

# BEAD Roundtable

## Launch & Permits

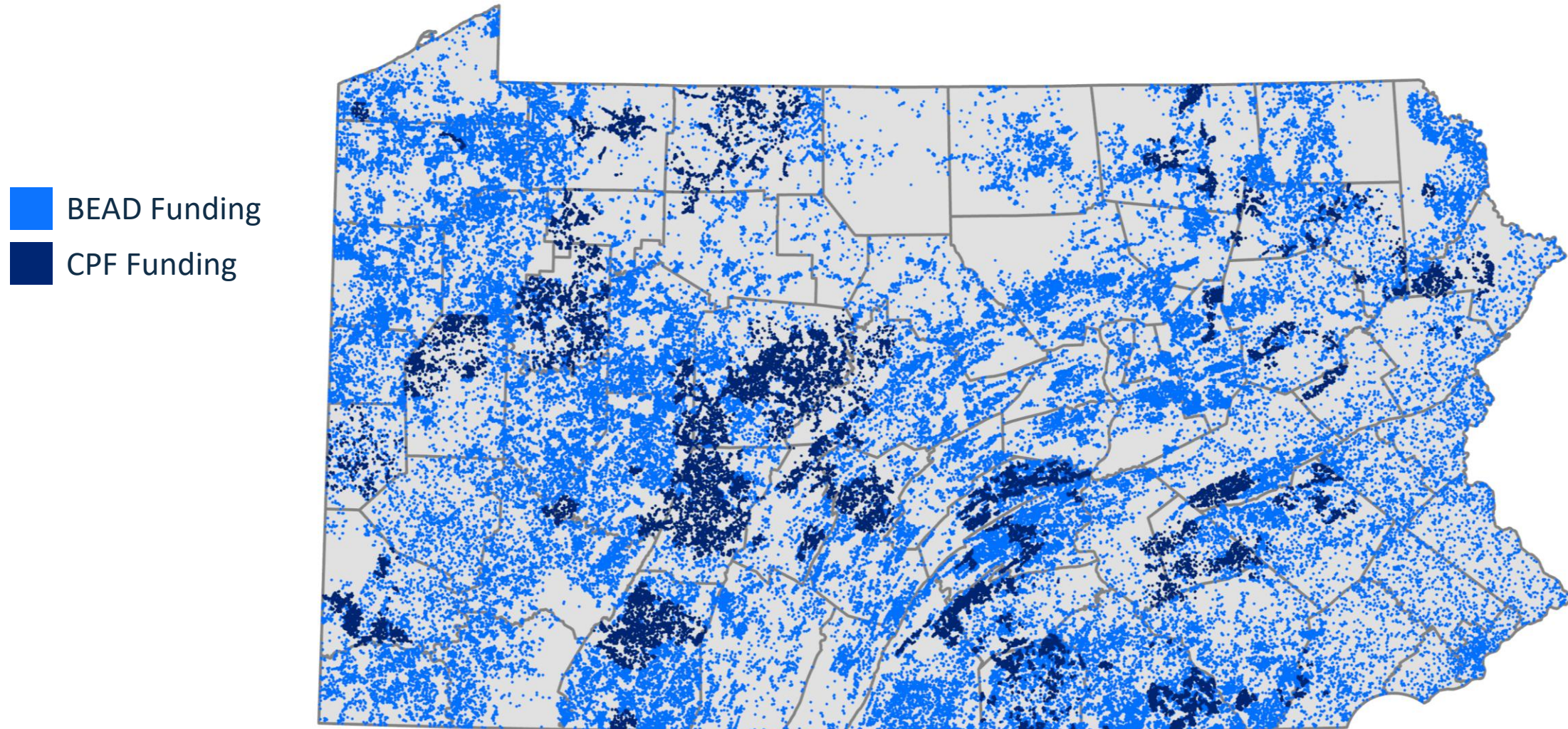
Southwest & Southern Alleghenies Regions

Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority

**June 16, 2026**



# PBDA Broadband Locations





**NTIA** Funding includes deployment of broadband and non-deployment support of broadband services.

# Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Funding

## Allocation Breakdown



**\$711 Million**

Funding Approved

**\$400 Million**

Saved for  
Non-Deployment  
Activities

**\$1.16 Billion**

Total Pennsylvania  
BEAD Allocation



## Purpose

Connect the remaining unserved and underserved locations in Pennsylvania to high-speed broadband service through planning, deployment, mapping, and adoption activities.

# Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program



**69**

Provisional  
Projects



**67**

Counties  
Impacted



**19**

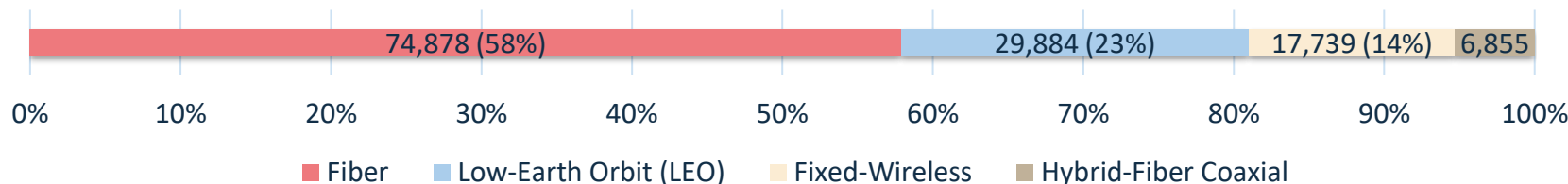
Provisional  
Awardees



**130K**

Locations  
To Be Served

## Technology Mix



*Project Status as of 5/6/2026*

# Permitting

Per NTIA requirements, the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority ensures:

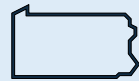
- ✓ Permits are approved or rejected within 90 days
- ✓ Permit fees are reasonable

## Permitting Responsibilities



### Federal

PBDA & NTIA are joint leads for the **National Environmental Policy Act**.



