

BEAD Roundtable

Launch & Permits

Northwest & North Central Regions

Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority

June 25, 2026



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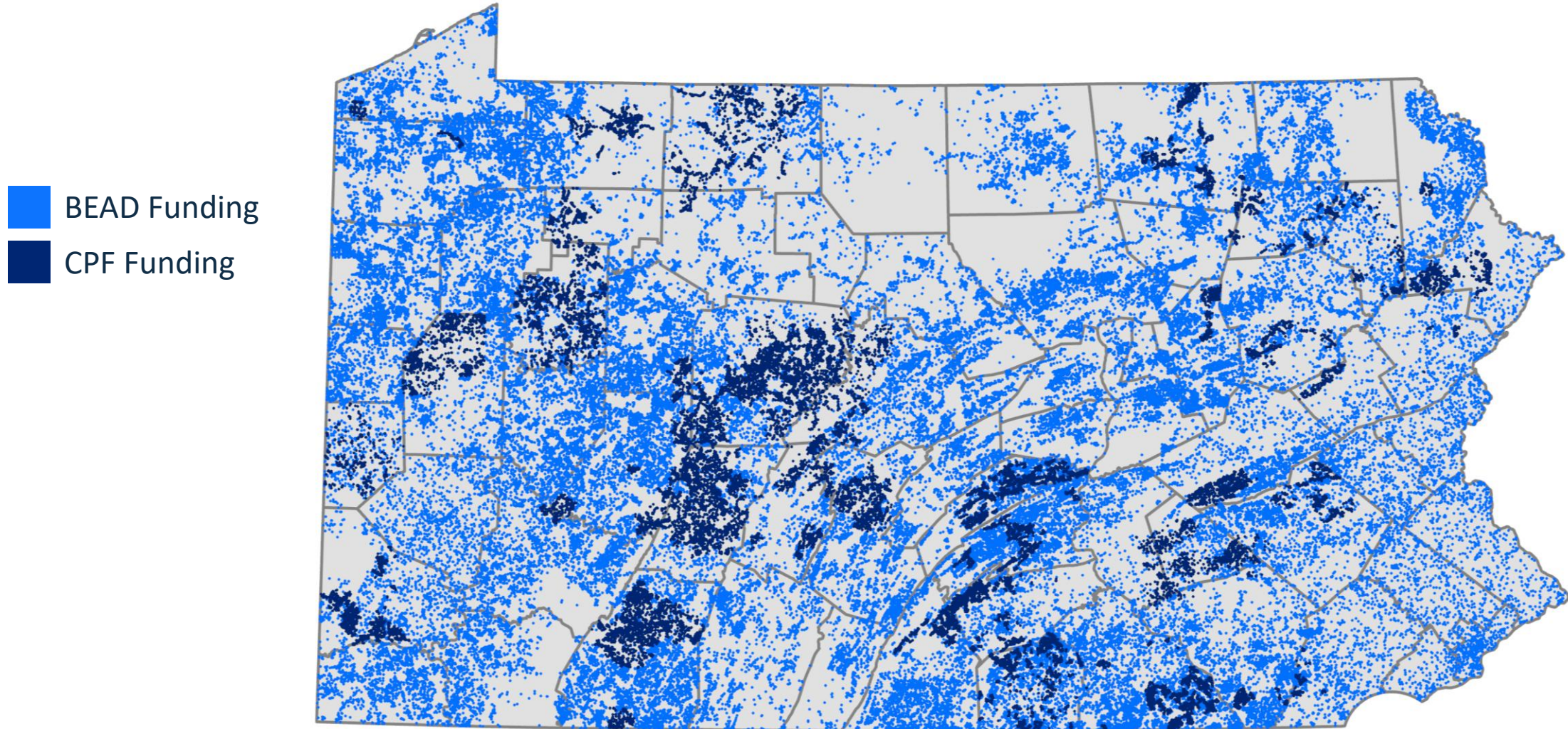
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PBDA Broadband Locations





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

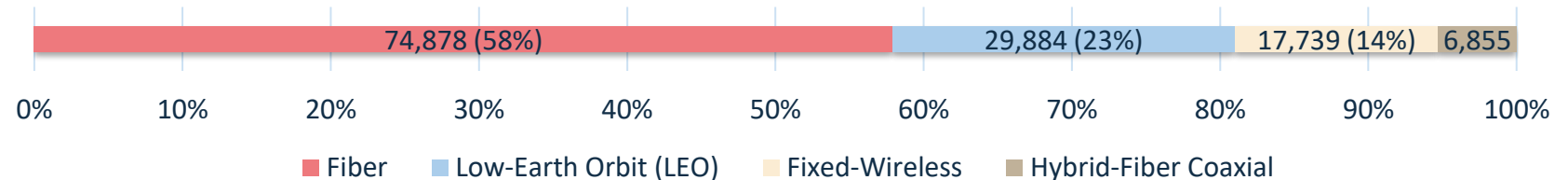
Provisional
Awardees



130K

Locations
To Be Served

Technology Mix



Project Status as of 5/6/2026

Permitting

Per NTIA requirements, the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority ensures:

