

Connect Hanover



Hanover County Broadband Initiative January, 2023 Accomplishments & Next Steps

Accomplishments (to date)

- ▶ All Points Broadband
 - Project Funding – \$55+ million approved
 - VATI Grant Contracts/Agreements Signed
 - High-level Design Complete
 - Equipment Ordered, Being Delivered
 - Regular Meetings/Contact with All Points
 - All Points scheduled to present at next Board update
- ▶ Mapping Application Deployed
 - Roadblocks to Accurately Map Unserved Areas
 - Internet Service Providers keep data confidential
 - FCC – uses Census Blocks (one address served = entire block served) leads to inaccuracies
 - FCC working on new maps
 - Represents a best effort based on available resources
 - Report inaccuracies

Accomplishments (to date)

▶ Marketing Plan

- ConnectHanover.com website live
- ConnectHanover@HanoverCounty.gov email

▶ Brightspeed (CenturyLink)

- Federal RDOF Funding – 1,037 passings (homes)
- Challenged County Grant – Upheld by State
- DHCD–Brightspeed MOU In–Progress – provide broadband service within 2 years
- Met with new liaison, Rich Schollmann
- Brightspeed – reported to County some of their area is served, but finding that is not entirely accurate, report inaccuracies

Accomplishments (to date)

- ▶ Service Area
 - Continue to inventory unserved locations
 - Working on solutions for all unserved
- ▶ Other Activities
 - Met with Comcast
 - County Provided 80 Addresses (“in-fill”) Reported by Citizens – additional 10+ reported
 - Provided 50 Additional Addresses Along Jamestown Road in Ashland
 - Coordinating with GloFiber (Shentel)
 - Board Approved Cable Franchise Agreement
 - Make Ready Phase
 - Kings Charter Area

Next Steps

- ▶ **Continue Coordination Efforts With ISP's**
 - All Points - make ready status, schedule
 - Brightspeed - upgrade logistics
 - Comcast - “in-fill” homes logistics
 - GloFiber - monitor make ready
- ▶ **Continue Coordination of VATI Grant**
- ▶ **Continue to determine plan for final 5% of unserved**
- ▶ **Monitor DHCD–Brightspeed MOU**