

# BEAD Roundtable

## Launch & Permits

Southwest & Southern Alleghenies Regions

Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority

**June 16, 2026**



# PBDA BEAD Team

## Executive Leadership



**Brandon Carson**  
Executive Director



**Brandon Peters**  
Deputy Executive Director

## Infrastructure Team



**Charles Napier**  
Director of Infrastructure

## Program Management

**Marshall Fischer** | Technical Specialist

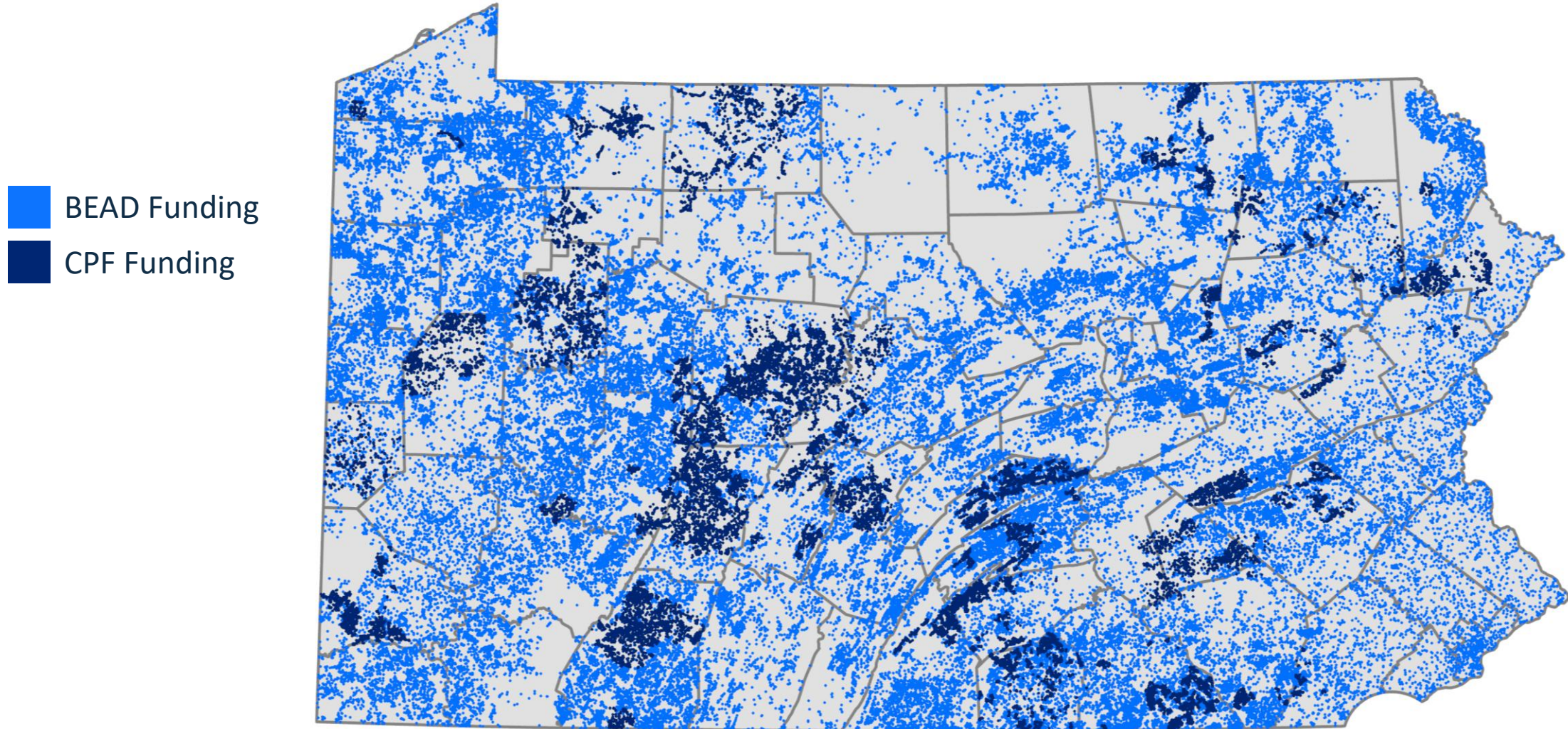
**Sai Prathi** | Information Technology

**Sue Benedek** | Legal Counsel

**Karen Cummings** | Legal Counsel

**Pam Frontino** | Grants Manager

# 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

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



## Purpose

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



**69**

Provisional  
Projects



**67**

Counties  
Impacted



**19**

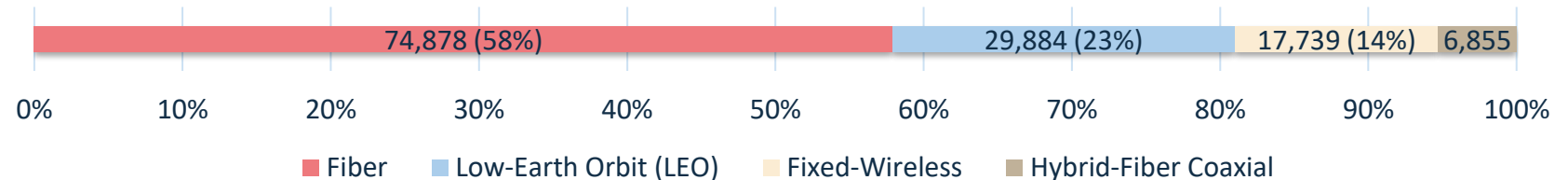
Provisional  
Awardees



**130K**

Locations  
To Be Served

## Technology Mix



Project Status as of 5/6/2026

# Permitting

Per NTIA requirements, the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority ensures:

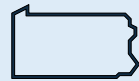
- ✓ Permits are approved or rejected within 90 days
- ✓ Permit fees are reasonable