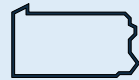
- ✓ Permits are approved or rejected within 90 days
- ✓ Permit fees are reasonable

Permitting Responsibilities



Federal

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



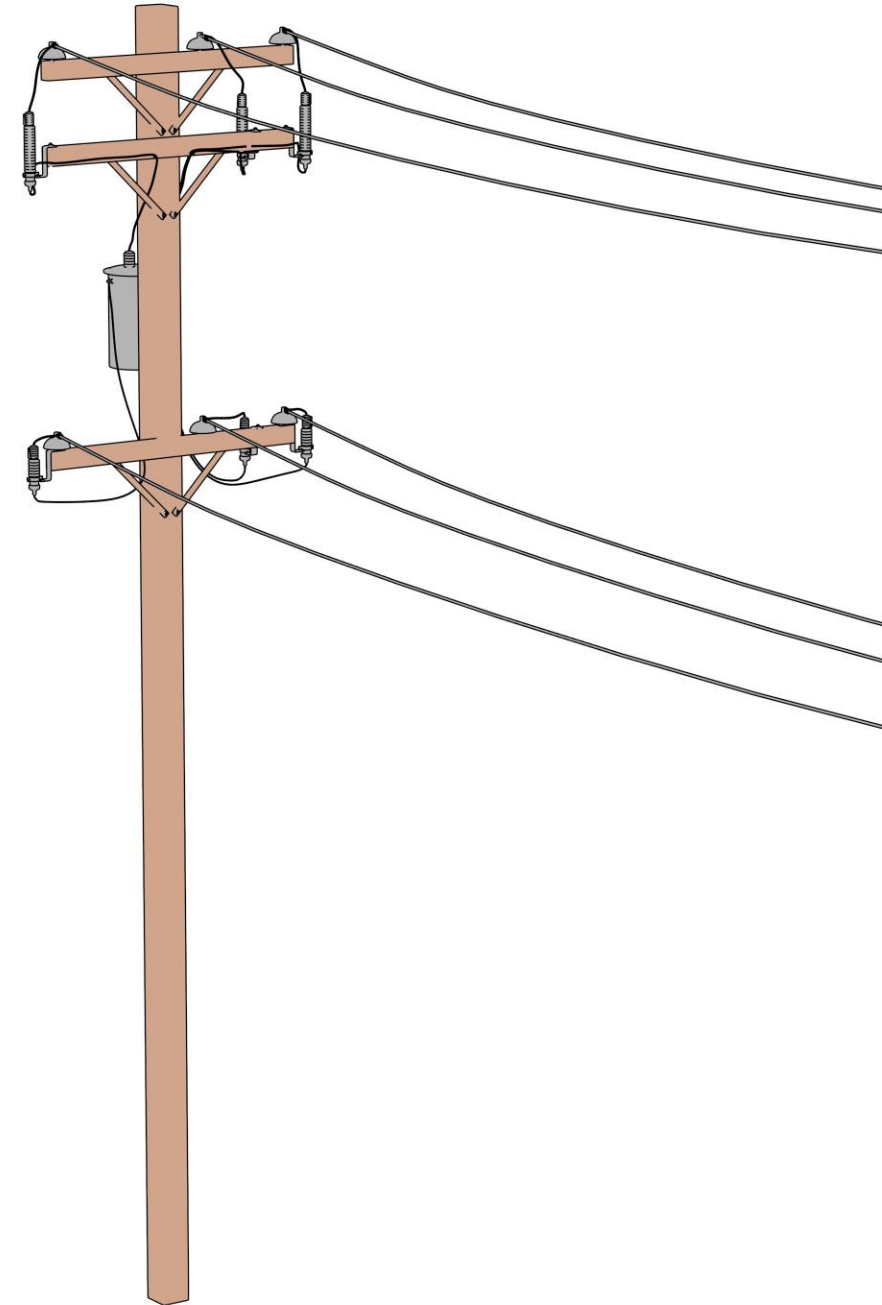
State

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

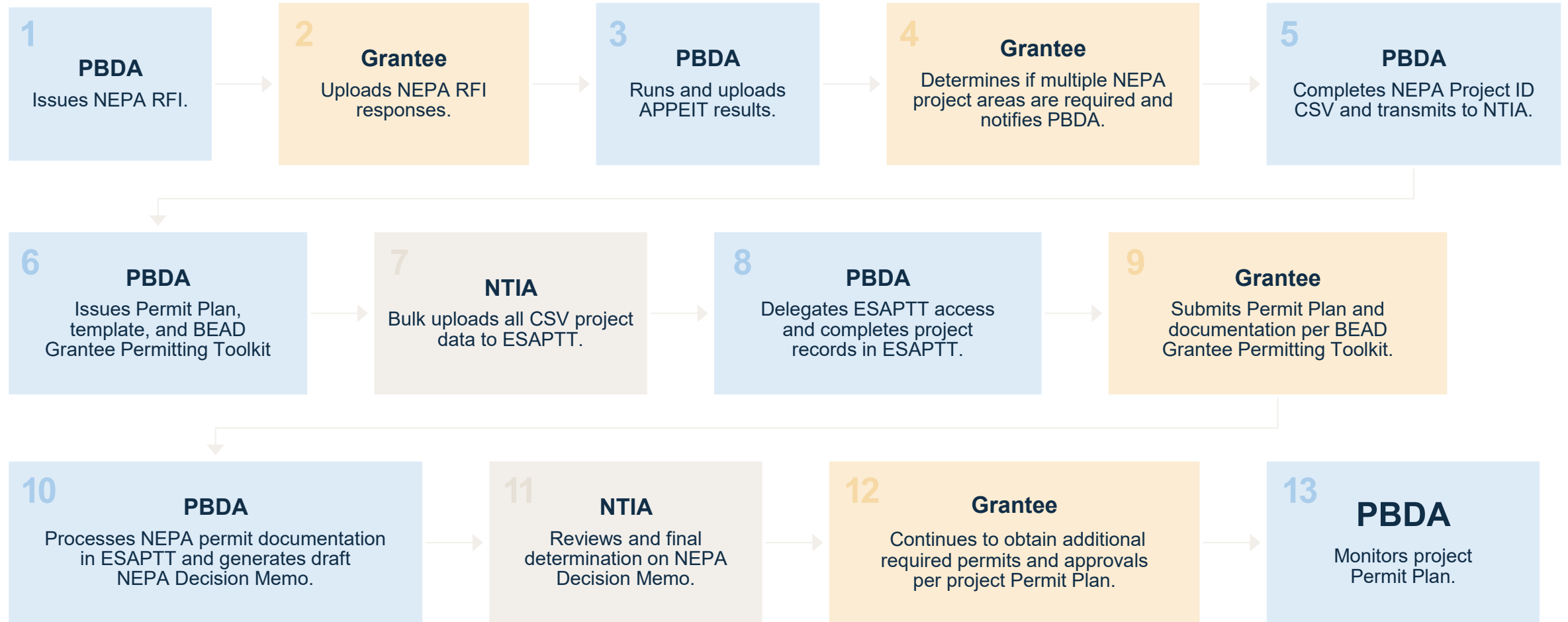


Local

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
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

