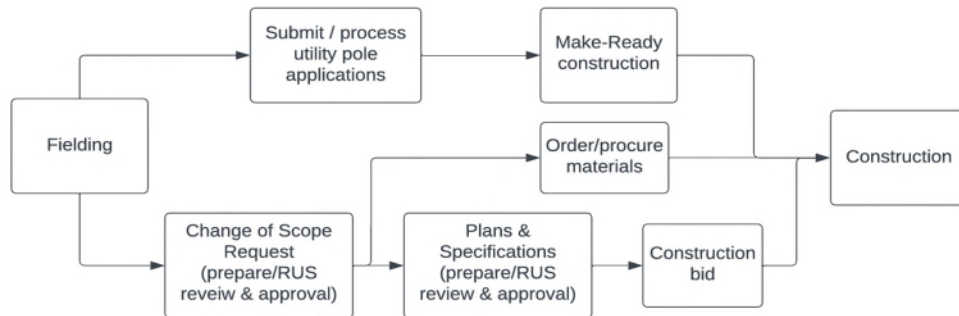


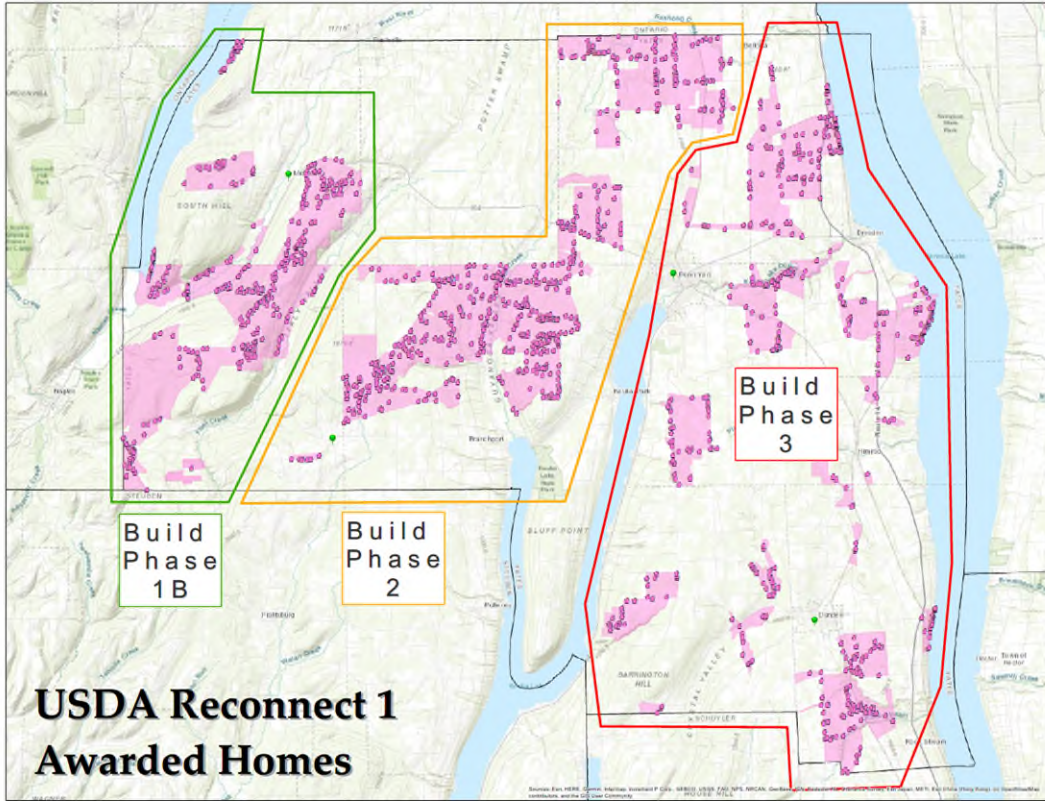
**Yates County Broadband Update – Marian Walrath / Jeff Ayers
Finance Committee 6/7/2022**

1. ReConnect 1 Engineering & Construction

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



- b. Plans and Specifications for Phase 1A: The P&Ss were submitted to RUS for review and approval on May 22, 2022. Once approved, we will proceed with Phase 1A Construction bidding. The goal is to bring award the Construction bid at the August Legislative session.
- c. Nokia Equipment Waiver Request: Still in process. Updated quotes have been received. Some details are being adjusted in the Adtran equipment quote before resubmittal to RUS.
- d. Change of Scope for Phase 1B: Design, budgeting and narrative submitted to RUS for review and approval on June 8, 2022. The plan is to initiate the bid process for additional fiber once this Change of Scope is approved.
- e. Make-Ready Application: Poles for Phase 2 have been identified. A contract with LaBella for Phase 2 One-Touch make ready design and analysis services is proposed for a NTX fee of \$189,397. Phase 3 would similarly proceed by the end of June.
- f. NYS ROW Permitting: While the NYS ROW annual fees have been eliminated as part of NYS 2023 budget, it is still required to complete a permit which includes surveying of all NYS ROW areas. We proposed to contract with Airosmith Development for these services for Phase 1A at a NTX fee of \$39,750.
- g. Construction: Start will depend on RUS review and approval of Plans & Specs, Make-Ready Construction, and Material lead-time. Best estimate is Fall 2022.



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.

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. Federal grants typically require these areas to be eliminated from applications to avoid double federal spending. Data is being gather to understand the status of the Frontier build, the unserved premises in the Frontier RDOF areas and options (costs, timing) to build to those areas when not relying on federal funds.

4. ReConnect 1 Engineering & Construction (cont.)

a. Materials:

- i. The bid for Outside Plant (OSP) Materials was awarded to Graybar Electric. The choice was influenced by in-stock availability of the specified size 96 fiber. Additional 96 fiber was procured and will cover the needs for this size fiber for the all phases of the project.
- ii. Thanks to the Highway Department for installation of a pad behind the Guyanoga Rd. building for storage of the construction materials. A security camera set-up and monitoring process is being implemented.



b. Make-Ready Construction:

- i. Spectrum: Make-ready construction for Phase 1A&B is in process.
- ii. NYSEG/Joint owned poles: Make-Ready packages have starting arriving and include both billable and non-billable work. There will be 13 packages for Phases 1A & B. Electrical construction has been awarded on 3 of the packages and 3 others are out for quotes. A resolution for Master Services Agreement with H. Richardson & Sons is proposed. Yates County is required to hire the contractor for both billable and non-billable work. The non-billable fees are paid by NYSEG with Yates County acting as a pass through. Our contracts will stipulate that the non-billable invoices will be “paid when paid”. Our proposal (see Resolution) is to pay these non-billable invoices prior to audit as soon as the reimbursements are received.