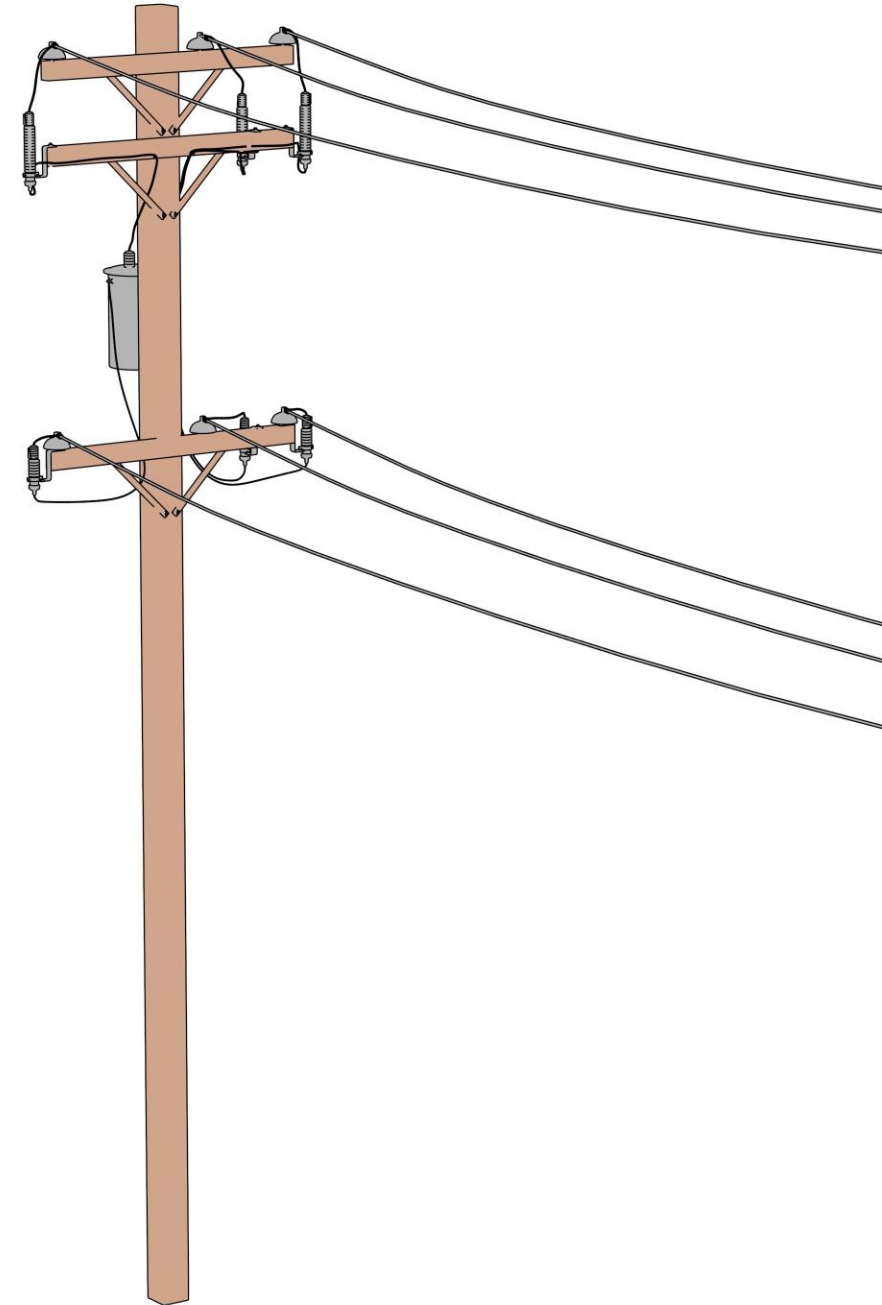
### State

**Office of Enterprise Wireless Management** leads for Commonwealth assets and **Right of Ways**. Issues escalated to **Office of Transformation & Opportunity**.

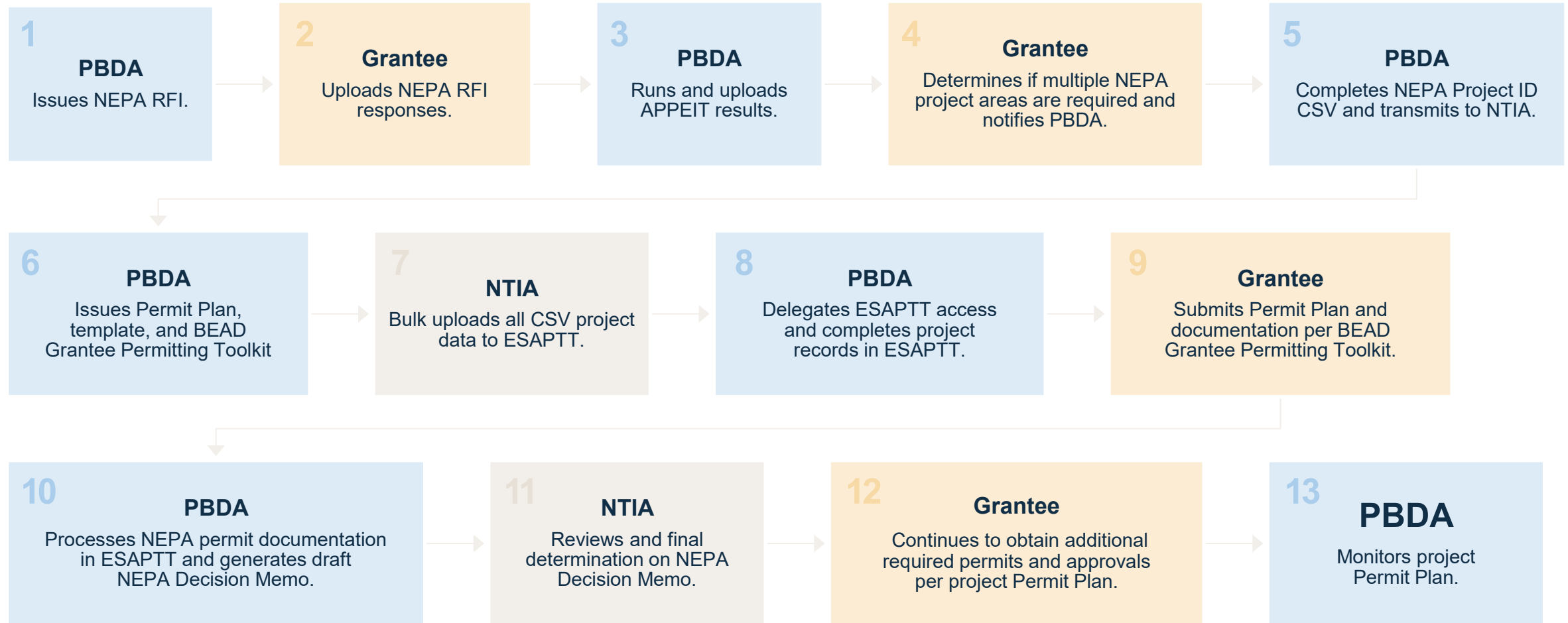


### Local

Municipalities process permits. Grantees notify the **PBDA** if objectives are not met.