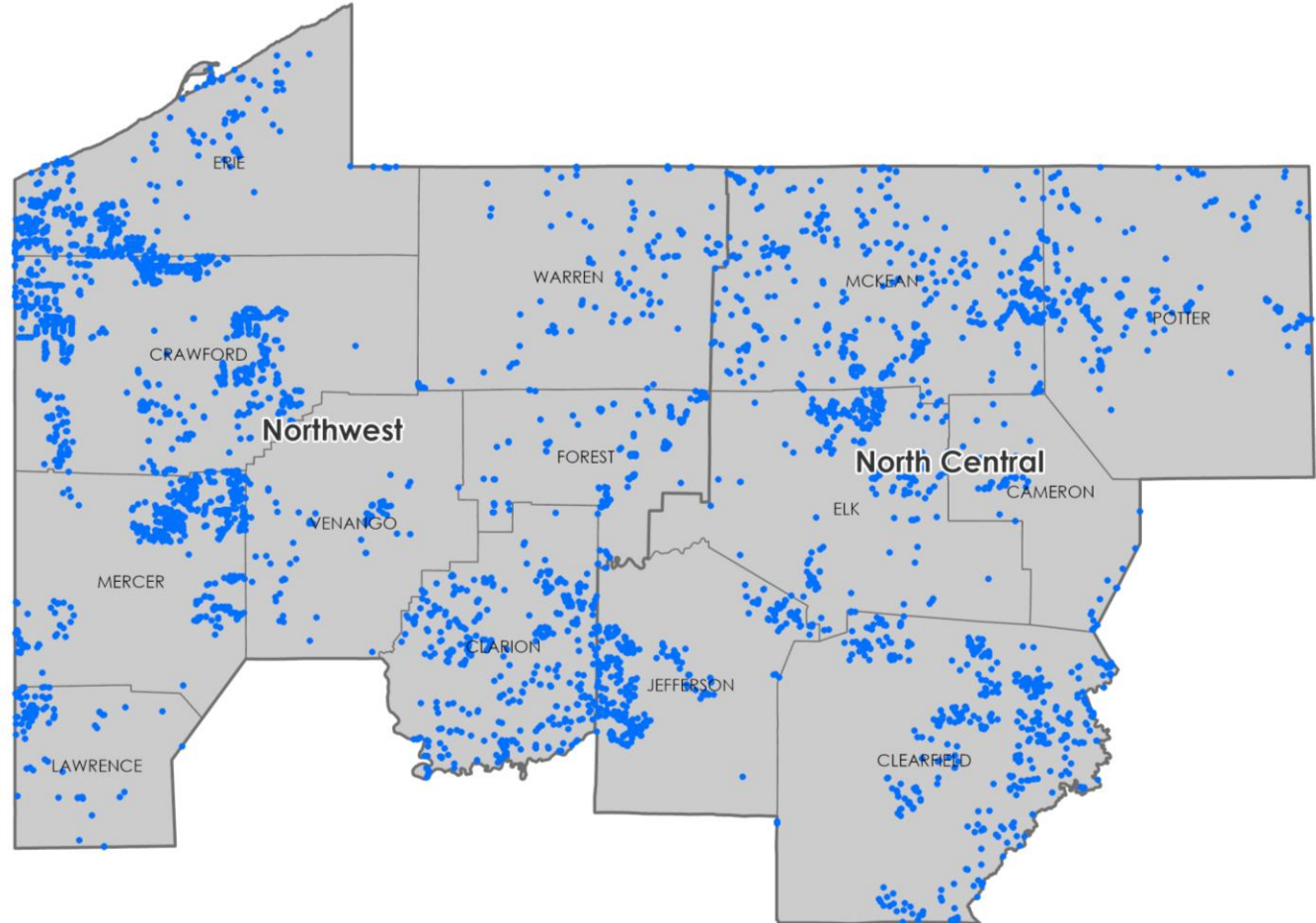


5,667
Locations
To Be Served



Satellite
Low Earth Orbit
(LEO)

leo.amazon.com



Armstrong



1,488
Locations
To Be Served

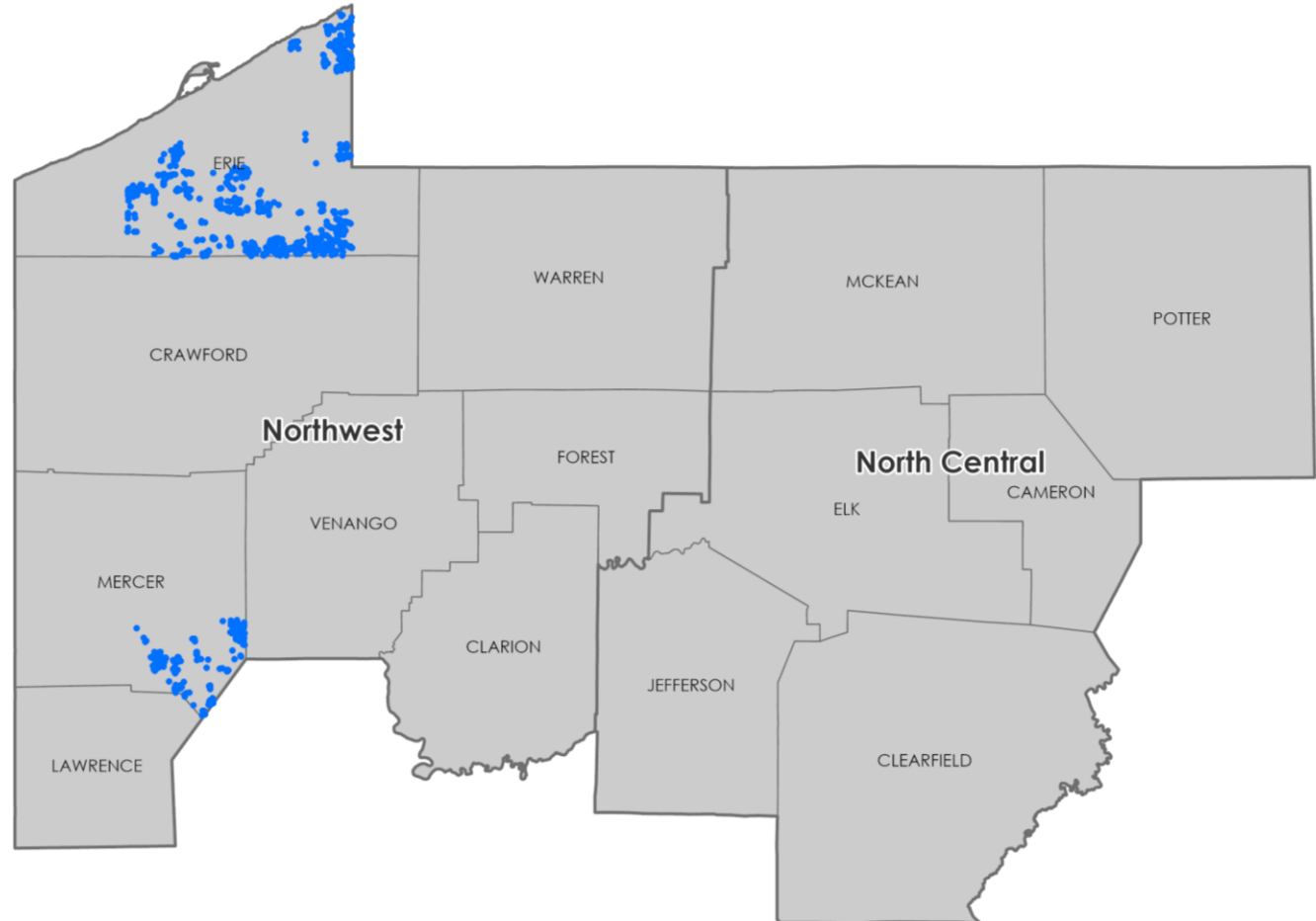


Fiber
Network
Installation

Project Team

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armstrongonewire.com



Comcast



735

Locations
To Be Served



Hybrid

Fiber Coaxial
(HFC)

