

CV Fiber Update - July 23, 2024

Background

- CV Fiber received around 20M in ARPA funding and the CVFiber territory buildout is expected to cost about 85M.
- The organization is relying on “Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment” (BEAD) funding for the differential. Vermont is expected to receive about \$229 million in BEAD funding next year.

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Priorities, Sequence of Towns, and Dates of Construction

- Dates of construction and installation in each town and area depend on the availability of funding, workforce availability, and environmental factors. The most important factor immediately being funding.
- Also important is the build sequence, which is in progress. Build sequence considers things such as make ready, availability of light, and other criteria.
- Priority goes to areas where CV Fiber is confident that no other internet provider has or plans to provide broadband service and where broadband speed is not available.
- Areas currently served by a broadband provider will be considered after completing priority areas.

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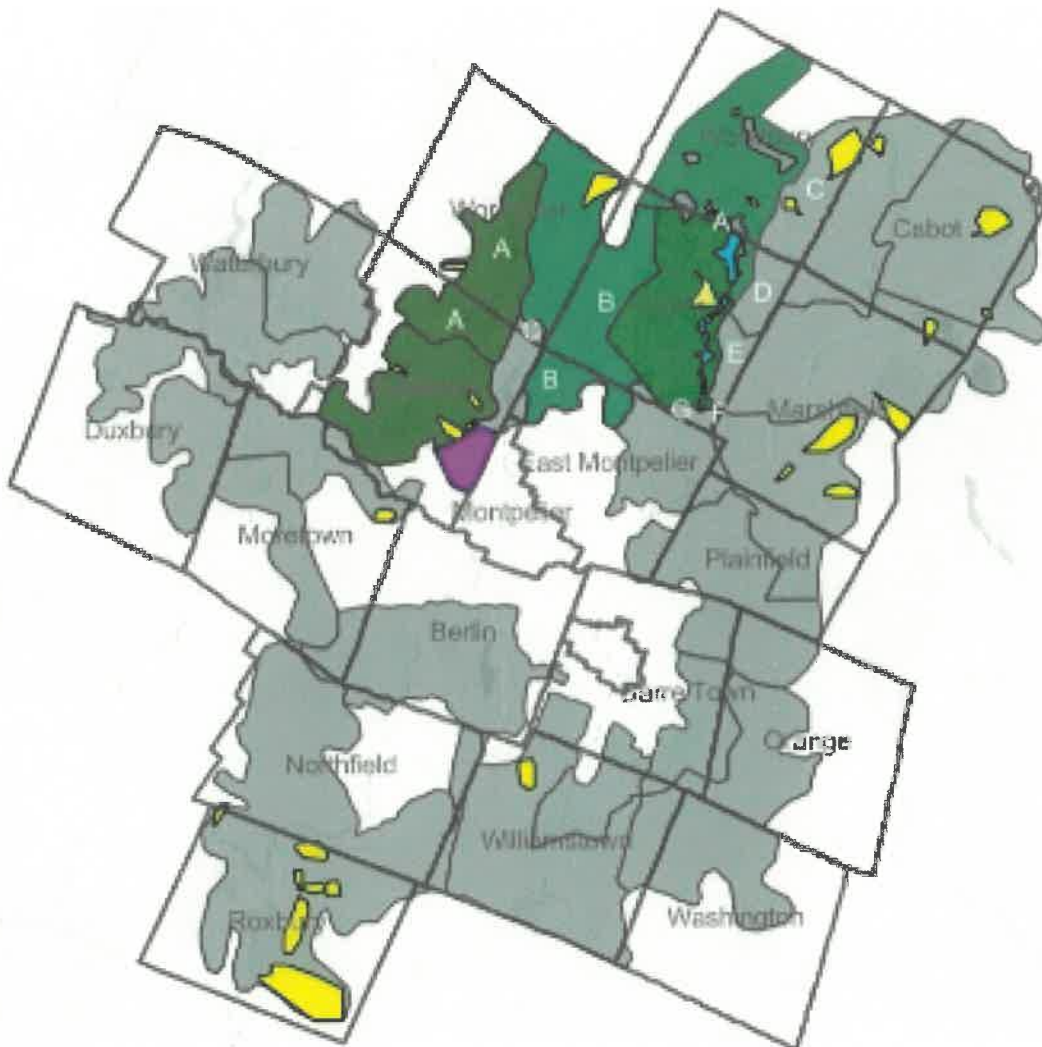
Northfield ARPA Funding of CV Fiber

- The ARPA funds from each town and its Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) matching grant will be specifically applied within the boundaries of that town.
- To confirm: ***The 90k from Northfield and the 90k from VCBB for Northfield will be used in Northfield.***** CV Fiber has been doing this in the areas where we have started construction, and we will continue to apply each contributing town's funds within each town as is outlined in the MOU.
- ******The investment may not entirely be used for infrastructure and *may* end up being invested in alternative

Next Steps

- One of the tasks of Northfield and other towns where ISP competitors have been hanging fiber is to identify where the fiber is and where it is not.
- This will require a deep dive into specific locations.
- CV Fiber has some access to competitor data but we cannot necessarily rely on the public data.

CV FIBER MAP



Pole Make Ready Issue-GMP



Off Grid



Service Status



Service is Available



Under Construction



Future Build

Sign-up Available Now



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