

NEW KENT COUNTY FIBER TO THE HOME AND BROADBAND EXPANSION INITIATIVE

May 2023 Monthly Report

Building the Fiber to the Home Network

- **Permitting** – Cox continues to work with VDOT and Dominion Power on right-of-way permits and pole attachment agreements. As mentioned previously, Virginia is experiencing increased broadband expansion activity across the state that is straining existing resources both at VDOT and Dominion. This month, Cox learned there has been some staff turnover at Dominion and new individuals have assumed the responsibilities of approving pole attachment requests. Cox has increased our efforts to educate these new contacts and streamline the process to mitigate any construction delays.
- **Construction** - To date, 25 miles of fiber overlashing has been installed. Our teams have completed two routes from the Telecommunications Center along New Kent Highway (east towards Barhamsville and west towards Talleyville). Beginning on May 2, construction on the third route from Talleyville towards the Northwest corner started and Cox anticipates that route will be completed by the end of May 2023. A total of five routes will be needed. Additionally, construction on the Fiber-to-The Home infrastructure began in early April 2023 near State Route 273 (Farmers Drive) in the Barhamsville section of the County. Approximately four miles of underground construction has been completed to date. As permits and pole attachment agreements are approved, our team will continue the respective underground and aerial construction. Cox anticipates service will be available for the first set of residents in New Kent County by the third quarter of 2023.
- **Community Outreach** – On April 13, Cox partnered with New Kent County to host a District 5 Town Hall Meeting to inform residents about the Broadband Expansion Project. In addition to receiving a project overview and construction timelines, attendees were able to speak directly with Cox employees to receive more information about Cox's affordability programs and product offerings. The event also featured a network demonstration to show residents the equipment that would be installed both outside and inside their homes. The event welcomed more than 50 attendees and Cox looks forward to hosting additional events in the future.