Project Team

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|-----------------|---------------------|
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Core Connect



10,327

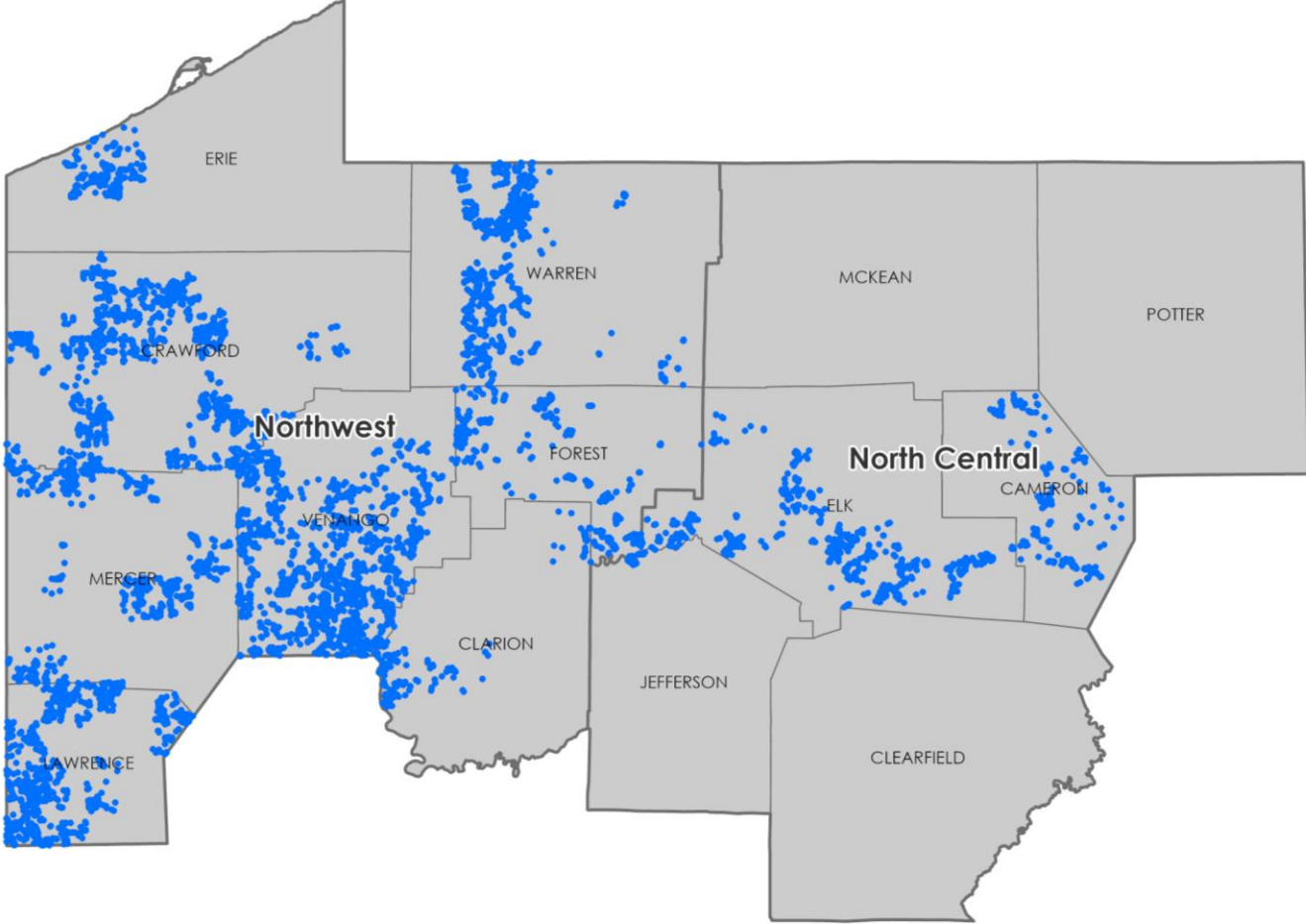
Locations
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IBT Group

