

Dr. Cohill is an information architect who is passionately committed to ensuring that communities get the right telecommunications infrastructure and services that support the long term health and viability of the community. Education and training in architecture, computer science, and ergonomics, along with more than thirty years experience in business, academia, and the telecommunications industry enables him to develop creative and fresh solutions to community challenges and opportunities. He founded Design Nine in 1989 to provide technology advice and services to communities and businesses.



While at Virginia Tech, he served as Director of the Blacksburg Electronic Village for nearly a decade, since its start in 1993. Blacksburg has been widely hailed as the most wired community in the world, with more than 87% of the residents online by late 1999. Blacksburg also enjoys wide use of broadband access--virtually every home and business has one or more broadband options. Cohill was the architect of the now widely imitated MSAP (Multimedia Services Access Point) concept; Blacksburg was the first community to have a working MSAP. A community MSAP can dramatically improve intra-community network traffic, and positions the community to make full use of broadband connections.

Cohill is on the Board of Directors of the Association For Community Networks, and completed his second term as President of the AFCN in 2002. He is on the Board of Directors of the Rural Telecommunications Congress, and served as cochair of the Governor's Task Force on eCommunities for Virginia in 2000-2001. He has published numerous papers and articles, and has spoken widely on networked information systems and community network design. He is an author and coeditor of *Community Networks: Lessons Learned from Blacksburg, Virginia*, now in its second edition. He is in wide national and international demand as consultant on community use of technology because of his effectiveness in speaking clearly and simply about complex technology issues, and his shrewd insights on the future of communities and 21st century economic development strategies.

CLIENTS

This is a partial list of some of my current and past clients. For references or additional information, please feel free to contact me directly.

- New Town Partners -- Telecommunications master planning for a 300 acre commercial/residential development with more than 2 million square feet of commercial space and 600+ townhomes and apartments
- Los Alamos, New Mexico -- Business model planning and content development for a wide-area community fiber/wireless network
- Pueblo, Colorado -- Technology master plan development, technology workshops
- Northeast Tennessee Technology Council -- wide area telecommunications strategic planning
- Town of Bromont, Quebec -- community network development
- Town of Portsmouth, Ohio -- two day telecommunications planning workshop
- Portsmouth, England -- community network planning workshop
- Guernsey Isles, U.K. -- community network development, Web site design
- Grand Rapids, Michigan -- Keynote speech for technology summit
- Off the PageWorks -- Business strategic planning, marketing

SERVICES

- Technology master planning for communities and regions; integration of telecommunications in economic development planning
- Telecom and technology assessments using the nationally recognized CSPP tool
- Telecommunications and technology short courses and seminars
- Telecommunications planning for residential and commercial developments
- Communitywide network (CN) planning, project management, and marketing
- Grant writing assistance for telecommunications proposals