## Permitting Responsibilities



### Federal

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



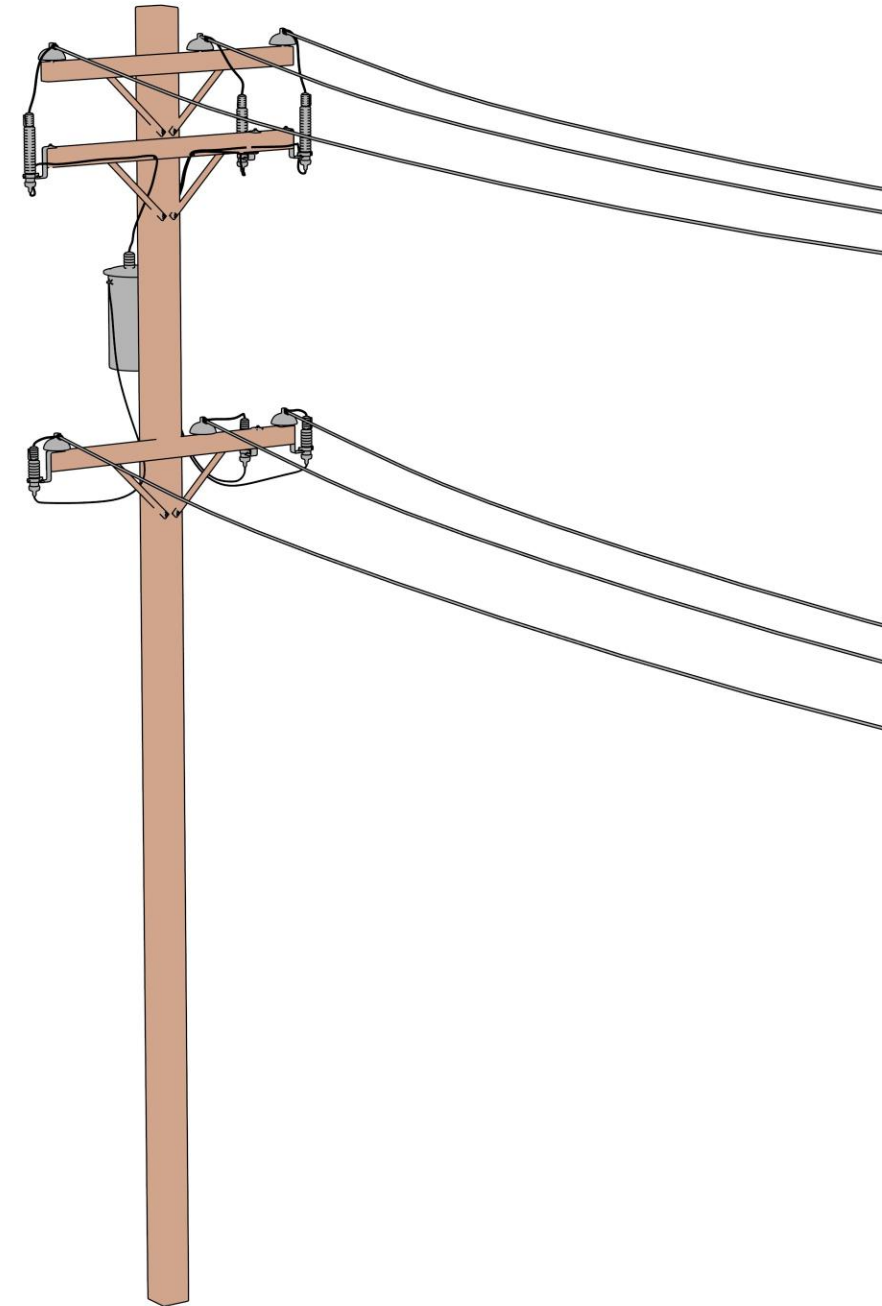
### State

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

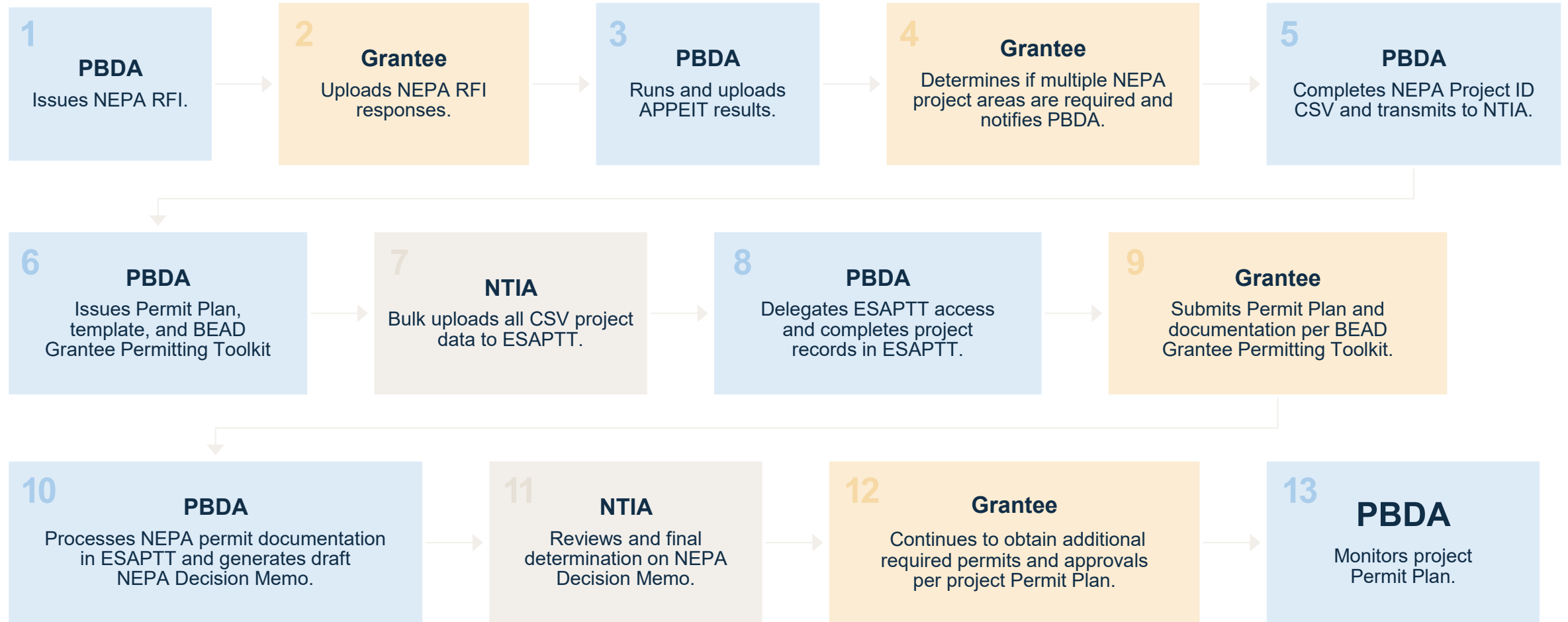


### Local

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

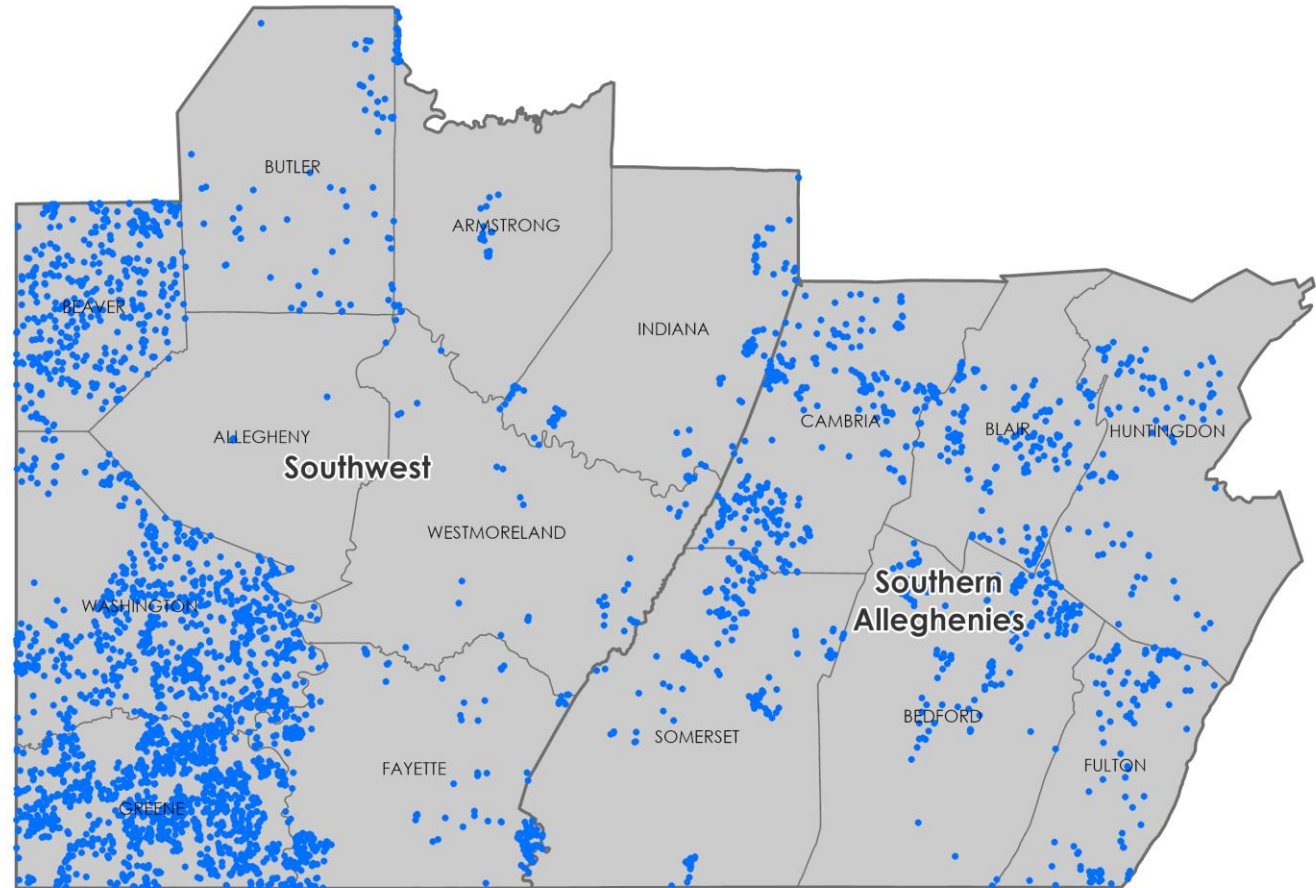


**4,975**  
Locations  
To Be Served



