

ALLEGAN COUNTY BROADBAND UPDATE

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PROJECT SCOPE

1

Upon verification of eligibility through the ARPA funds or identification/allocation of alternative funds, hire a directly employed or contracted project lead (and possibly team) to lead the project and deliver results for Board approved (S.M.A.R.T.) goals.

2

Consider partners, technical professionals, and other stakeholders to serve as an advisory resource to the project team.

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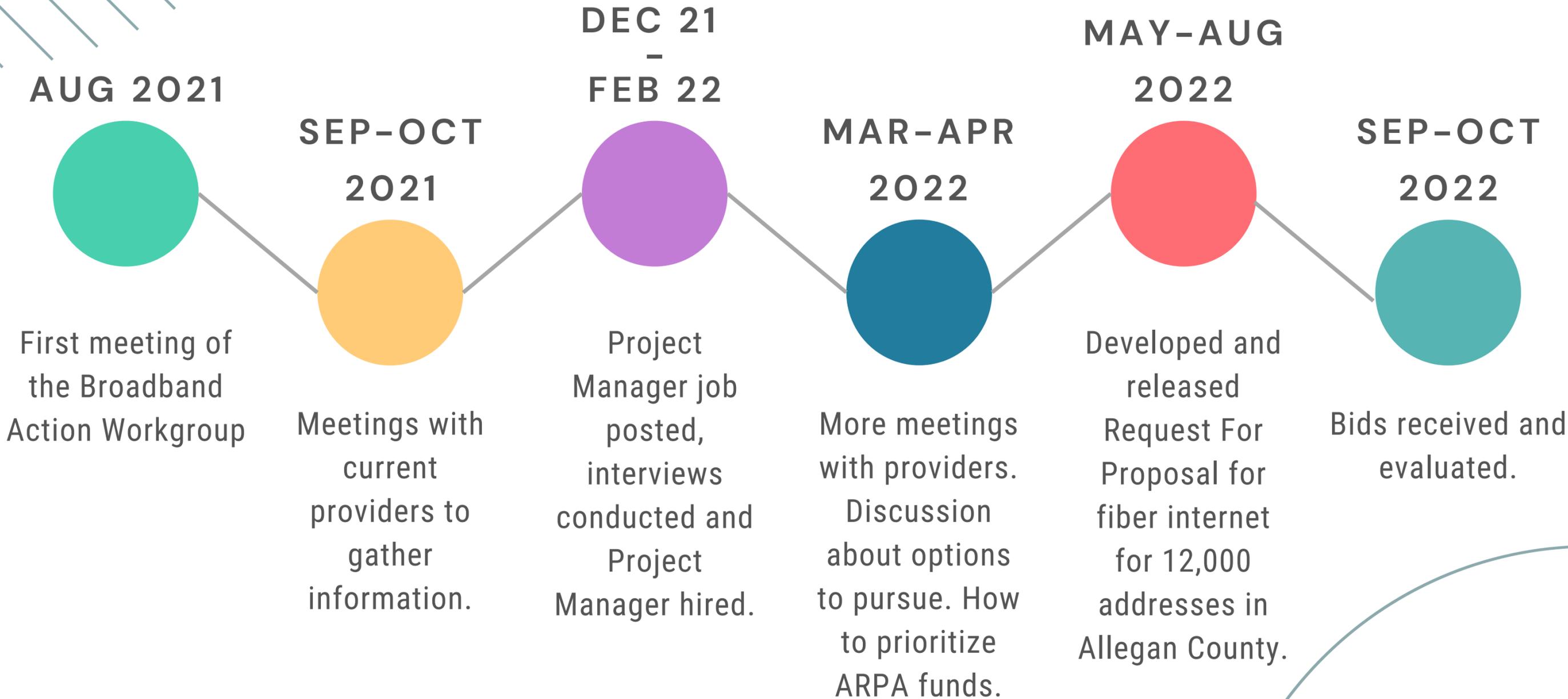
Gather necessary and relevant data to form S.M.A.R.T. goals.

4

Consider plans, proposals, legislative initiatives and other resources to establish and implement plans for increased accessibility. Partnerships, e.g. Ottawa County, continue to collaborate, share information and keep options open while maintaining locally focused project teams and initiatives.



