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Brookfield Recognized as a Smart Rural Community

Brookfield, MO - August 19, 2026— Chariton Valley is proud to recognize Brookfield as a Smart Rural Community, a designation honoring rural communities that leverage reliable fiber broadband connectivity to support economic development, education, healthcare, agriculture, workforce opportunities, and quality of life.

The designation reflects years of investment and collaboration between Chariton Valley and the Brookfield community. Since Chariton Valley's fiber expansion project launched in Brookfield in 2017, local residents, businesses, schools, healthcare providers, and agricultural operations have benefited from enhanced connectivity and new opportunities for growth.

Brookfield's application highlighted the many ways broadband supports the community, from helping local businesses expand their online presence and reach new customers to supporting remote work, online learning, telehealth services, and modern agricultural operations.

"Today's designation recognizes more than reliable internet service," said Donna Bell, Public Relations & Economic Development Manager for Chariton Valley. "It recognizes a community that understands how connectivity creates opportunities for businesses, students, healthcare providers, agricultural producers, and families. We are proud to partner with Brookfield and celebrate this well-deserved recognition."

As a Smart Rural Community, Brookfield will receive official signage, promotional resources, and recognition through Chariton Valley's marketing efforts, providing another tool to support community promotion and economic development.

Chariton Valley extends its appreciation to Brandon Roberts, Brookfield City Manager, and Jenna Jurkofsky, Executive Director of the Brookfield Chamber, for their efforts in preparing and submitting the Smart Rural Community application and helping tell Brookfield's story. Their work demonstrates the many ways connectivity continues to benefit the community and support future growth.

About Chariton Valley

Through its influential leadership, innovative advances, and more than 70 years of experience, Chariton Valley continues to enhance rural prosperity and quality of life by connecting students, families, farmers, businesses, medical facilities, and rural communities through its reliable fiber network.

Learn more at www.cvalley.net.

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