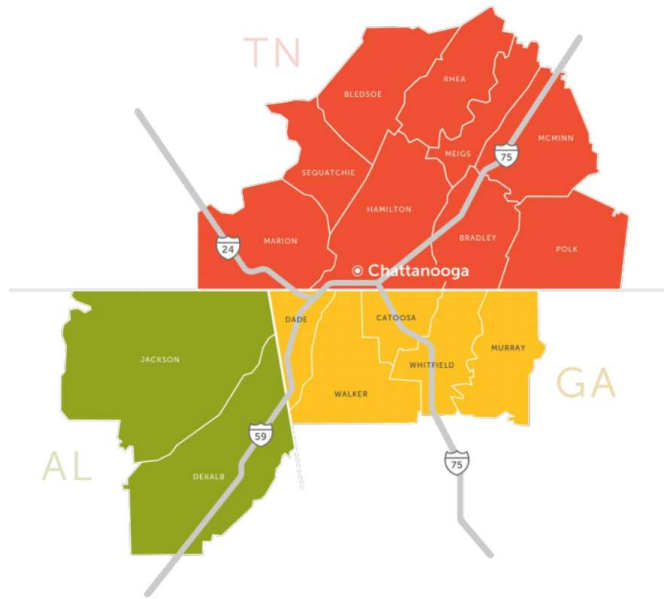


# Client Perspective Report

Internet access is essential for quality of life, innovative education, and a competitive economy in our region. That being said, we, Thrive Regional partnership, are embarking on a journey to provide broadband access to the community in the tristate regions of Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. This region is made up of 16 counties.



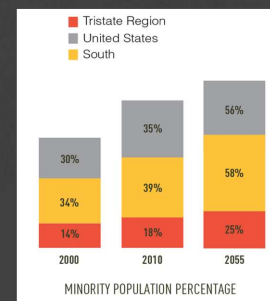
To achieve this milestone, we are collaborating with Sewanee data lab consultants to help us understand the gaps in broadband assets and accessibility within the 16 counties of interest.

From our understanding, the most efficient method to solve this problem is by creating an inventory in the form of a database and

a geospatial map to highlight the communities in the aforementioned counties that are already served, and those that are yet to be served.

In terms of diversity and overall development, the tri-state region has a legacy of lagging compared to the rest of the country and without intervention, this reality is projected to get even worse by the year 2055. Hence, we have predicted that through increasing broadband coverage, we are providing

The tristate region has historically lagged behind the South and the U.S. in ethnic diversity, and the gap is expected to widen during the next 40 years. This figure is significant, as population diversity often correlates with an area's high-tech success and potential growth.



a stepping stone for technical and broader economic advancement.

In our collaboration with the consultants, we will provide access to our gathered information. Additionally, we seek to provide the consultants introduction to community leaders of the aforementioned counties for further collaboration and information sharing along with our time and energy where necessary.

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