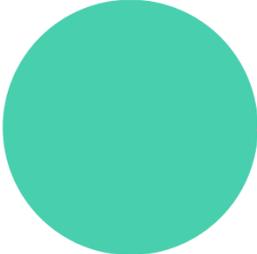
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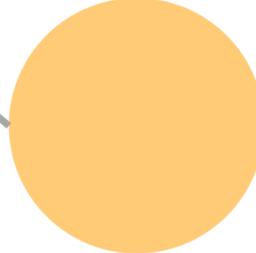
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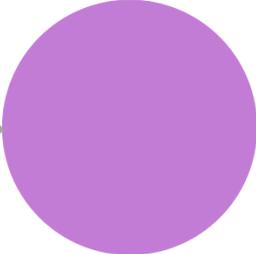
123Net
Announced as
Request For
Proposal
Winner on
November 3.

JAN 2023



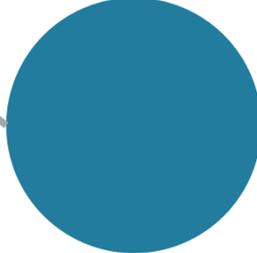
Public Private
Partnership
Contract
executed
between
123Net and
Allegan County.

MAR 2023



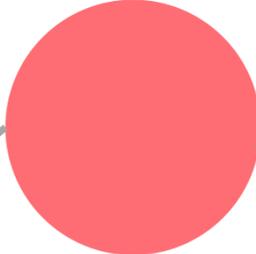
123Net
submitted
proposal for
\$30m for
ROBIN grant
(Realizing
Opportunities
with Broadband
Infrastructure
Networks.)

JUN 2023



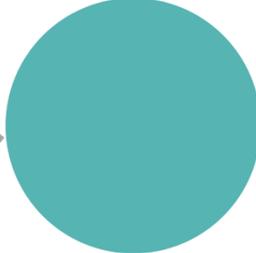
123Net Initial
ROBIN grant
award
announced;
123Net
proposal 3rd
out of 154
proposals!

SEP 2023



123Net notified
of challenged
addresses in
proposal

OCT 2023



Final ROBIN
award
announced by
Governor
Whitmer on
October 26!

123NET

11,098 addresses funded with ROBIN grant; 700 in Lee Twp with ARPA

RDOF*

Midwest Energy (MEC)	2,300
Mercury Broadband	1,200
Charter Spectrum	75

BLOOMINGDALE (BCI)

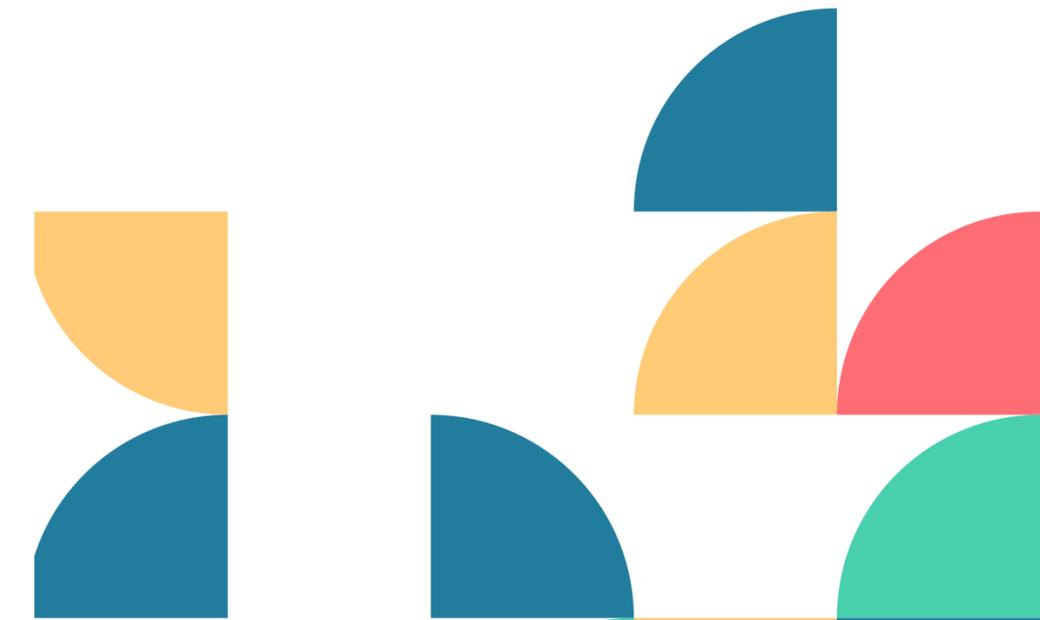
700 addresses; Cheshire, Trowbridge and Valley Townships

