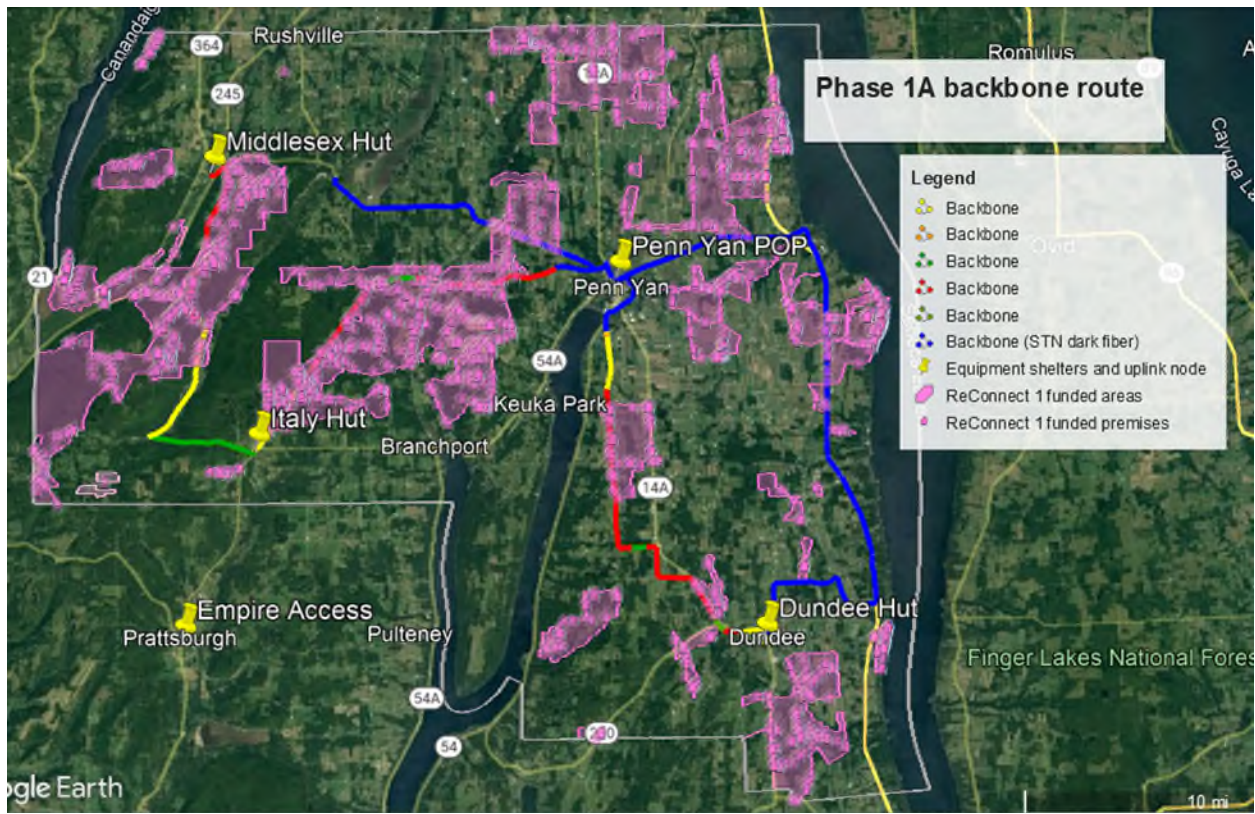


**Yates County Broadband Update – Marian Walrath / Jeff Ayers**  
**Finance Committee 3/8/2022**

**1. ReConnect 1 Engineering**

- a. Phase 1 design is complete. This includes the backbone (Phase 1A) and Middlesex and Italy distribution (Phase 1B).
- b. The Change of Scope Request for removal of 7 funded areas with no subscribers has been approved by RUS (Rural Utility Service).
- c. 2 other requests still in process with RUS: Change of Scope and Budget Reallocation for Phase 1A, Nokia Equipment Waiver.
- d. Plan to order materials once Change of Scope for Phase 1 is approved. The process will follow the County's Purchasing Policy.
- e. Plans and Specifications (P&S) presentation for Phase 1A to RUS delayed to end March 1 as need Change of Scope approved first. Once P&S approved the Make Ready and Construction bidding will proceed.
- f. Material storage options being evaluated e.g. airport, highway storage, etc.



**2. ReConnect 1 Construction**

- a. The goal is to start Phase IA construction in 2022 – mid-year. A more detailed 3-year plan is available.
- b. POLE applications to NYSEG, Verizon, Frontier, and Spectrum are proceeding.

- c. Senator O’Mara has is now jointly sponsoring bill to exempt Municipalities and Non-profits from NYS ROW DOT fees.

3. **Grant Applications:** Yates County continues to apply for grants as announced. See table below.

Funding	Opportunity (Mbps download/upload)	Status
ReConnect 1 (current project) - \$10.4M with \$3.6M match	~1635 Premises <10/1 Mbps plus other USDA rules	Awarded 2020 Proceeding on schedule
National Telecommunications and Information Administration Broadband Infrastructure Program (NTIA-BIP) -\$8.8M with \$980K match	591 “unserved premises <25/3 Mbps	12 States and 1 Territory were awarded \$277M funding of the \$288M available. None in NYS so far.
ReConnect 3 Grant - \$6,191,297 grant request with a \$2,063,766 – 25% County match	Identified 681 Premises with <100/20 Mbps fixed broadband	Deadline extended to March 9. Yates County on track to submit.