**Satellite**  
Low Earth Orbit  
(LEO)

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



# Advanced Telephone Systems Inc.



**12**

Locations  
To Be Served



**Fiber**

Network  
Installation

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



# Armstrong



**1,977**  
Locations  
To Be Served



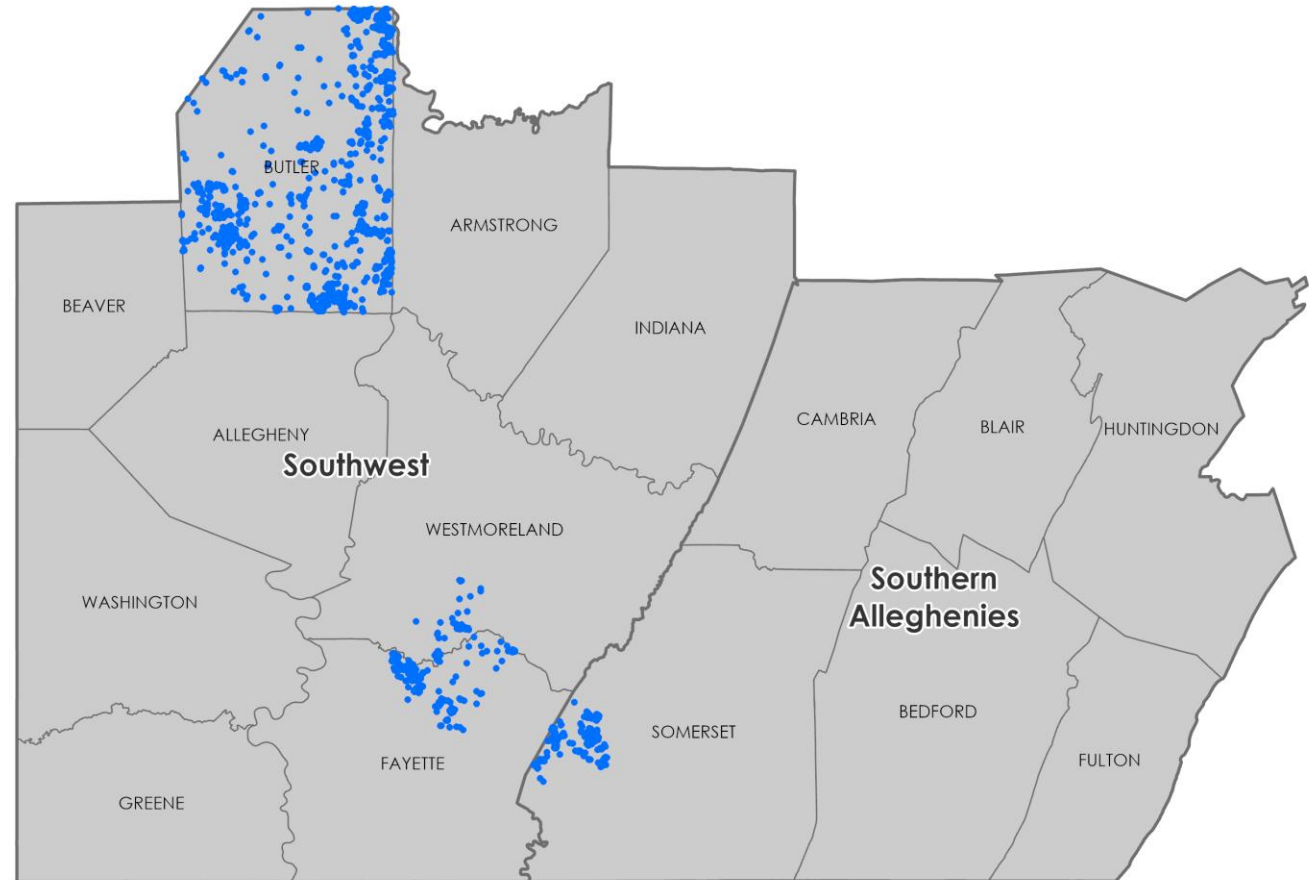
**Fiber**  
Network  
Installation