# Federal Permit Process



# Broadband Ready Communities

Broadband Ready Communities (BBRC) is a **free program** with the goal of **reducing barriers for municipalities to build broadband infrastructure.**



**Expedite** broadband deployment in your municipality.



**Declare** to Internet Service Providers that your community wants high-speed internet.



**Foster** relations and communications with Internet Service Providers.

Interested? Reach out to: [ra-dcpbda\\_bead@pa.gov](mailto:ra-dcpbda_bead@pa.gov)  
or visit the [BBRC Program page](#).



## How to Apply



Review the [BBRC Program Guidelines](#).



Establish a **Municipal Broadband Champion** (single point of contact).



Complete the [BBRC Worksheet](#).



Complete and submit a **Municipal Resolution**.

# BEAD Program Next Steps

All BEAD projects must be complete with services available by 2030.

1



**Execution  
of Contracts**

2



**Planning, Design,  
Permitting, and  
Pole Attachments**

3



**Construction  
of Networks**

4



**Network  
Testing**

5



**Launch and  
Availability of  
High-Speed  
Services**

# Internet Service Providers

# Amazon LEO



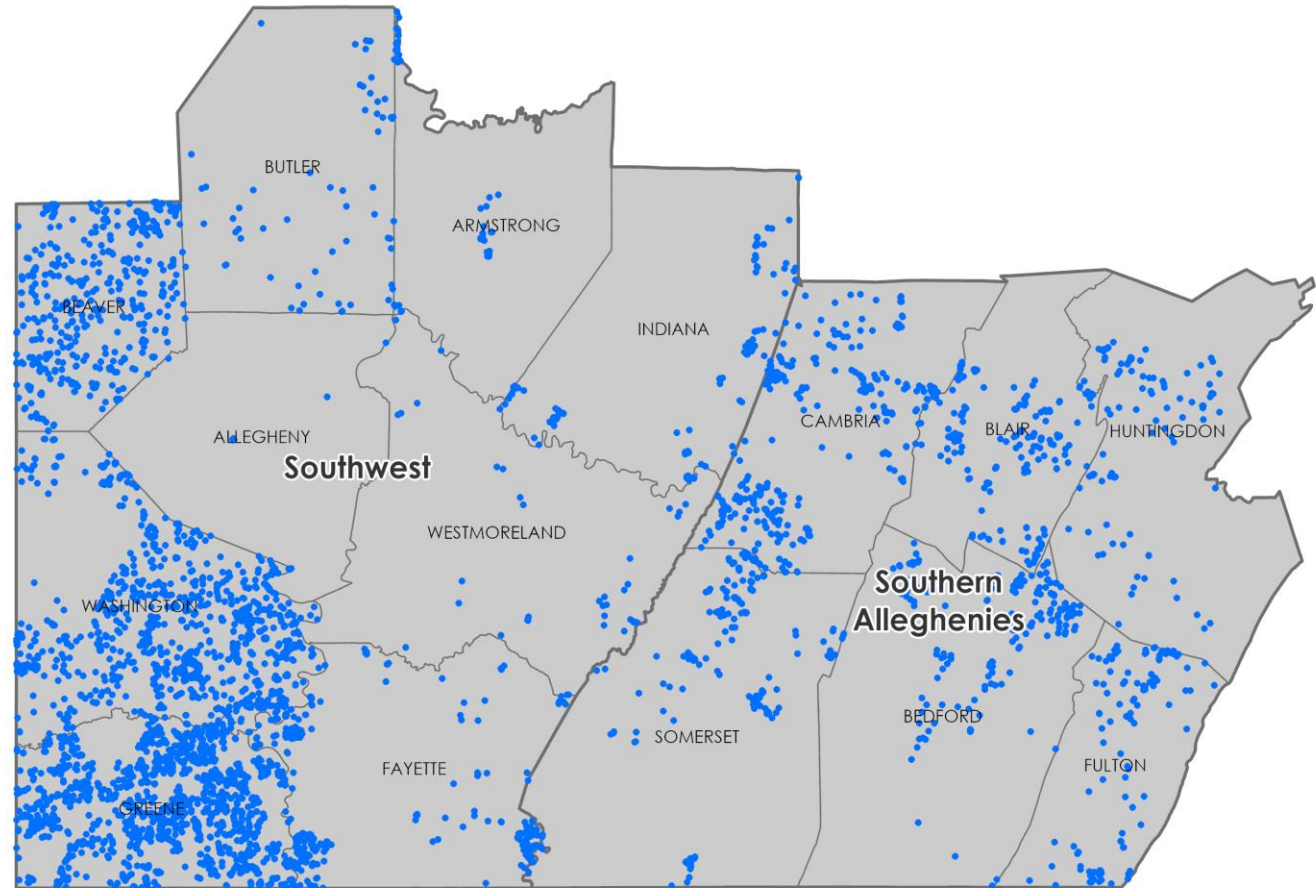
**4,975**  
Locations  
To Be Served



**Satellite**  
Low Earth Orbit  
(LEO)

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[leo.amazon.com](https://leo.amazon.com)



