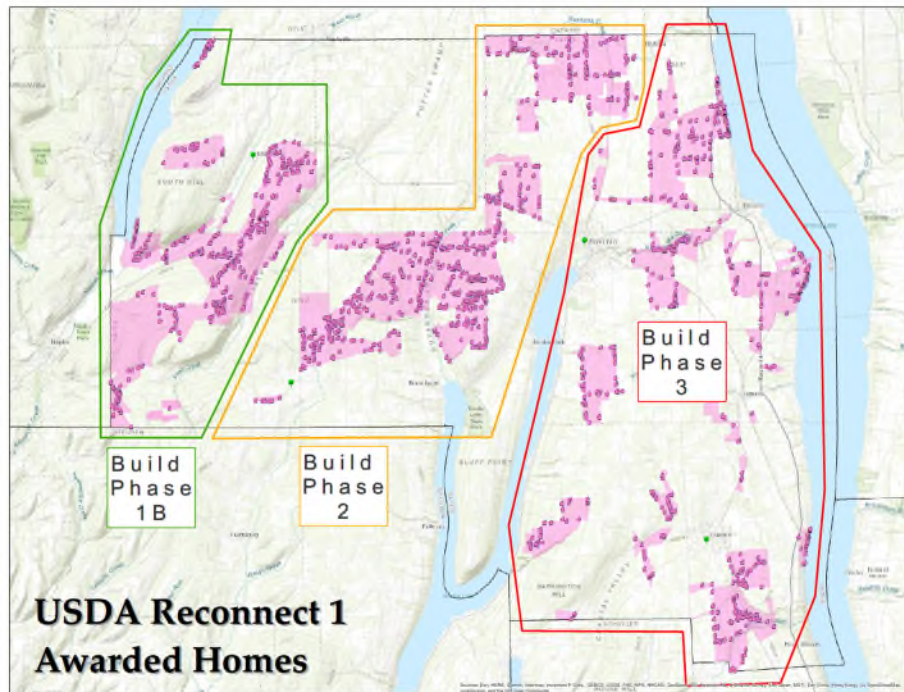
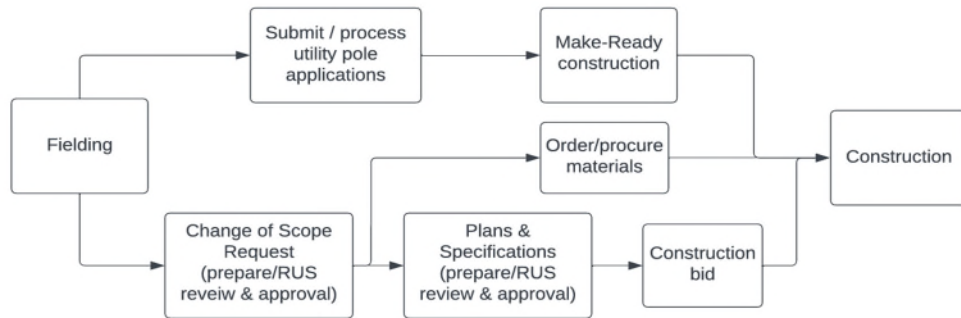


**Yates County Broadband Update – Marian Walrath / Jeff Ayers  
Finance Committee 7/6/2022**

**1. ReConnect 1 Engineering & Construction**

- a. Below are the main paths of project activity leading to construction and the project phases:



- b. Phase 1A (Trunk Route): The Plans and Specifications were approved by RUS on June 13, 2022. Immediately following we launched the sealed bid process to award the construction. A required Pre-Bid Conference was held with the potential bidders on June 30. The Bid Opening is scheduled for July 14 with the goal to award the Construction bid at the August Finance/Legislative session. Actual construction start will depend on materials (ordered and being received) and make-ready progress - maybe August/September.

- c. Phase 1B (Distribution in Italy/Middlesex): The Change of Scope request was submitted to RUS on June 8, 2022. It is pending review and approval. Once approved, we would proceed with submitting the Plans and Specifications. The engineering drawings are in process.
- d. Nokia Equipment Waiver Request: An updated waiver request was submitted to RUS for review and approval on June 29, 2022.
- e. Make-Ready Application: Poles for Phase 3 have been identified. A contract with LaBella for Phase 3 One-Touch make ready design and analysis services is proposed for a NTX fee of \$316,608.70.
- f. Financial Reporting – In order to provide visibility to the total ReConnect project spending, key data from the Financial Requirement Statement (FRS) that is submitted to RUS each month will be shared.

Report approved 5/27/2020	Total advances to date	Advances now requested
Make Ready	\$202,231	\$6,423
Engineering	\$247,379	\$26,755
Balance Pledged Deposit Acct.: \$3,139,435		

- g. Project Plan: Bart Bretsch is leading effort to develop a more detailed 2-year plan so that we can better focus on the critical path(s).

2. **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
ReConnect 3 Grant - Project \$8,255,064 (\$6,191,297 grant & \$2,063,766 – 25% County match)	Identified 681 Premises with <100/20 Mbps fixed broadband	Announcements will begin July 14.
ReConnect 4 Grant		Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to be issued July 1

3. **RDOF Awarded areas**: The FCC awarded areas in Yates County for broadband build to Frontier in their RDOF program. The area is primarily in Potter with smaller sections in Middlesex, Italy and Benton. We are still waiting on an update from Frontier on the status of their RDOF build-out. In parallel, data has been collected on the number of addresses in these areas (~285). This needs refined e.g. remove vacant lots, etc. Plan is to look at options

to build to the unserved/underserved premises including requesting a proposal from Empire Access and including these premises in ReConnect 4.

**4. ReConnect 1 Engineering & Construction (cont.)**

a. Materials:

- i. Materials have started arriving from the Outside Plant (OSP) Material bid that was awarded to Graybar Electric. A drafted Standard Operating Procedure is being developed for managing the supply yard.
- ii. A material bid for Fiber and Selected Outside Plant (OSP) Materials was opened on June 30. This fiber includes all the fiber sizes and quantities needed for the remainder of the project. A resolution awarding the bid will be brought to the July Finance/Legislative session.
- iii. A bid for the equipment huts (Dundee and Middlesex) was announced and the Bid Opening is scheduled for July 14. We anticipate that the Highway Dept. will pour the concrete for these huts.



b. Make-Ready Construction:

- i. Spectrum poles: Make-ready construction for Phase 1A&B is in process.
- ii. NYSEG/Joint owned poles/Telco poles other than Spectrum: Last month a Master Services Agreement was approved to award Electric/Tree Trimming Make Ready work to H. Richardson & Sons. Since that time 4 Apps have been awarded via work orders to Richardson. On App #8, O’Connell Electric Company, Inc. was the low bidder, thus a Resolution is attached to enter into a Master Services Agreement with them.

APP #	Contractor	Billable	Non-billable
5	H. Richardson & Sons	\$11,198	\$98,079
6	H. Richardson & Sons	\$16,275	\$99,777

9	H. Richardson & Sons	\$17,894	\$206,041
10	H. Richardson & Sons	\$5,935	\$33,310