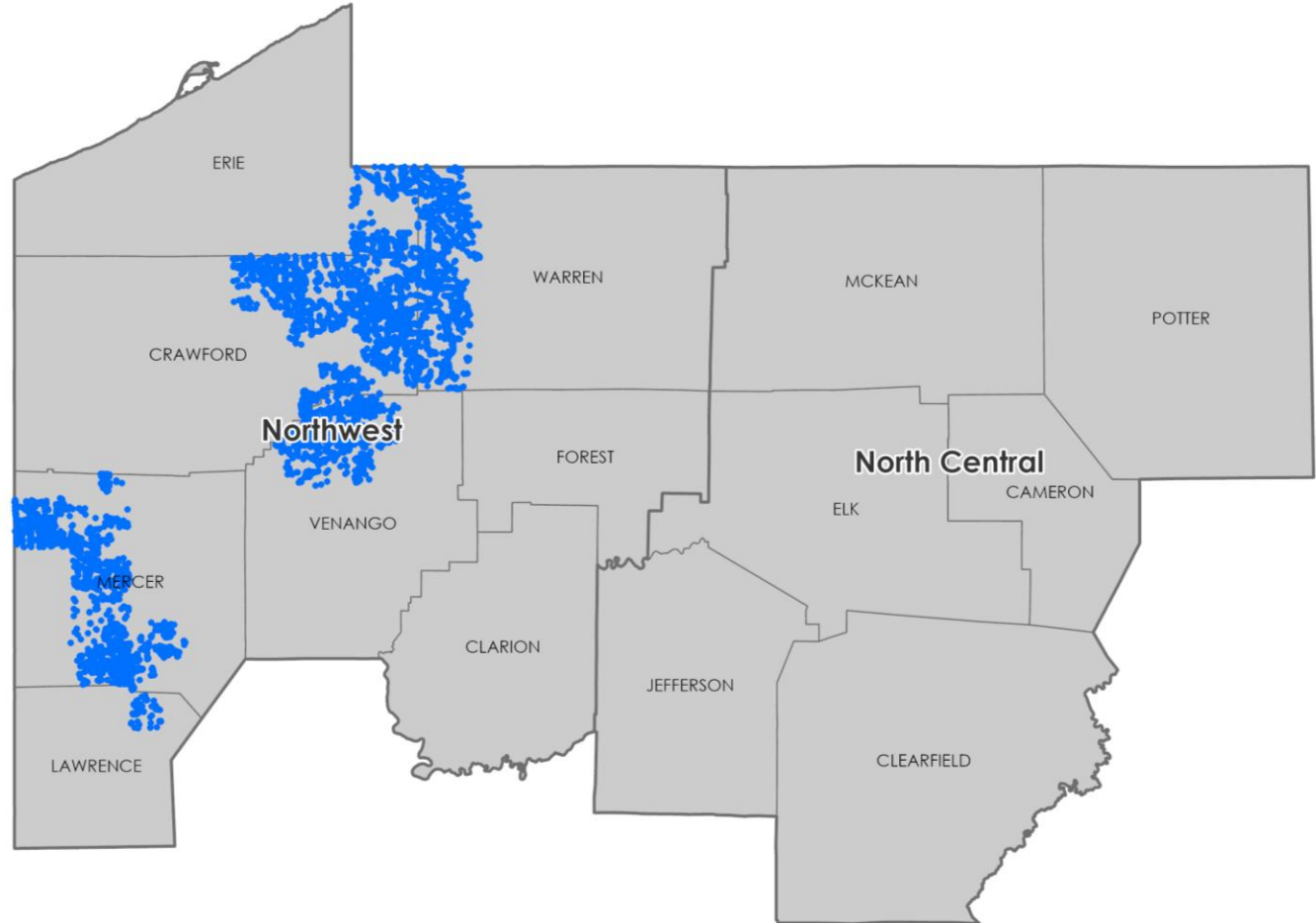


7,487
Locations
To Be Served



Fixed
Wireless

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McKean County



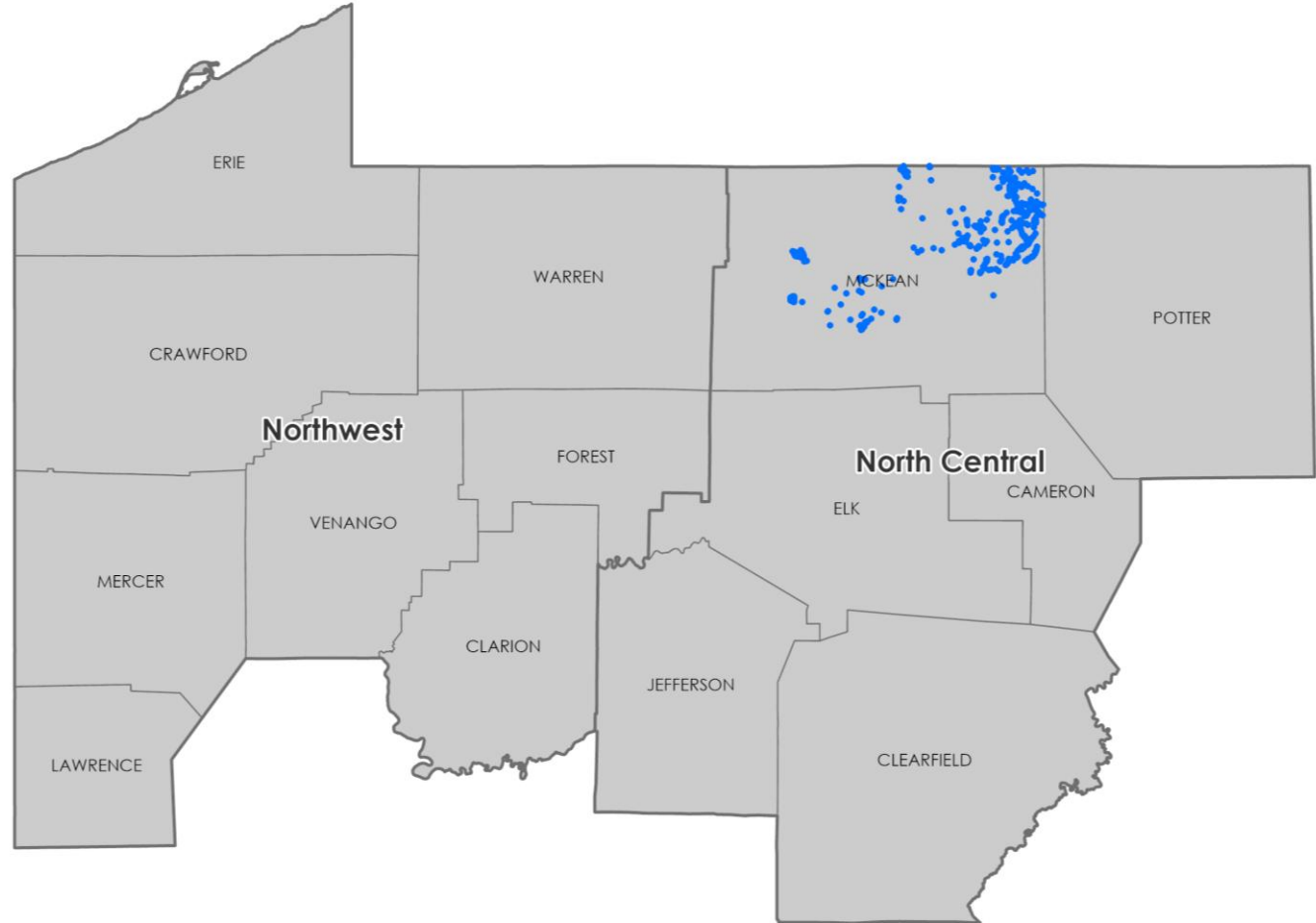
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Locations
To Be Served