# Advanced Telephone Systems Inc.



**12**  
Locations  
To Be Served



**Fiber**  
Network  
Installation

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**hky.com**



# Armstrong



**1,977**  
Locations  
To Be Served



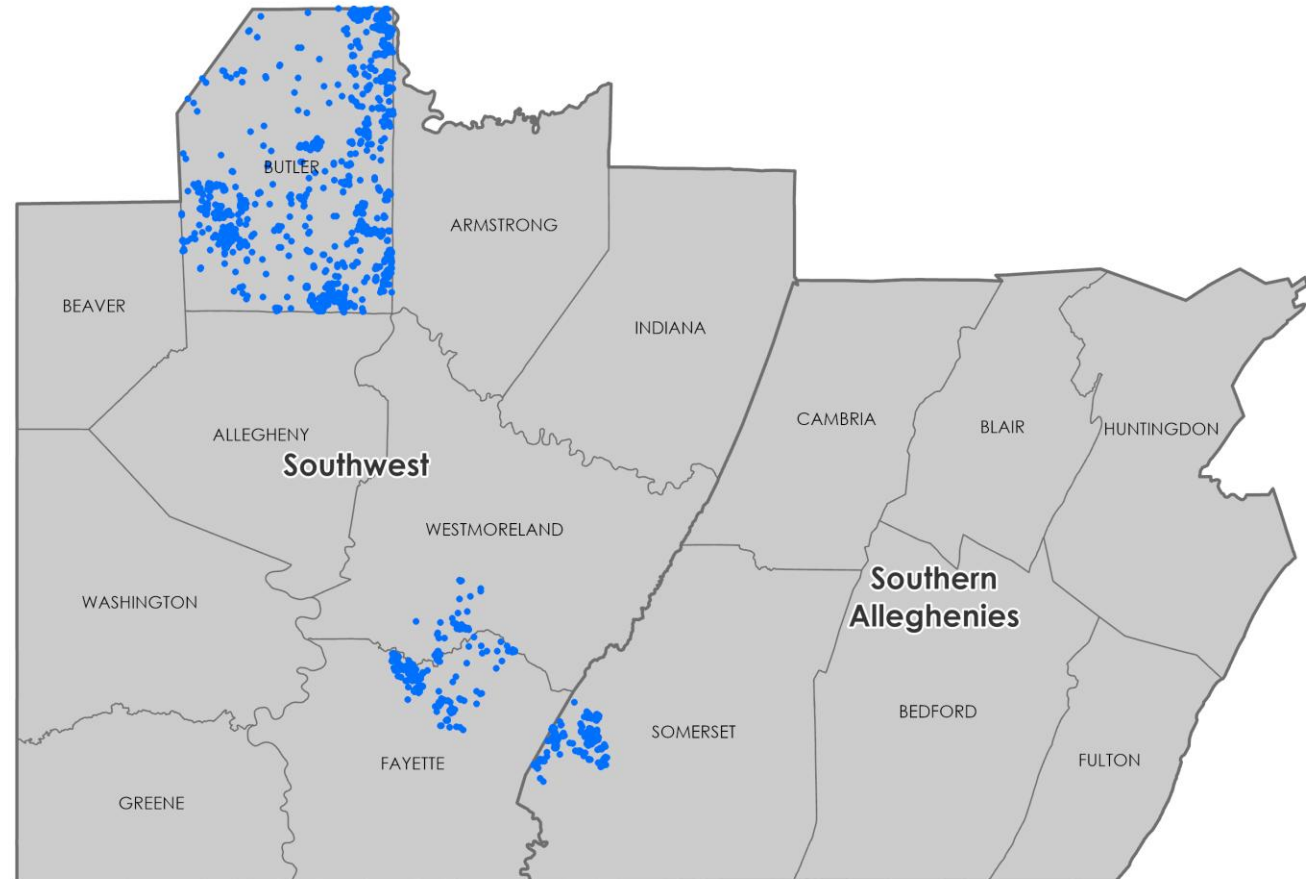
**Fiber**  
Network  
Installation

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## Project Team

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|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Jeremy Jurick        | Vice President<br>Regulatory Policy |
| Jennifer Halaszynski | Director<br>Regulatory Policy       |
| Josh Karakis         | Director<br>Information Technology  |

[armstrongonewire.com](http://armstrongonewire.com)



