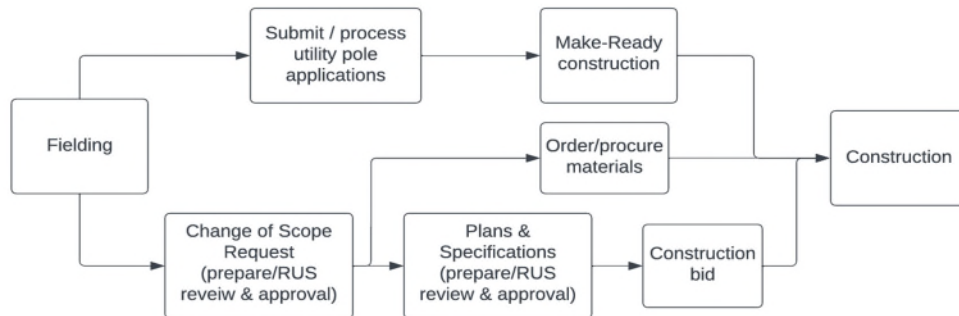


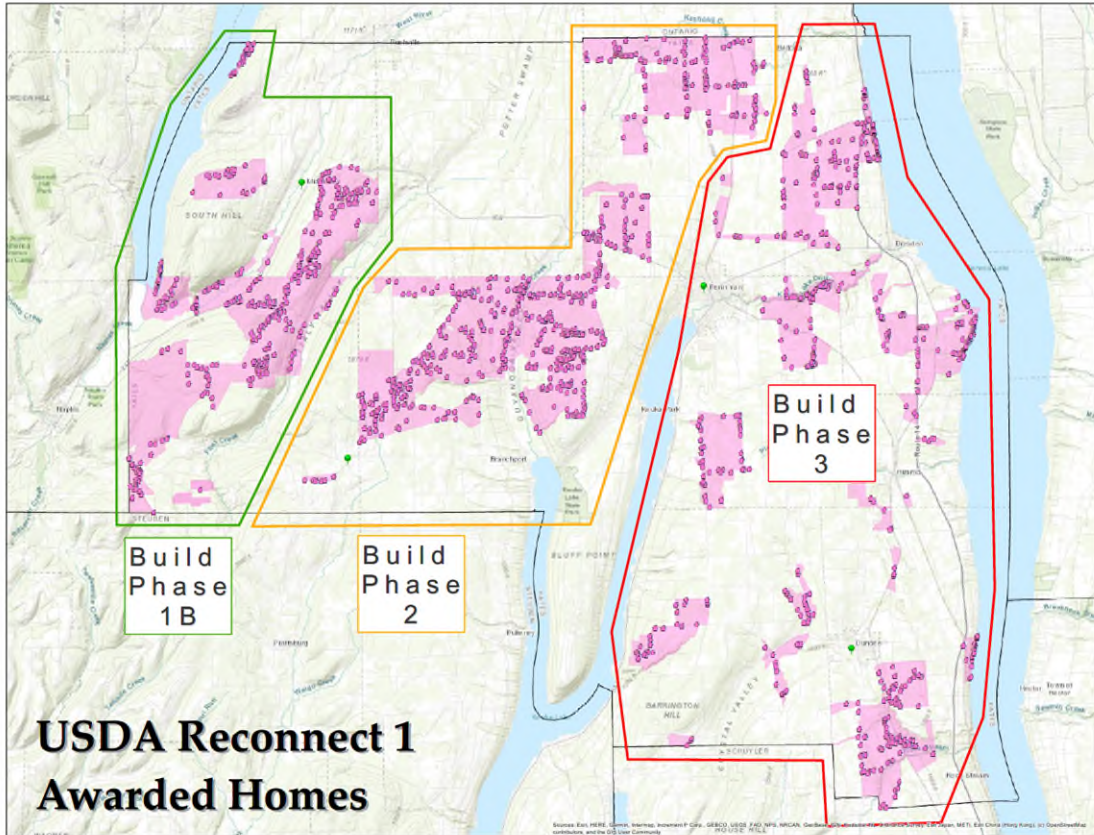
**Yates County Broadband Update – Marian Walrath / Jeff Ayers
Finance Committee 5/3/2022**

1. ReConnect 1 Engineering & Construction

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



- b. Change of Scope Phase 1A: Approved by RUS on 4/27/2022. This was a key gate to allow ordering materials, submitting Plans and Specifications and proceeding with Construction bids.
- c. Plans and Specifications for Phase 1A: The P&Ss are being submitted for RUS review and approval during the week of May 2. Once approved, we will proceed with Phase 1A Construction bidding.
- d. Materials:
- i. We opened bids for Phase 1A materials on April 27. Assessment of the bids is underway with New York Engineering Services and the project Core Team.
 - ii. Storage location for Materials will be behind the Highway Building on Guyanoga Rd. We will revisit this for Phase 3 if need to find a more convenient location.
- e. Nokia Equipment Waiver Request: Still in process.
- f. Change of Scope for Phase 1B: Design, budgeting and narrative just about ready to be submitted to RUS for review and approval.
- g. Make-Ready:
- i. Applications: All pole applications have been submitted for Phases 1A & B. Plan is to identify poles & submit applications for Phase 2 by end of May. This will include a LaBella One Touch contract. Phase 3 would similarly proceed by the end of June.
 - ii. Construction:
 1. Spectrum: Make-ready construction for Phase 1A&B in process.
 2. NYSEG/Frontier/Verizon: Make-Ready packages have starting arriving for Phases 1A&B. These are being sent out to “approved contractor list” for quotes. Process for contracting and payments needs to be finalized.
- h. 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	Application submitted. Awards may start being announced this summer.

Due to time needed to better define the project, we did NOT pursue the Northern Borders Regional Commission grant for a dedicated fiber run and equipment between the County Office building and the new Highway facility for the purposes of supporting a backup disaster recovery site initiative.