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## Project Team

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

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



# Brightspeed



**2,050**  
Locations  
To Be Served

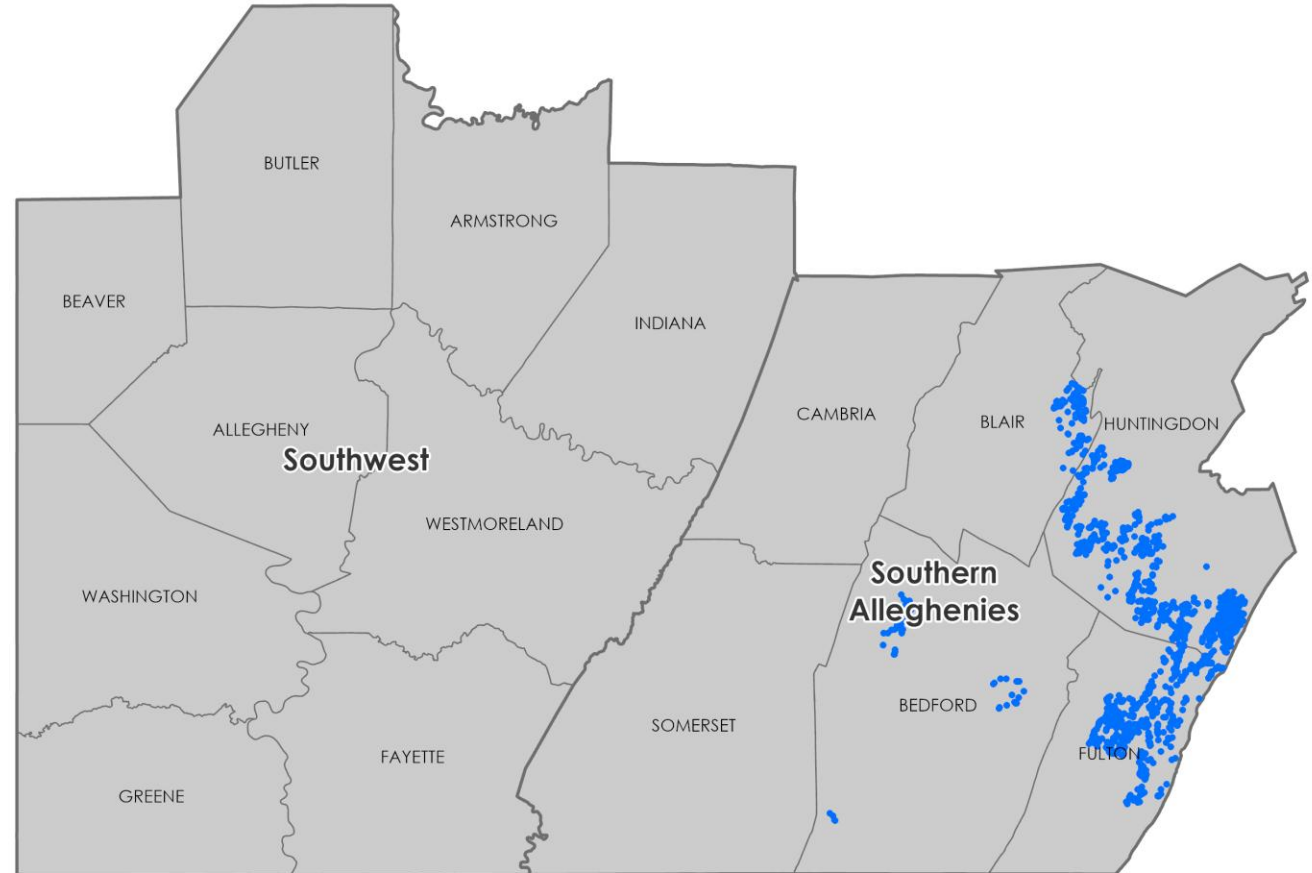


**Fiber**  
Network  
Installation

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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