# Brightspeed



**2,050**  
Locations  
To Be Served

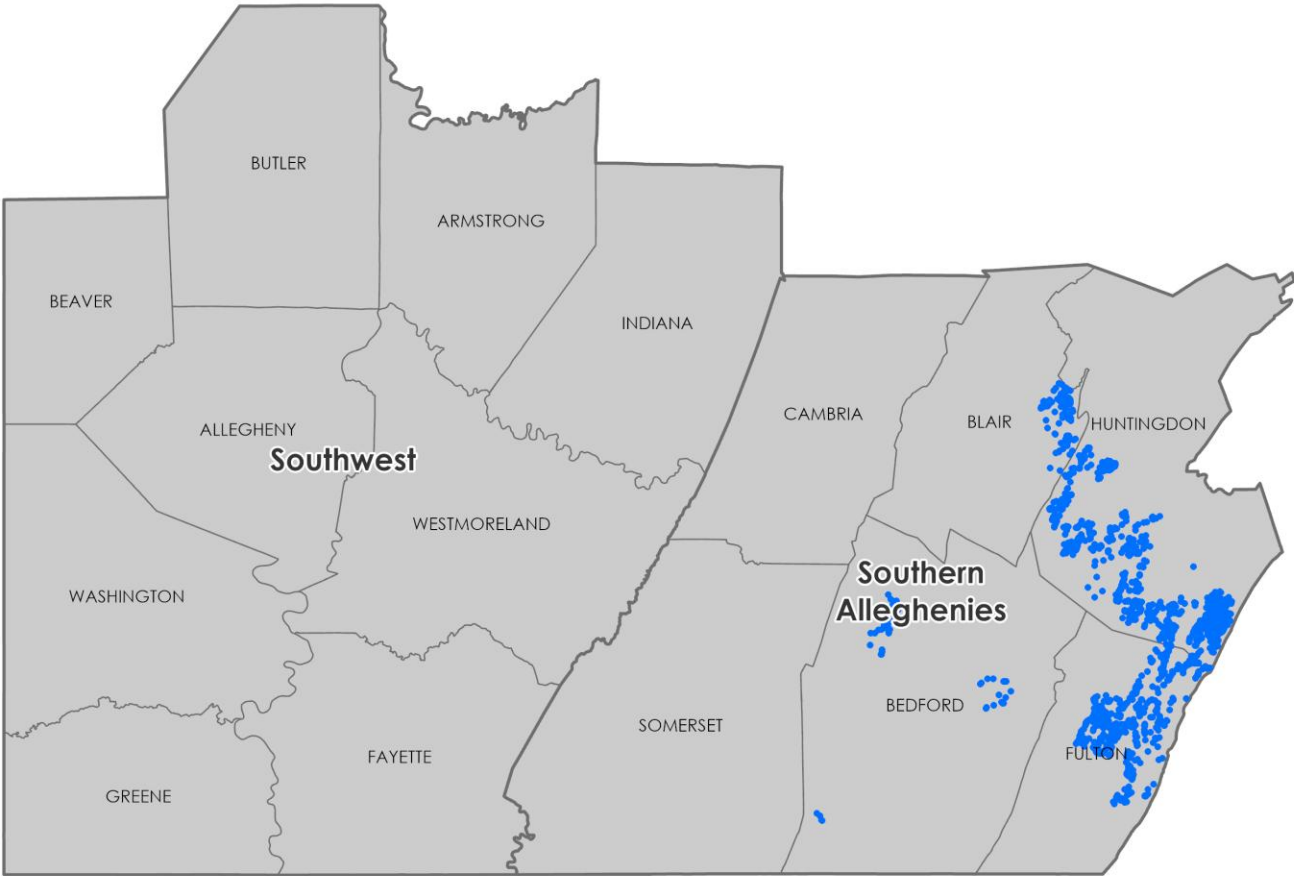


**Fiber**  
Network  
Installation

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## Project Team

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|------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Pamela Sherwood</b> | Lead                                     |
| <b>Marcy Mealy</b>     | Reporting/Compliance                     |
| <b>Tim Miller</b>      | GIS/NEPA/BSLs                            |
| <b>David Smith</b>     | Engineering, Construction,<br>Permitting |
| <b>Jeanne Shearer</b>  | Government Affairs                       |



# Centre Wisp



**84**

Locations  
To Be Served



**Fiber**  
Network  
Installation

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[centrewisp.com](http://centrewisp.com)



# Comcast



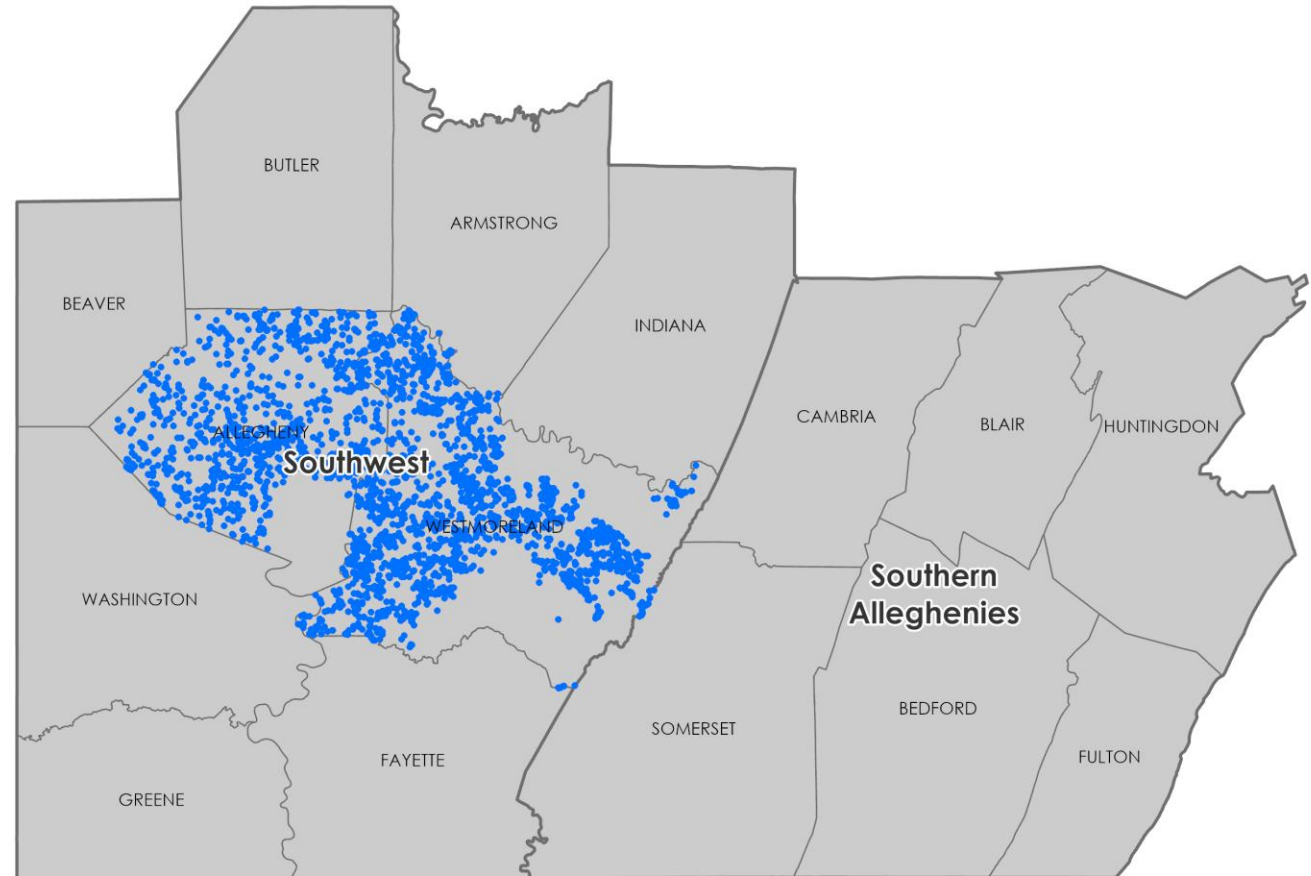
**3,440**  
Locations  
To Be Served



**Hybrid**  
Fiber Coaxial  
(HFC)

## Project Team

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| Jared Kost      | Permitting Lead     |
| Charles Duncan  | State Lead          |
| Kristen Ritchey | Contract Lead       |
| Chandler Clay   | Public Affairs Lead |