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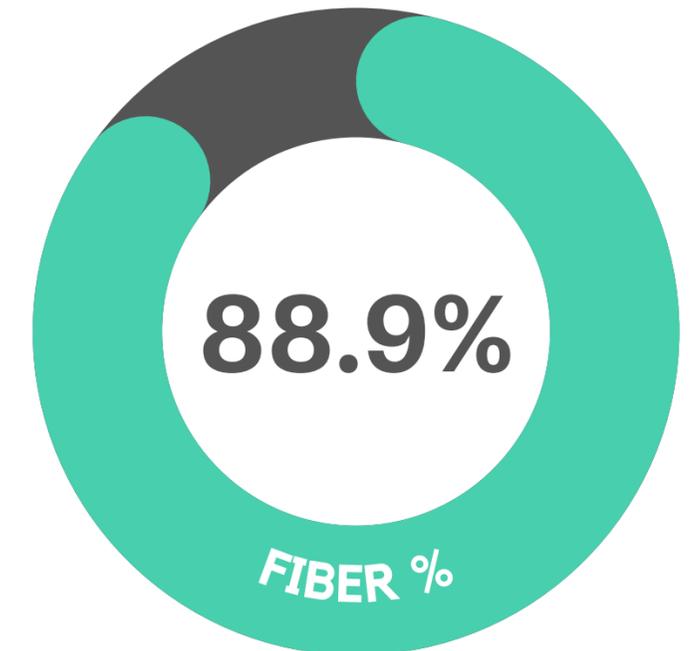
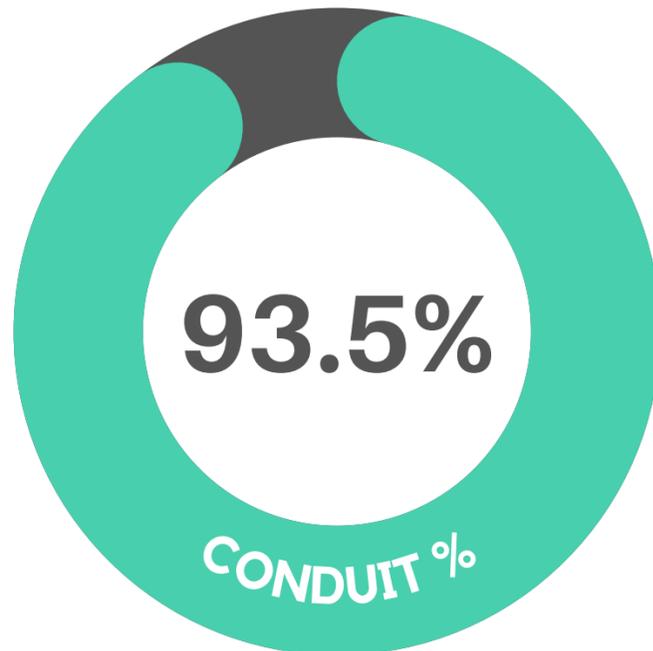
\$1.6 billion allocated to Michigan to serve approximately 205,000 addresses without access to high-speed internet
(high-speed = 100 Mbps down / 20 Mbps up)

