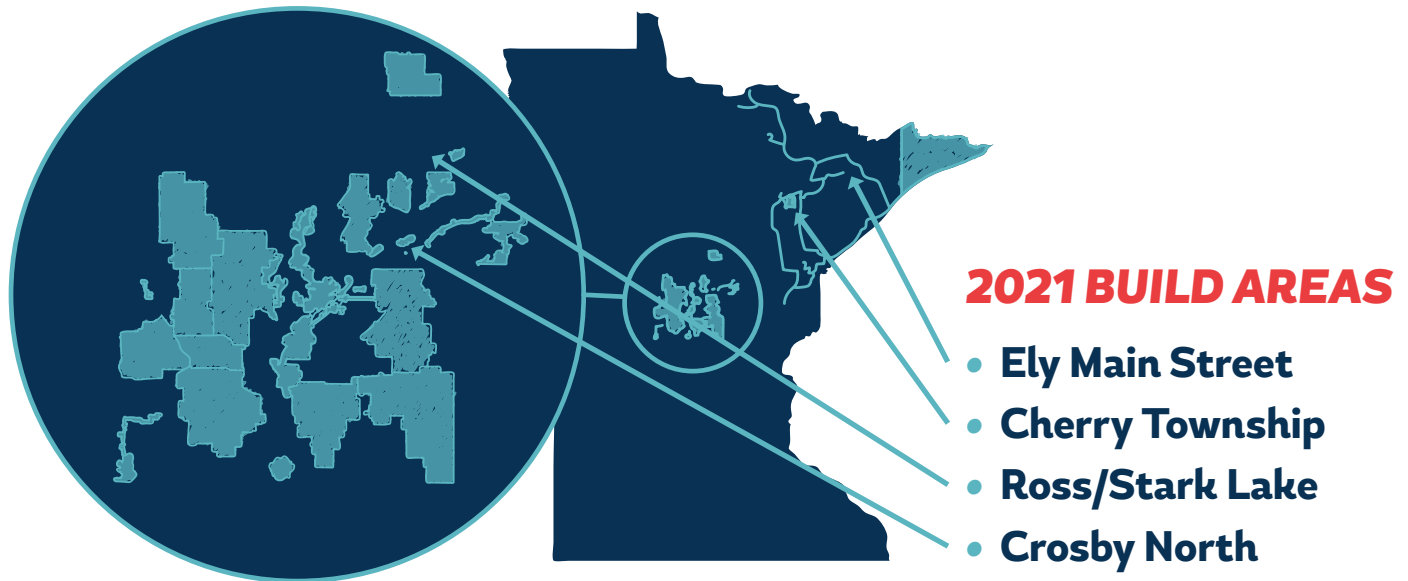


CONSTRUCTION PLAN

CTC's service area continues to expand as we seek to fulfill our cooperative's mission of providing technology solutions (like fast, reliable high-speed internet!) to those who need it most.



OUR STRATEGY

CTC has served the central Minnesota area since 1952. In more recent years, we have been installing fiber internet in other communities.

The areas we serve depends on several factors:

- if it aligns with our cooperative mission and business plan,
- if there is expressed interest by residents and/or businesses in the area,
- if there are grant funds to offset costs to build in a new area, and/or
- if that area is already served by a different provider (based on data from the Federal Communications Commission).

During 2021, we plan to build new fiber internet networks in the areas listed above.

This will allow us to connect over 1,200 homes and businesses to our ultra-fast, reliable internet - up to 1 Gig in most areas!

For construction updates on these new areas, visit our website at goctc.com/construction.

INTERESTED IN SERVICES?

If you'd like CTC to build a fiber network in your neighborhood, visit our "Crowd Fiber" site at join.connectctc.com.

By sharing your location and interest in CTC's services, we'll know what areas are "hot spots" for future fiber builds.

Frequently Asked Questions

For Installing Fiber Optic Internet in Your Area



Why is CTC in some areas but not others?

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How does CTC decide where to build next?

We look at our current network and which areas it makes sense to build off of from there. We also look at which areas may be eligible for grant funding to offset the costs. Due to finite financial and human resources, as well as weather and time constraints, there is always a limit to how many new areas we can build in each year.

Why don't I have any internet options at my house?

This is a big challenge facing many rural communities throughout the nation. CTC is very involved in advocating for these "unserved" or "underserved" areas. Like electricity service was in the early 1900s, internet service is now an essential part of modern life. But until the infrastructure exists in all areas, it will take time to reach everyone – especially those in more remote areas.

How can I get CTC services to my home or business?

You can express your interest by signing up at: join.connectctc.com. By identifying your location and interest in CTC's services, we'll know what areas are "hot spots" for future fiber builds. While there is no guarantee we will be able to provide services at your house, we always review those inquires when looking at future build areas.

I live so close to your service, why can't you just extend the line?

Even to extend our fiber a short distance can be very expensive. Depending on other utilities that are buried in the ground, the type of soil and rock, and the distance – it can cost anywhere from \$25,000 to over \$100,000 per mile to bury and install fiber-optic cables.

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