# Consolidated Communications



**136**

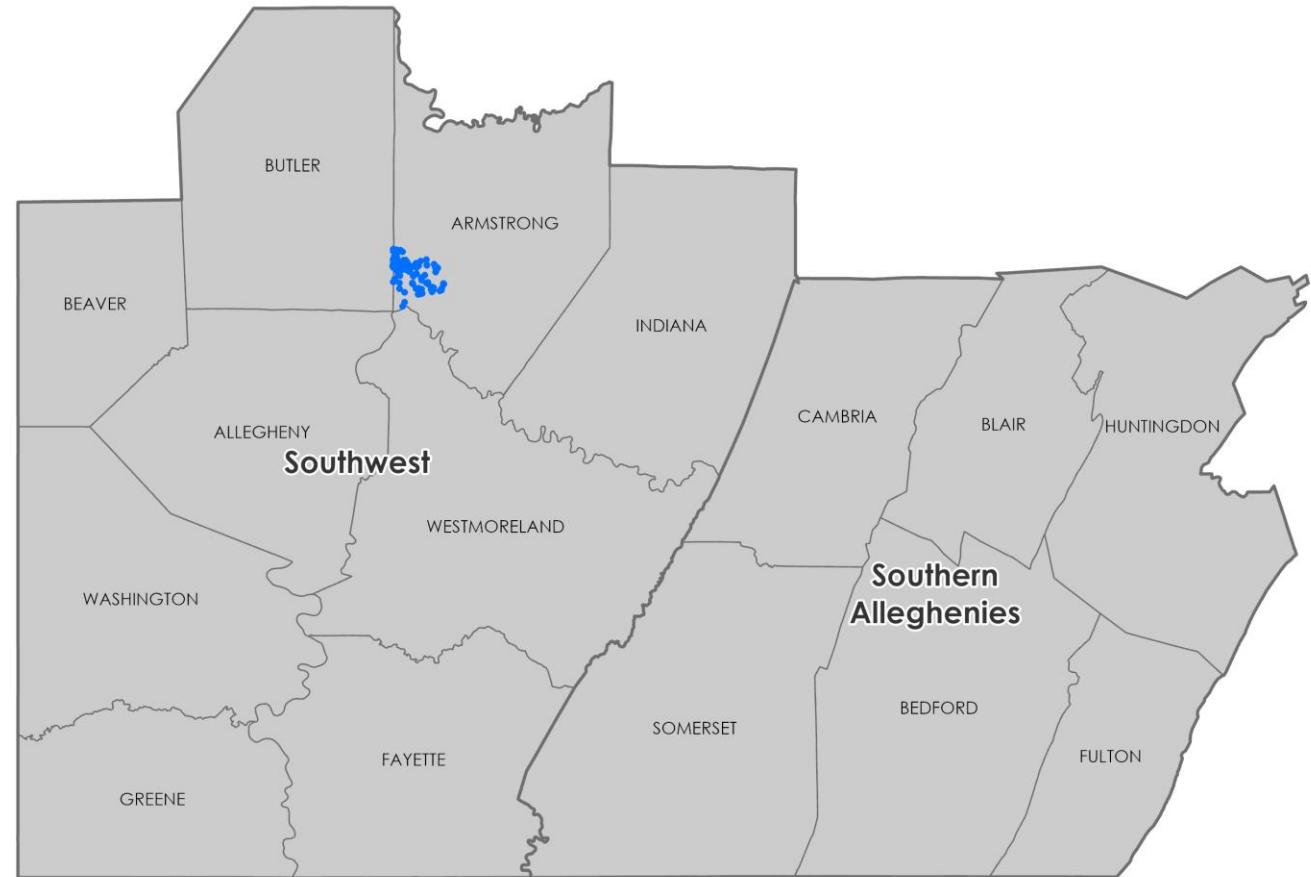
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**consolidated.com**



# eCommunity



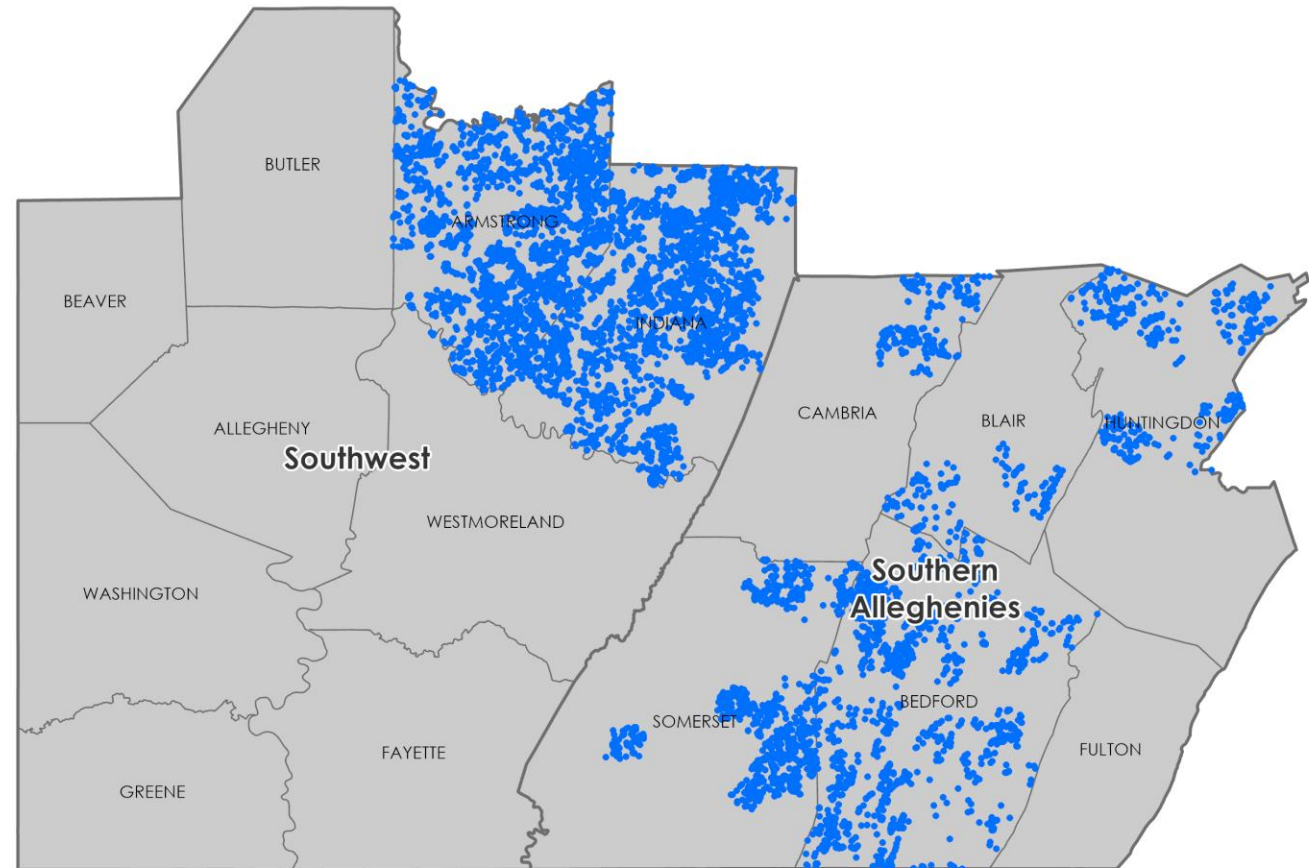
**10,727**

Locations  
To Be Served



**Fiber**  
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Installation

[ecomunityfiber.com](http://ecomunityfiber.com)



