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THIRD ROUND OF ORANGE COUNTY WIRELESS HOTSPOT PROJECT GO LIVE

Orange County, VA – Orange County in partnership with FiberLync, the operating entity of the Orange County Broadband Authority, will activate the third group of wireless hot spots for use on Friday, December 4, 2020.

In October 2020, Orange County received \$1,999,620 from the Commonwealth of Virginia for broadband funding, pursuant to the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), for a wireless hotspot project. The hotspots will provide free access to Wi-Fi for students, small business, teleworkers, and residents. The grant award will help Orange County build thirty-one (31) miles of optical fiber and rapidly deploy a county-wide network that will place 5,791 homes within two (2) miles of a free Wi-Fi hotspot. The Wi-Fi hotspots are being placed throughout the county in partnership with over a dozen community facilities including churches, parks, and fire stations.

Locations going live on Friday, December 4, 2020 include:

- Zoar Baptist Church – 31334 Zoar Road, Locust Grove, Virginia 22508
- Little Zion Baptist Church – 15116 Tomahawk Creek Rd, Orange, Virginia 22923
- x Intersection of Route 522 and Route 20 – (next to) the East Orange Ruritan Club at 24100 Constitution Hwy, Unionville, Virginia 22567

Maps depicting the access area for the above-mentioned locations are appended to this Press Release. FiberLync will continue to activate additional locations in the coming weeks. The project must be completed by December 25, 2020 to comply with the CARES Act funding guidelines.

For information regarding Orange County's CARES Act grant, please contact Stephanie Straub, Public Information Officer, at sstraub@orangecountyva.gov or (540) 661-5407. For information regarding the hotspot project or broadband connectivity, please contact Jenny Cord, Senior Administrative Assistant for FiberLync, at jcord@fiberlync.net or (540) 661-5345.

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