*Rural Digital Opportunity Fund
**Broadband Equity Access & Deployment

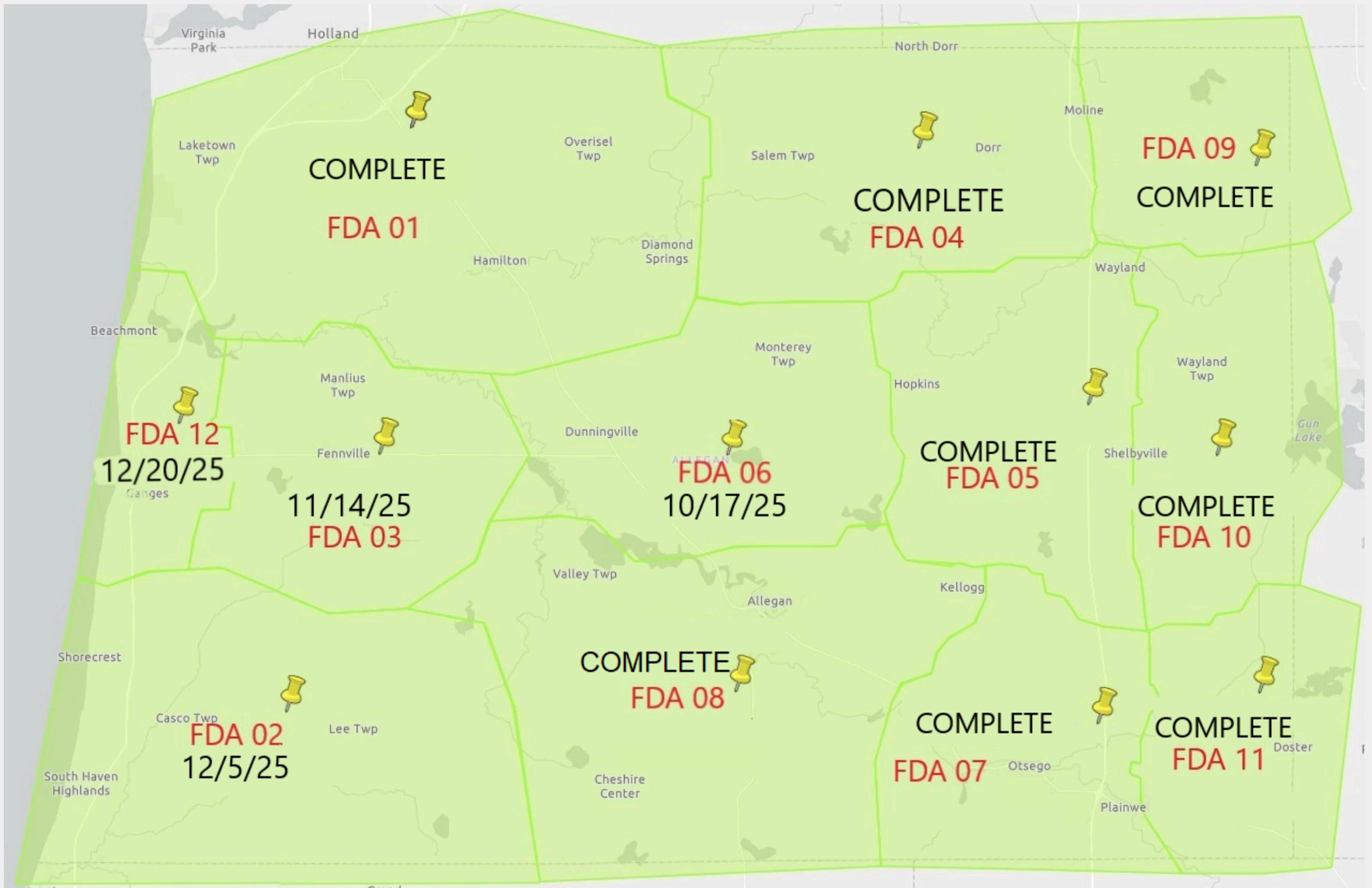
THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