# IBT Group



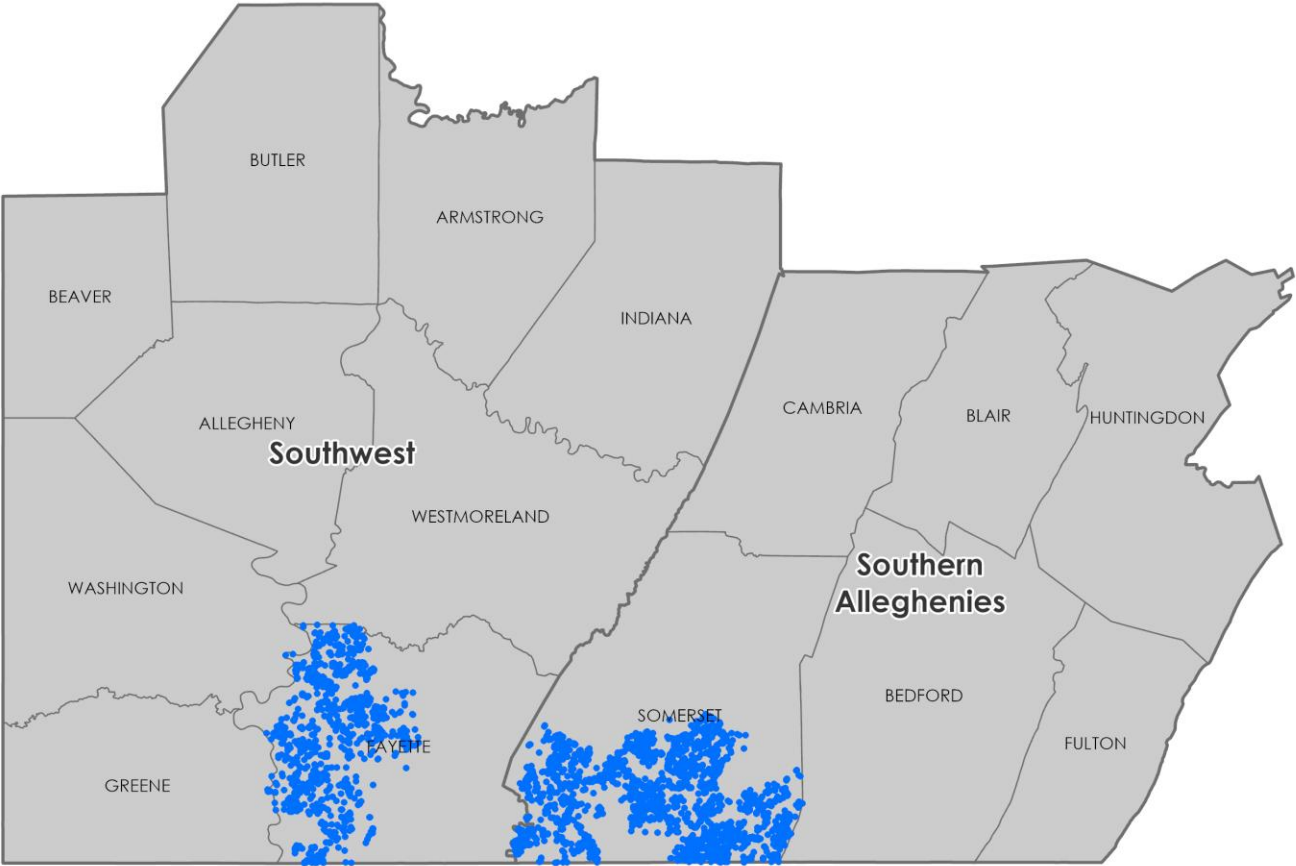
4,644

Locations  
To Be Served



Fixed  
Wireless

ibtgroup.com



# INTUS Smartcities



**629**

Locations  
To Be Served



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[intusmartcities.com](https://intusmartcities.com)



# SpaceX



**1,776**

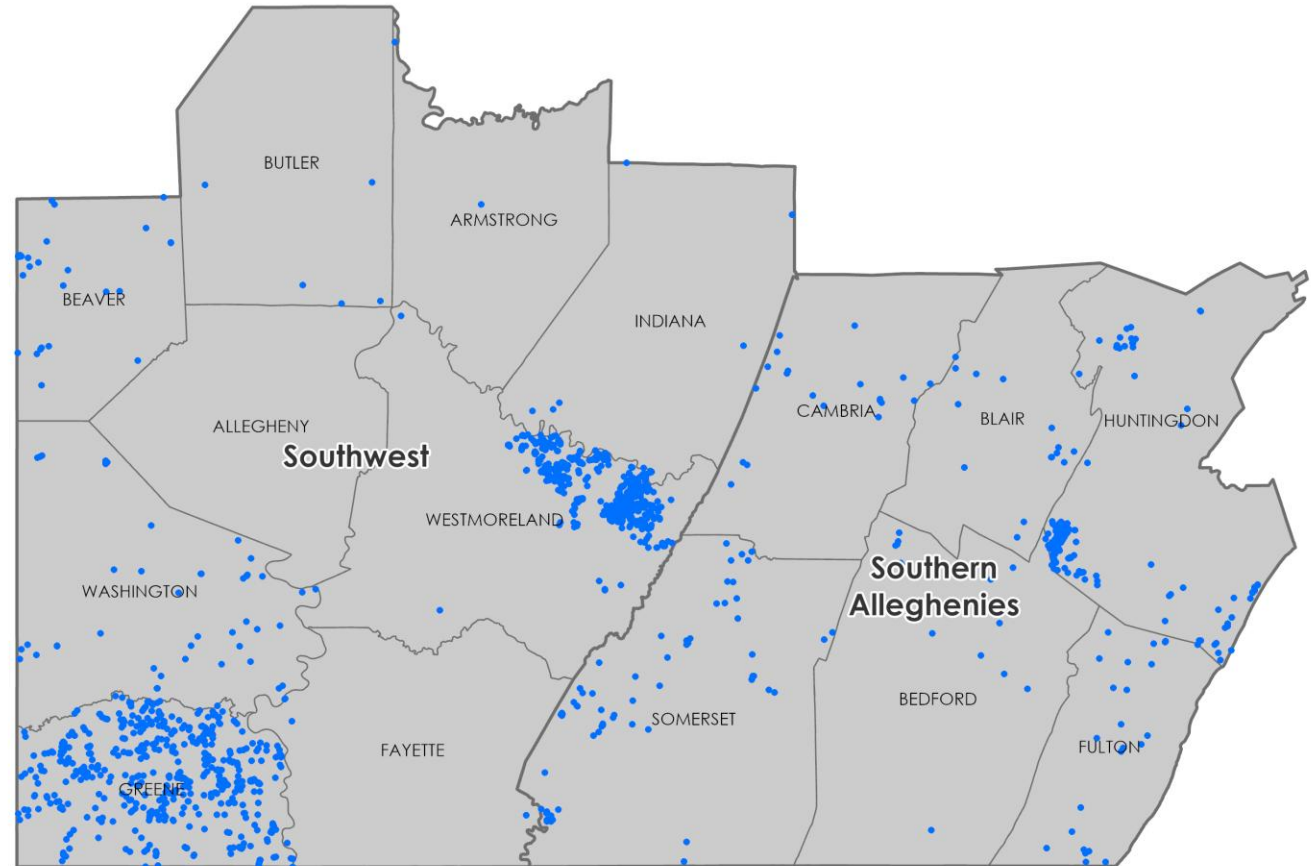
Locations  
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**Satellite**

