

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission**  
**Regional Broadband Project Update**  
**December 2024**

- BEAD / Risk-Mitigation Plan Presented in September 2024 Approved by DHCD

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has approved the risk mitigation plan presented in September. This modification leveraged state legislation intended to ensure that locations at risk of not being served through ongoing VATI projects would be included in Virginia's BEAD program. Approved modifications to the project substantially reduce the number of utility poles planned for attachment, reducing make-ready burdens for all stakeholders and addressing a primary issue driving budget and schedule risk.

- Locations Planned for Shift to BEAD Program Included in Virginia's BEAD Map

In order to ensure sufficient funding to complete intended project scope, as expected the locations planned to be transferred to the BEAD program have been included on Virginia's current list of BEAD-eligible locations, which was published in October.

- Virginia's BEAD Process Opened on December 1<sup>st</sup> and is Underway

Virginia's BEAD process opened on December 1<sup>st</sup> with applications due on March 1<sup>st</sup>. APB will participate in the BEAD program for all areas containing locations shifted to BEAD from the VATI program. All Points will offer all locations served through BEAD the same terms, conditions and pricing included in the VATI project.

- No Additional County Matching Funds Required

Virginia has been allocated \$1.48 billion in federal funding to extend broadband to all eligible locations. The BEAD / risk-mitigation plan does not require additional funding from participating Counties. All Points will be responsible for all required BEAD matching funds.

# Page County Overview

- APB last mile construction to begin in August 2025 with completion expected June 2026 (average rate of 17 miles per month)
- Network activation will begin in September 2025 and continue on a rolling basis through June 2026 (by Fiber Service Area / Fiber Distribution Area)