Fixed
Wireless

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SpaceX

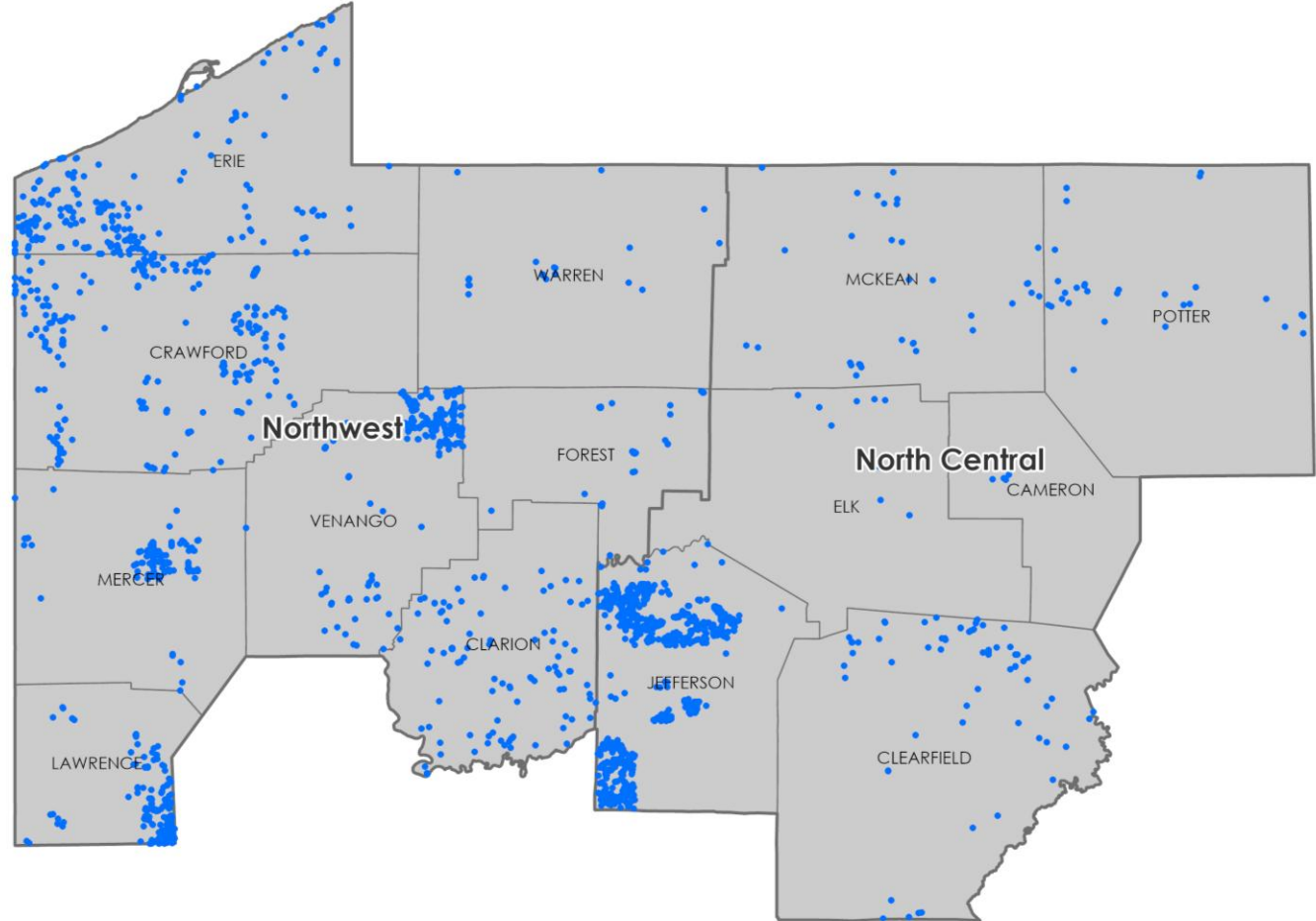


2,371
Locations
To Be Served



Satellite
Low Earth Orbit
(LEO)

