

SoVT CUD Update

Shaftsbury Selectboard

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Broadband Is Happening!

- CCI trucks are rolling all over Bennington Co.
- 500 under-served will be reached in 2022; the rest in 2023*
- SoVT CUD in partnership with CCI to fund build-out
- You can pre-order fiber broadband now

*almost

Background 2

- Consolidated Communications Inc (CCI) formerly FairPoint telephone company
- Re-branding as fidiumfiber.com

World-class Broadband Coming to Bennington Co.

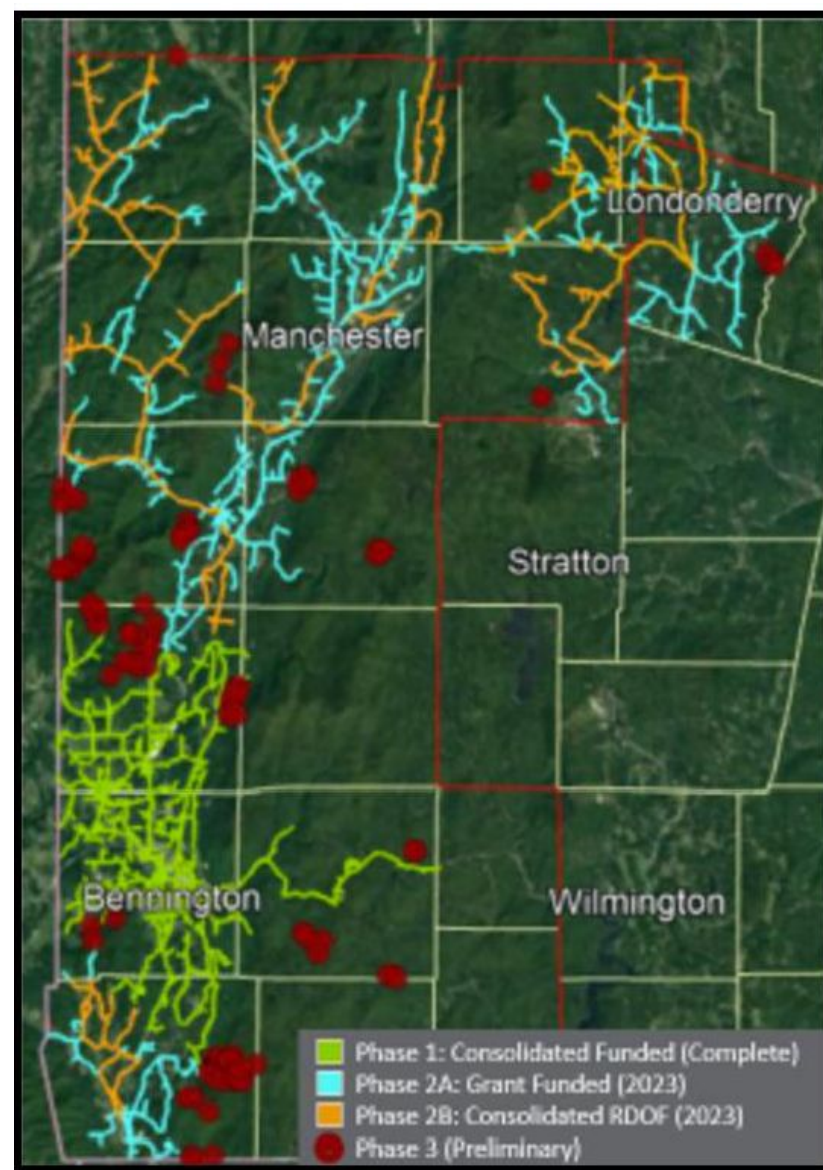
- Fiber optic cable is technology of choice
- Service level of 100/100 Mbps is VT standard
- 1G/1G and faster possible with fiber
- Cheaper options available

3 Phase Plan

- Phase 1 2022: 500 under-served in Benn. Co funded by CCI
- Phase 2 2023: 2000 under-served
 - 2a: SoVT CUD funded
 - ARPA funds allocated through VCBB
 - 2b: CCI funded*
- Phase 3 2024: The Toughest Twenty
 - 20 locations in Benn. Co, 2 in Shaftsbury
 - CUDs must provide “universal coverage plan”

*Including other federal funding like RDOF

Phase Map



Pre-order Fiber Internet Service

- fidiumfiber.com
- Search your address
- Sign-up for availability notice, including pre-order

What can I do with fiber?

- Everything
 - Internet
 - World-class Internet speeds (email, browsing, video)
 - Symmetrical upload/download speeds (Zoom)
 - Low lag (gaming)
 - TV
 - Using your smart TV or a device like Roku
 - a la carte movies, TV (Vudu, Amazon)
 - “Cable TV” with subscription like YouTube TV, Sling
 - Phone
 - Landline telephone using device like Ooma or service like Vonage (keep your number)
 - Cell service using WiFi Calling on your phone

Broadband is Coming

- Near universal coverage by end of 2023
- Choice
 - CCI is over-building significant areas
 - Several service levels available