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**Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, White Plains, and Yonkers to sign the "Smart Cities ComPACT"**

**GIGABIT WESTCHESTER!**

## WCA Announces Public-Private Partnership with Four Westchester Cities to Bring Gigabit Broadband to the County



"Our bringing gigabit internet to Westchester is nothing short of revolutionary," said William M. Mooney, Jr., President and CEO of the Westchester County Association, at a packed press conference on October 6 to announce that the WCA is spearheading a huge community effort to bring gigabit broadband to Westchester, beginning with the county's four largest cities.

"With Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, White Plains, and Yonkers joining together with the WCA, we are creating a vision for the next thirty years," he said.

The four cities will sign the Smart Cities ComPACT and work with the WCA to bring gigabit broadband to every household, business, healthcare, and educational organization in the next three to five years. This is the first such compact between cities in the nation. By joining together, there will be enough density to make it practical for public and private entities to invest in our digital infrastructure.

Gigabit internet, which approaches the speed of light and is 200x faster than anything available here now, will make possible:

- telemedicine and population health initiatives on a much wider level;
- municipal efficiencies;
- enhanced capabilities for first responders;
- more online education and STEM learning;
- innovation;
- downloading large files in seconds rather than hours;
- closing the digital divide for the underserved;
- job creation, and attracting and retaining talent;
- employers' access to a remote workforce;
- a more competitive economy for Westchester, and much more!

"Smart growth is what we're about, and gigabit broadband will be the game-changer. Nothing will have transformed Westchester as much since the opening of the Tappan Zee Bridge 61 years ago," Mooney added.



Above: Tom Roach, Mayor, City of White Plains; Bill Mooney, President & CEO, WCA; Richard Thomas, Mayor, City of Mt. Vernon; Mike Spano, City of Yonkers

Left: Bill Cuddy, Chairman, WCA Blueprint for Smart Growth; Keith Safian, Safian Advisors; Chris Fisher, Chairman, WCA Broadband Task Force

Far left: Noam Bramson, Mayor of the City of New Rochelle

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