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Verizon

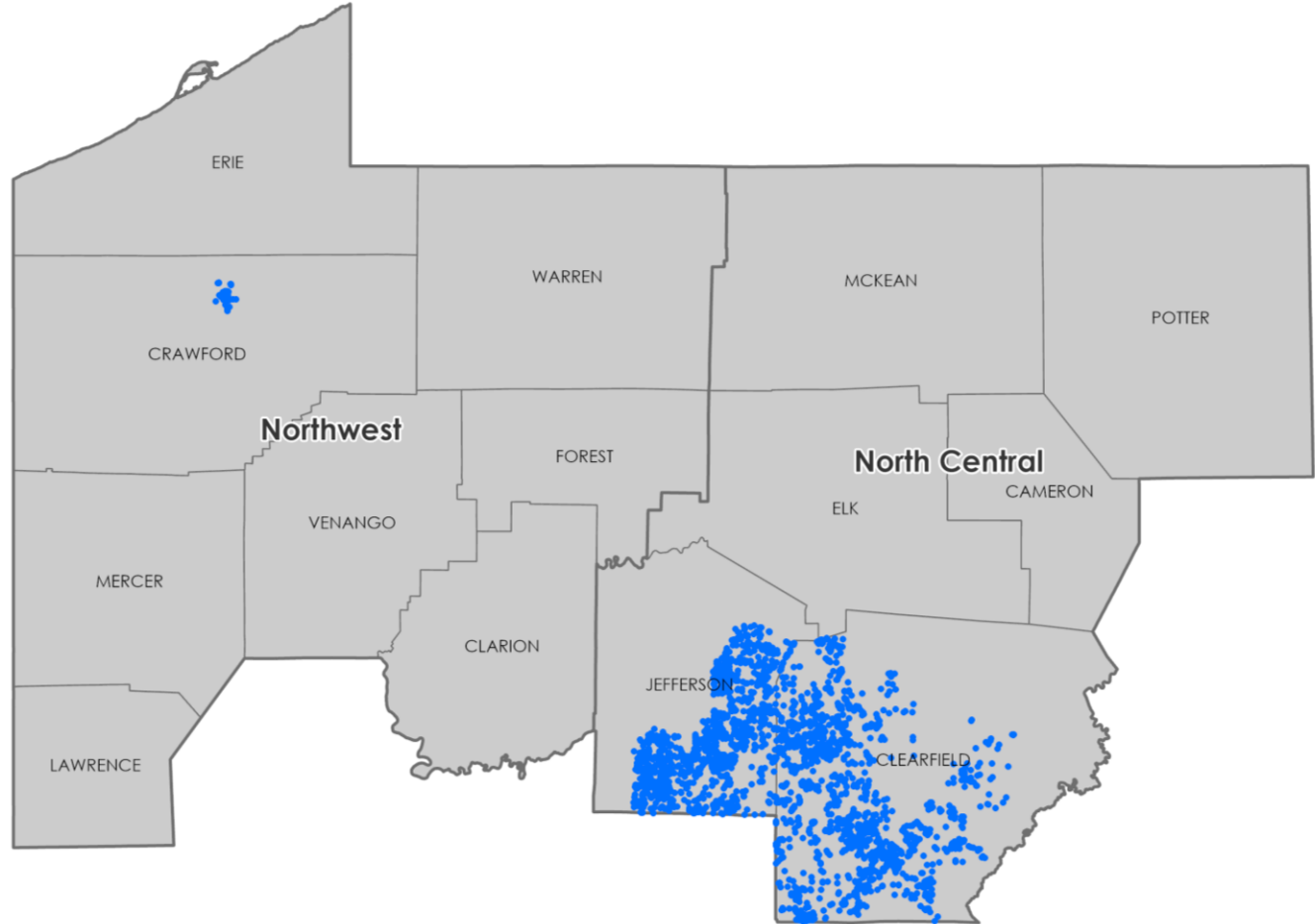


3,789
Locations
To Be Served



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