From its onset, WiValley has been committed to providing affordable broadband access for rural communities. Brian Foucher, founder and President of WiValley, began the company in 2007 in response to his own need for broadband coverage in Harrisville, NH. The demands of his job required him to have broadband access if he wanted to continue to live and work in the region. In its first project, in conjunction with a grant awarded to the Hannah Grimes Center from the State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED), WiValley provided broadband access to 20 customers in Harrisville, New Hampshire, eventually increasing this first network to 85 customers with a Phase 2 grant, also through the Hannah Grimes Center and DRED. In 2009 WiValley brought on outside investors with a goal to expand the speed and coverage of broadband to the unserved and underserved areas in Southwestern NH. Shortly after WiValley began a new deployment in the Town of Fitzwilliam NH to serve an initial 35% of 1200 unserved homes, businesses, and essential services with broadband access, while maintaining the industry standard of speed and reliability. Because of WiValley’s commitment to affordable and cost-effective service, the company has partnered strategic service providers providing them direct access to the core National Fiber Network based out of Springfield, MA. WiValley has a strong synergistic relationship with the incumbent wire line provider FairPoint. In New Hampshire, roads were made next to rivers connecting rural towns and rivers flowed through the valleys. It is on these roads that wire line services are available, and WiValley provide coverage in and among the higher terrain as well as the remote areas that are not and will not be served by a wire line provider. In the past, WiValley and FairPoint have collaborated and shared details about each others’ networks and plans, allowing WiValley to engineer solutions outside of the short-term plans and limitations of wire line technologies. Recently WiValley completed the backhaul link of our now primary connection to the National Fiber Grid in Springfield, MA. This backhaul link provides the core bandwidth and increased capacity to offer wholesale aggregated common carrier IP transport services. This new service provides WiValley with reliable wholesale access to larger bandwidth sources. WiValley currently serves customers scattered around 20 towns in Cheshire, Hillsborough, and Sullivan Counties in New Hampshire; and has been awarded a National FCC License for WIMAX. WiValley projects will support the expansion of broadband service in rural areas to provide access to high-speed service and facilitate economic development in locations without access to such service.