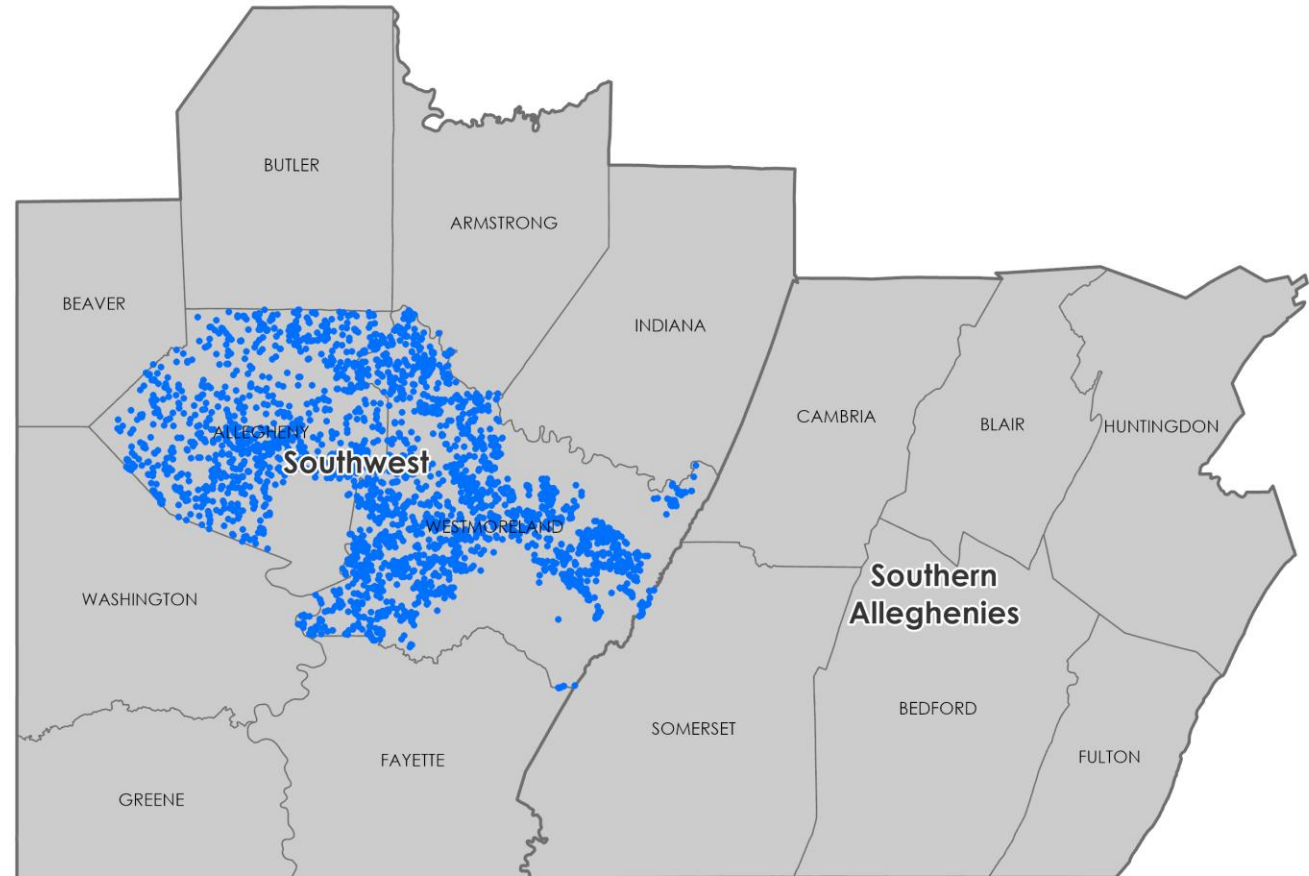


**Hybrid**  
Fiber Coaxial  
(HFC)

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## Project Team

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



# Consolidated Communications



**136**

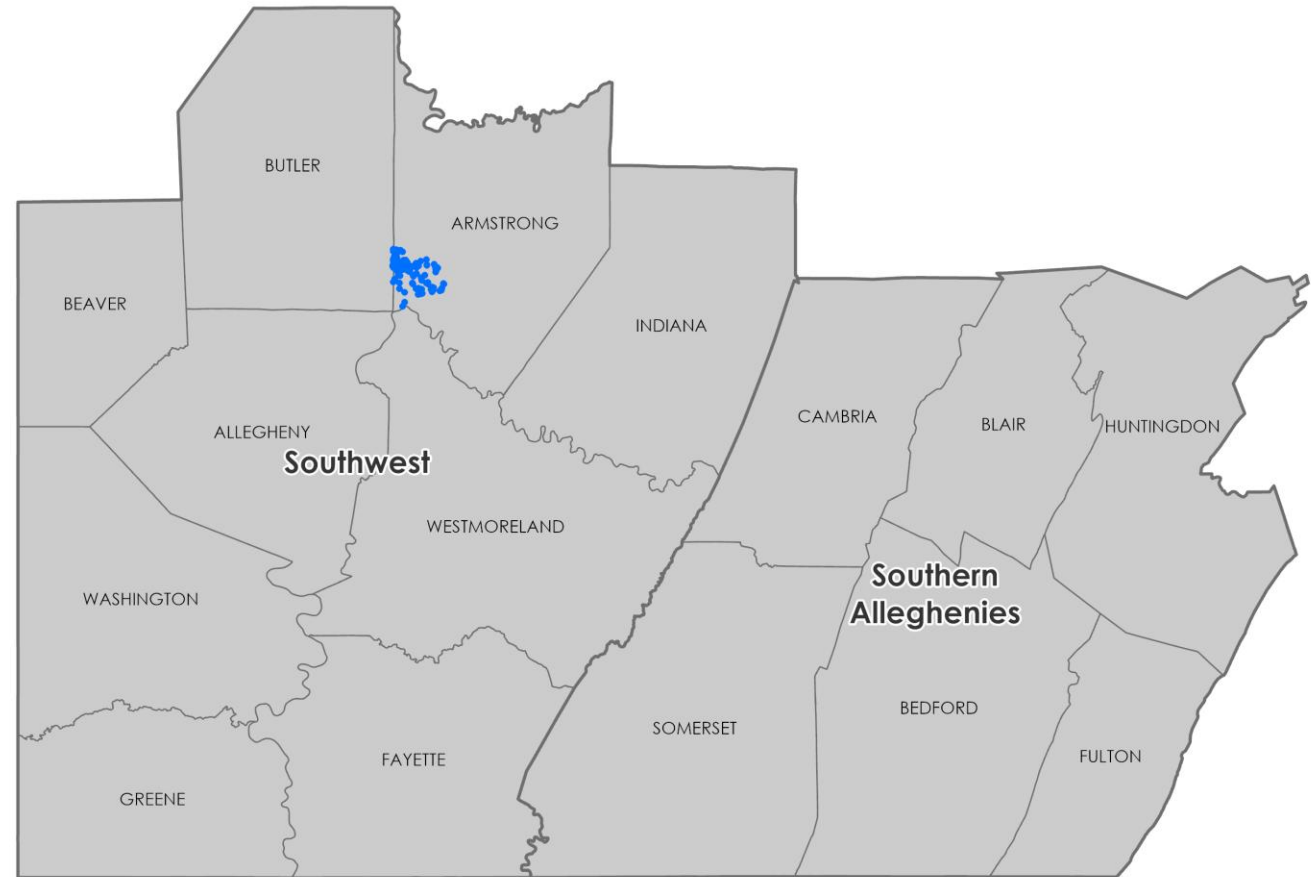
Locations  
To Be Served



