



City of Stamford Welcomes Comprehensive Technology Plan

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Stamford proclaims commitment to economic development and quality of life with Connected community technology plan

Stamford, TX – Stamford now has an action plan to make way for greater technology use across the community and pave the way for a brighter economic future. The [Technology Action Plan](#) was unveiled as part of Stamford's participation in the [Connected](#) Community Engagement Program through the Connected Texas initiative. Fifteen Texas communities are currently involved in some stage of the Connected program.

Participating in the Connected program means Stamford has gone through an extensive assessment of its overall broadband and technology landscape. The Technology Action Plan sets general community-wide broadband connectivity requirements to be worked toward that will support economic development and residential quality of life. Stamford's top goals from the new plan are to conduct a market analysis for local businesses in order to properly address broadband access needs, facilitate Internet safety classes for the community, implement a community-based technology awareness program, and host website and social media classes for local businesses.

"This Connected Technology Action Plan is an outline for the future success and prosperity of Stamford," said Connected Texas Executive Director Don Shirley. "Community leaders are working to ensure Stamford is ready to benefit from all the economic and lifestyle opportunities that the digital age provides. It's all part of Texas' solid plans for future growth."

The Connected program is part of the Connected Texas initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce NTIA State Broadband Initiative (SBI) program. Connected Texas is working to facilitate the access, adoption, and use of technology throughout the state to create a better business environment, more effective community and economic development, improved healthcare, more efficient government, enhanced education, and improved quality of life. Residents are encouraged to get involved by joining their local Connected technology team and

using the free [Every Community Online](#) program offered by Connected Texas to get training in computer and Internet skills which makes them eligible for discounted computers and home Internet service.

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About Connected Texas: Connected Texas is a subsidiary of Connected Nation and operates as a non-profit in the state of Texas. The Texas Department of Agriculture is leading the initiative to increase broadband Internet access, adoption, and use across the state. Connected Texas was commissioned by the state to work with all Texas broadband providers to create detailed maps of broadband coverage and development of a statewide plan for the deployment and adoption of broadband. For more information visit: <http://www.connectedtx.org>.

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Connected Nation developed the Connected Community Engagement Program to help guide a community through an assessment of its overall broadband and technology status. Connected Certified Communities have measurably demonstrated their proficiency for effective Access, Adoption, and Use of broadband supported technologies. Connected Nation through its partners provides a national platform for recognizing those communities that excel across these important benchmarks. Funded by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), this effort is part of the State Broadband Initiative. <http://www.connectednation.org/get-connected>