Low Earth Orbit  
(LEO)

[spacex.com](https://spacex.com)



# Upward Broadband



79

Locations  
To Be Served



**Fixed**  
Wireless

[upwardbroadband.com](http://upwardbroadband.com)



# Verizon



**989**

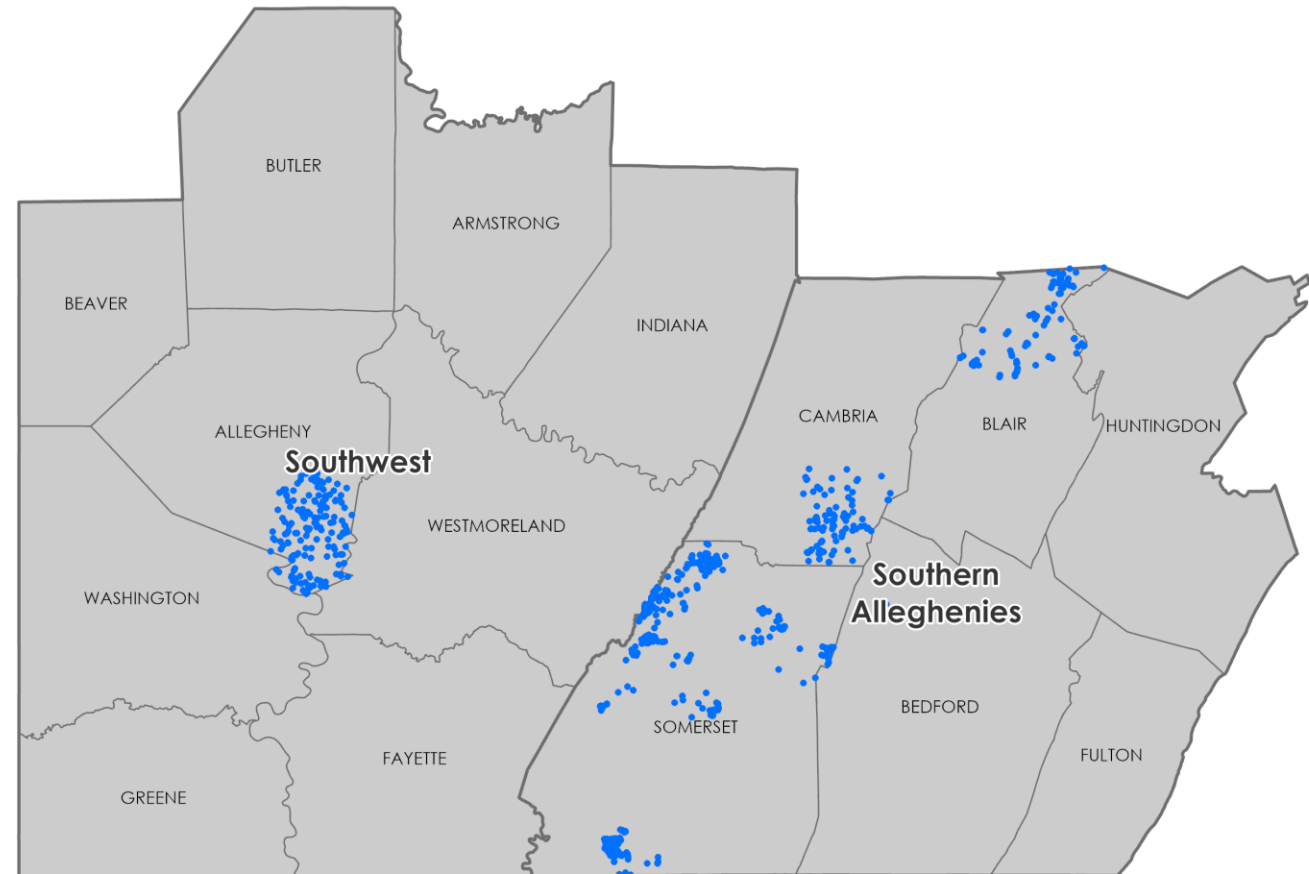
Locations  
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**Fiber**

Network  
Installation

[verizon.com](https://www.verizon.com)



# VITALink



**188**

Locations  
To Be Served



**Fiber**

Network  
Installation

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## Project Team

|                            |                                              |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Douglas Friend</b>      | Owner/Operator                               |
| <b>Brian Frazee</b>        | Owner/Operator                               |
| <b>Jeff Frazee</b>         | Operations Manager                           |
| <b>Kevin Seprish</b>       | Plant Manager                                |
| <b>Justin Frazee</b>       | Network Manager                              |
| <b>John (Jack) Purcell</b> | Legal Council                                |
| <b>Andrew French</b>       | Redevelopment Authority<br>of Fayette County |
| <b>Emilee Friend</b>       | Grant Administrator                          |





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