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Network  
Installation

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



# eCommunity



**10,727**

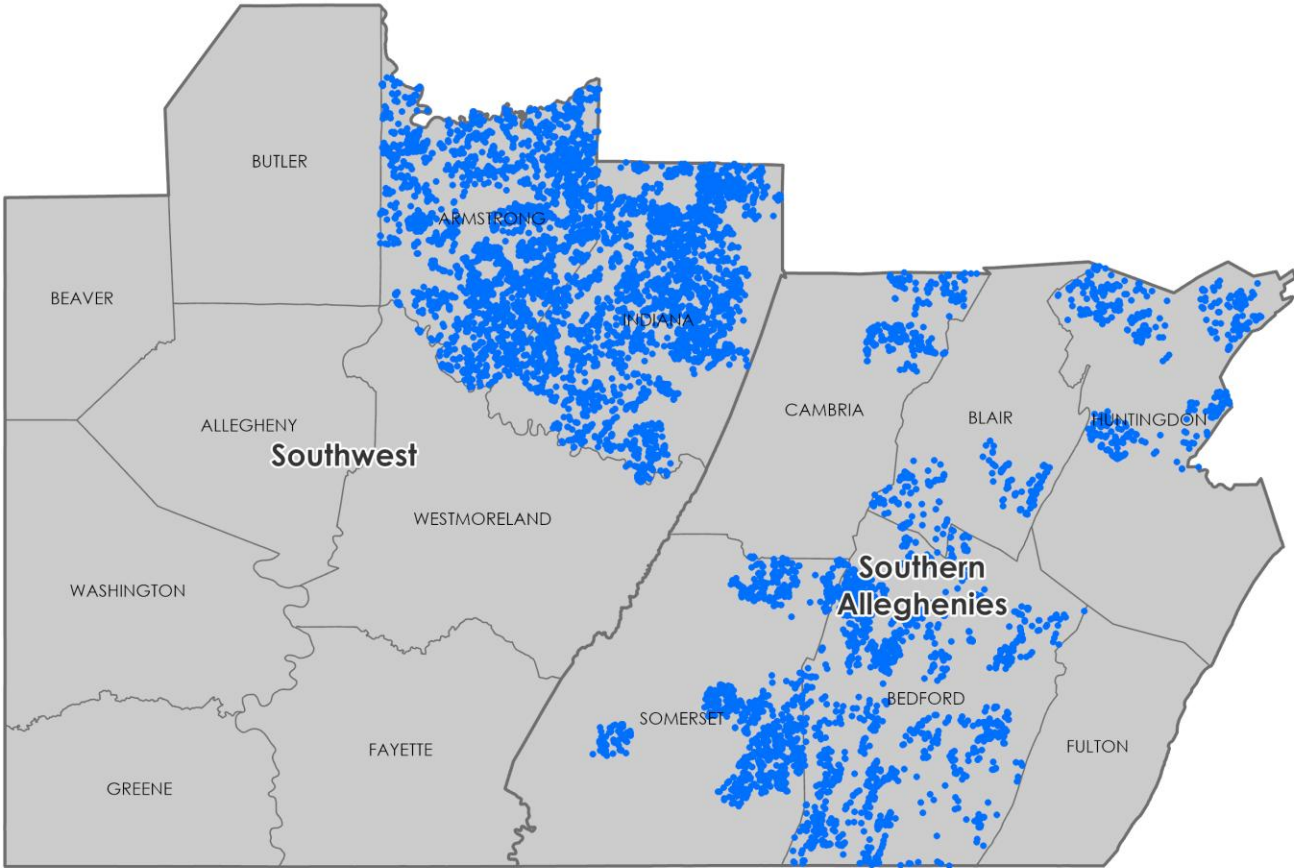
Locations  
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[ecomunityfiber.com](http://ecomunityfiber.com)



