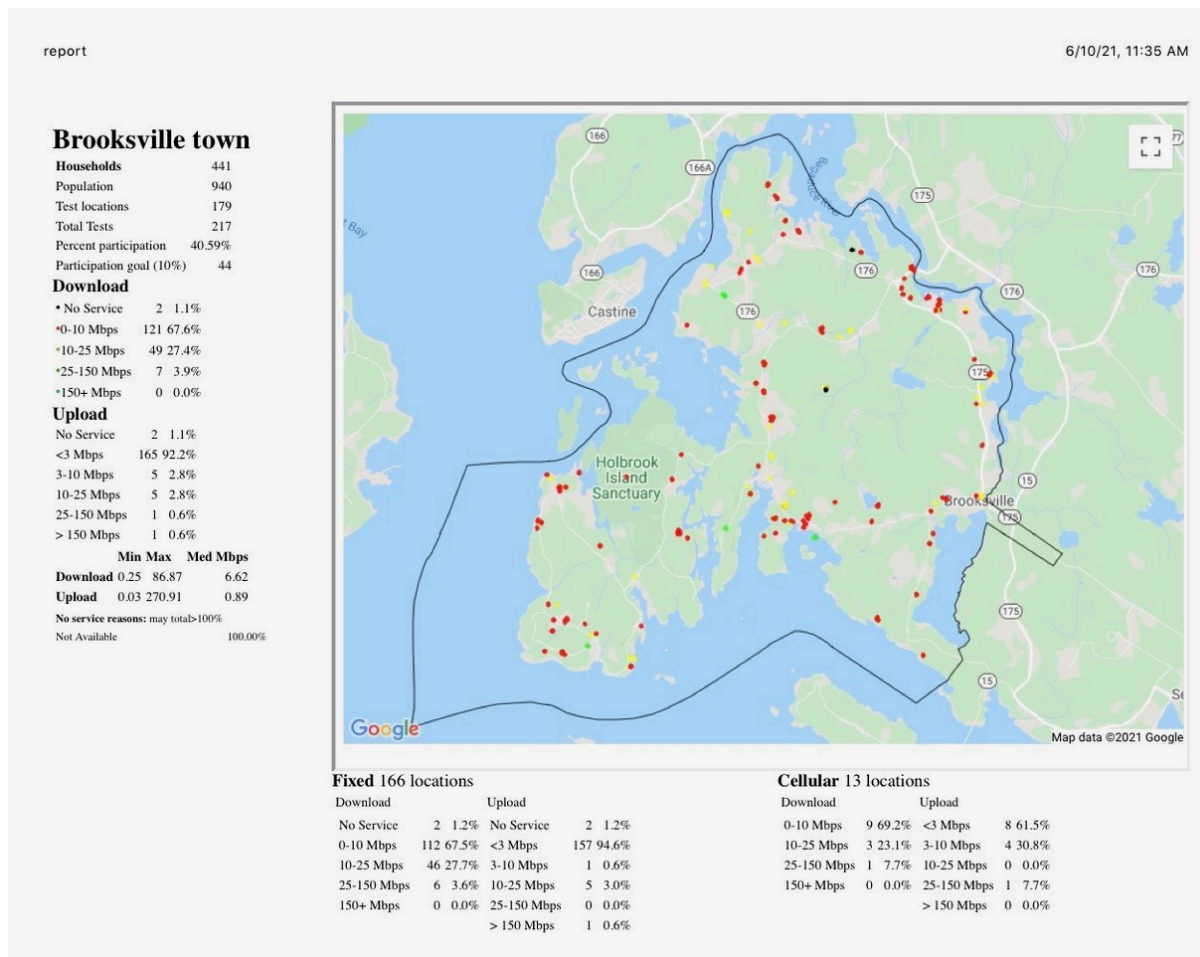


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Speed Test Results from Brooksville

The Maine Broadband Coalition has been collecting speed test results for several months, and is continuing to collect them. The idea is that the worst areas (like Brooksville) will get priority attention. Here are the results so far from Brooksville. Note that a total of 217 tests have been registered from 179 locations. That's good, but we can and should do more tests. I'd like to see at least one from each of our 441 households! Go to mainebroadbandcoalition.org and touch **run speed test**. Also, those black dots are valuable, where you enter an address with **no available service** on the initial speed test page!



Brooksville Internet Survey

We have already received 30 surveys in response to the last two newsletters. And, thanks to Bill Gregor and Bruce Stahnke, we now have a fillable PDF form. So **if you haven't already sent in your survey**, you may use this form (next page) and email it back to me. (I hope it works when it's uploaded to the Town website.)

Dear Brooksville Resident or Landowner:

The Brooksville Broadband Committee did an internet survey of the town in 2018. Since then, many things have changed. The pandemic has created a need for better broadband nationwide, and federal and state funding to make that happen is very much in the news. We would like your input at this critical time, to update our survey and find out your current opinions. Thank you for participating! By sending this survey back as an email attachment, you will save the Town approximately \$1.00 in printing and postage costs! THANK YOU!

Your Name _____

Address _____

email and/or phone _____

Are you a: Full time resident of Brooksville
 Part time resident of Brooksville
 Own land but don't live there
 Own a house that I rent to others

Address of Brooksville house (if other than above) _____

Do you have internet at that address? Y ___ N ___

If No, would you like to? ___

If yes, what company provides your internet? _____

Are you happy with your current internet service in Brooksville? ___ or unhappy? ___

Comments:

If high speed reliable internet were available in Brooksville, what is the maximum \$/month you would be willing to pay? \$26-50

\$51-75

\$76-100

more than \$100

Have you done an internet speed test at your Brooksville address recently? Y N

(to do, go to mainebroadbandcoalition.org and touch "run speed test")

If yes, can you please share the results? Download speed _____ Upload speed _____

Would you like to be kept up to date with information about broadband developments in Brooksville?

Y N (If yes, please be sure you have filled in your email address above)

Do you think the Town should spend tax dollars to improve internet in Brooksville? Y N

Comments:

Do you have a friend or family member in Brooksville who might appreciate a little help learning how to use a computer or the internet? Yes? If you checked this box and we have your email, we will be in touch.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your internet experience in Brooksville?

AT&T opposes local broadband solutions

But, darn it, whatever happened to that good old fashioned American virtue of self reliance and initiative to solve our local problems? The major telecom companies are doing nothing for Brooksville on their own initiative, so what are we supposed to do? Depopulate the town and move to urban areas? That isn't going to happen! Continue to be excluded from the benefits of fast internet? Not if we can help it! After you read this link, maybe send a note to our congressional representatives. And send me a copy.

<https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2021/06/att-ceo-seems-confident-industry-can-kill-bidens-municipal-broadband-plan/>

Finally: Keep your eye on the newspapers

If all goes well, there may be an article in the Packet and/or the Ellsworth American announcing that the RFP is forthcoming, as mentioned in Newsletter # 21. Selectmen from the involved Towns are meeting to discuss broadband, which is a very good thing!

And, Enjoy the weather!