123NET PROJECT STATUS



123NET ZONE MAP AND ESTIMATED DATES



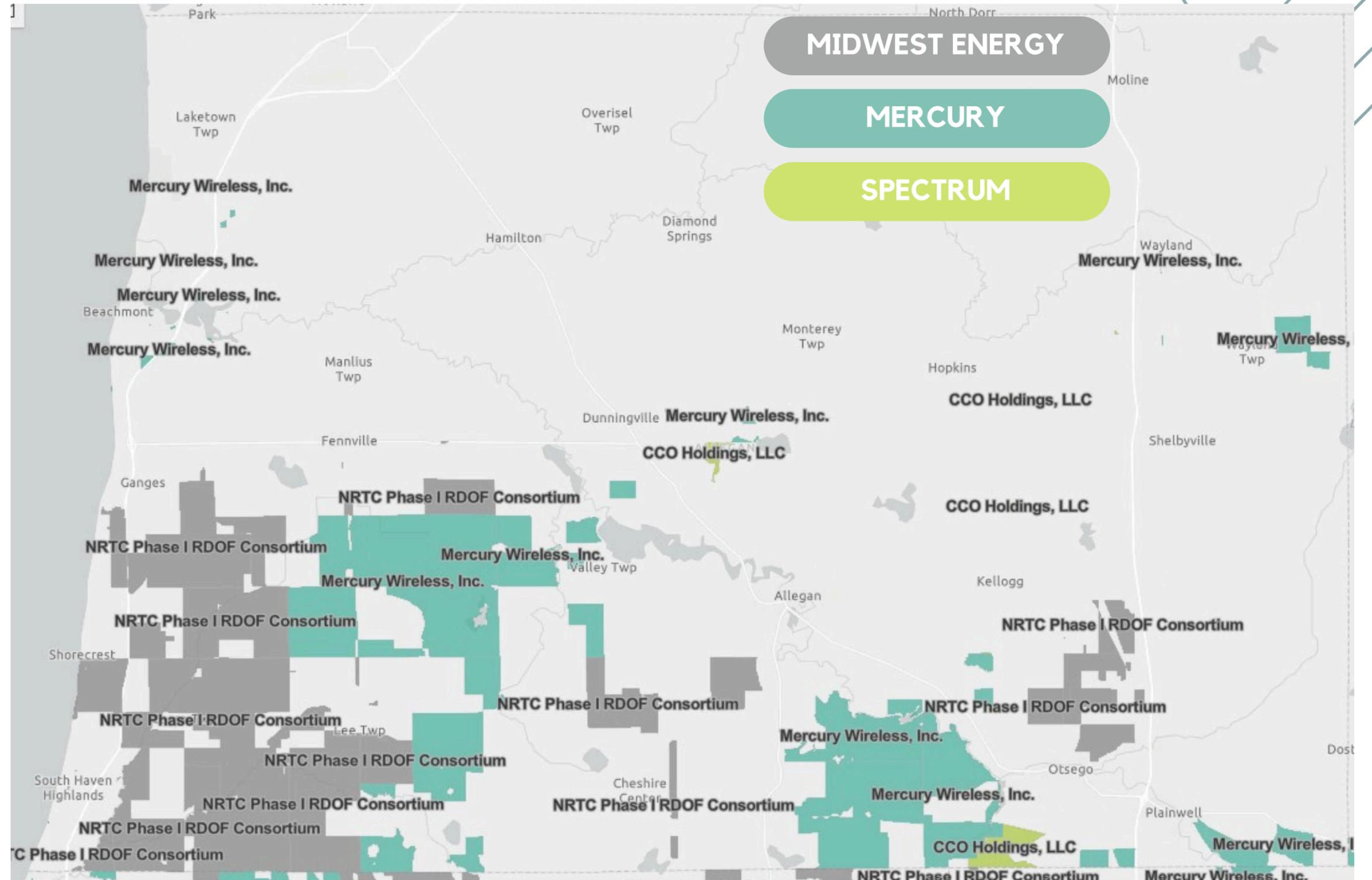
These dates are ONLY for 123Net Project.

RURAL DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY FUND UPDATE

Midwest Energy is under construction in Casco Township, moving up into Ganges and over to Lee and Clyde in 2024. Two more phases in 2025 and 2026. www.teammidwest.com/internet

Mercury began construction in east Allegan County in 2025 and expects to complete in 2026. www.mercurybroadband.com

Spectrum plans to build their portion by Q2 2026. spectrumruralexpansion.com



IN SUMMARY

Based on the initial scope, the Broadband Action Workgroup has completed its mission. County Admin along with our project manager will continue to ensure the remaining tasks are brought to completion. The remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds directed to this project are planned to be allocated as follows:

1

Construct fiber to any areas that were intended for the RFP

2

County projects that will improve services for all residents
(e.g. parks or county buildings)

3

Filling any areas defaulted by other providers that 123Net is able to build