# IBT Group

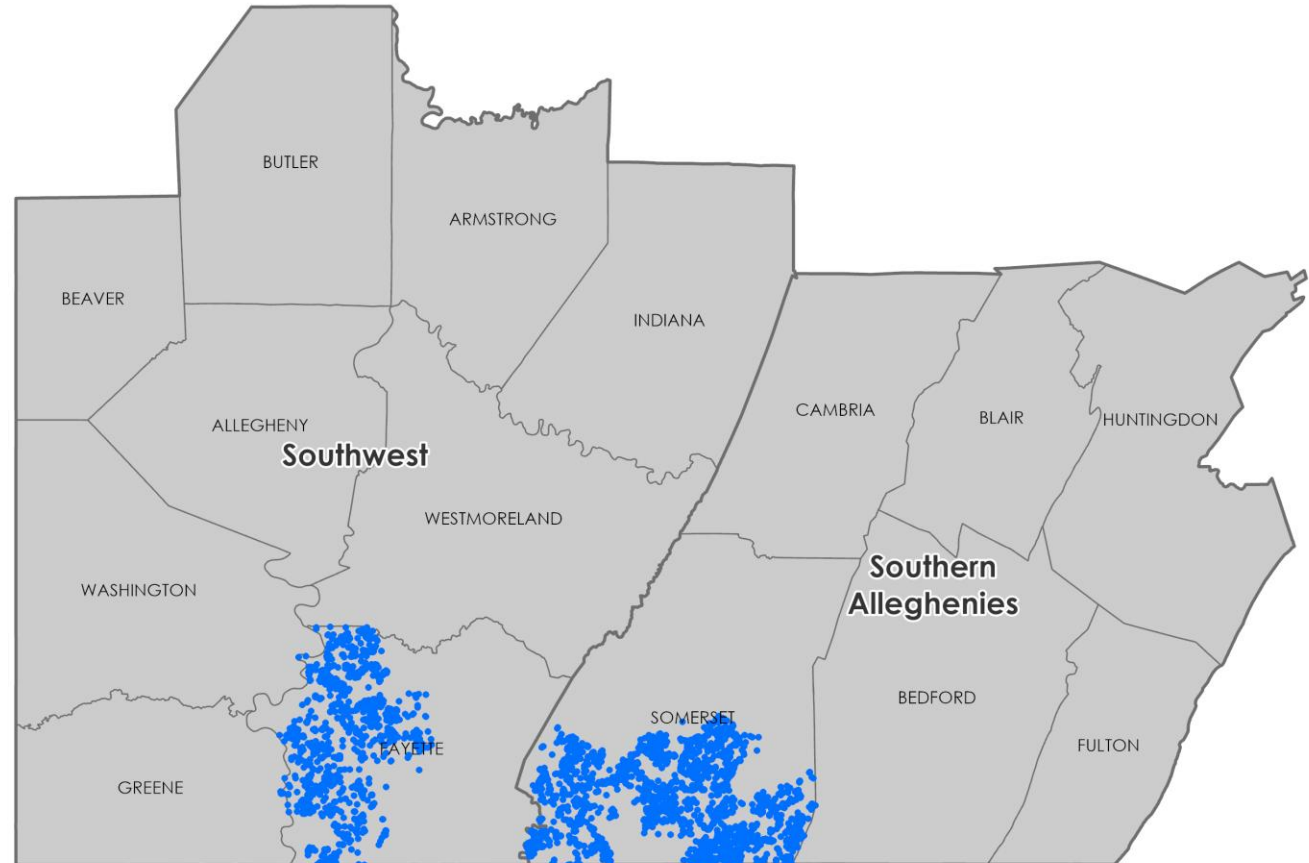


**4,644**  
Locations  
To Be Served



**Fixed**  
Wireless

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



# INTUS Smartcities



**629**

Locations  
To Be Served



**Fiber**

Network  
Installation

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



# SpaceX



**1,776**

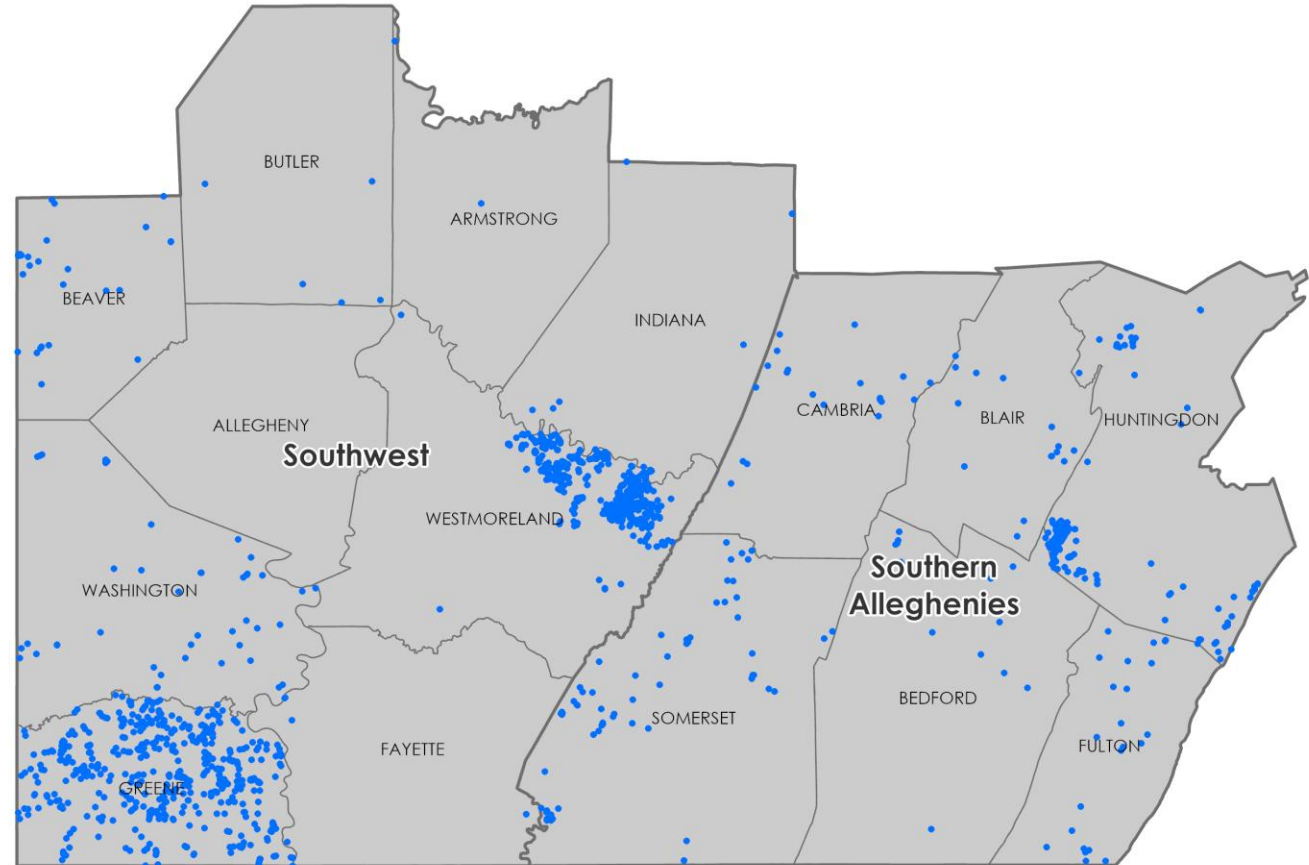
Locations  
To Be Served



**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**

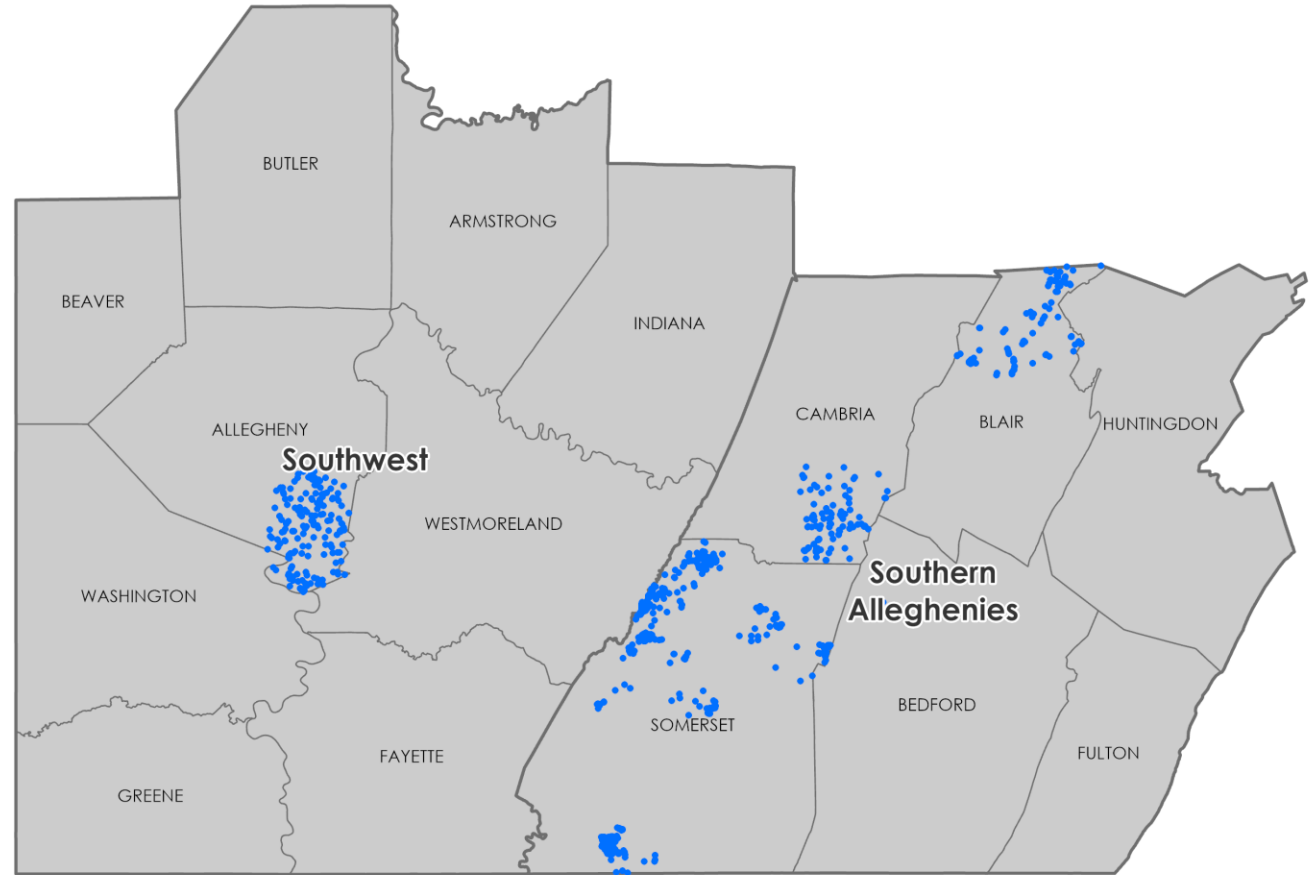
Locations  
To Be Served



**Fiber**

Network  
Installation

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



# VITALink



**188**

Locations  
To Be Served



**Fiber**  
Network  
Installation

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## Project Team

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|----------------------------|--|
| <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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