

NEW KENT COUNTY FIBER TO THE HOME AND BROADBAND EXPANSION INITIATIVE

September 2023 Monthly Report

Building the Fiber to the Home Network

- **Permitting** – Cox made considerable progress this month to resolve permitting challenges at the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). During the month of August, Cox and VDOT worked collaboratively to approve more than 42 permits, many of which were in the Talleyville area. Our teams are working diligently to complete construction as VDOT permits and private easements are approved.
- **Construction** – More than **80 miles** of the network has been constructed. Addresses continue to be released (made serviceable) in the Barhamsville cluster in accordance with the schedule outlined in the Broadband Expansion Timeline. Additionally, Cox connected the first resident in New Kent County associated with this fiber expansion project on August 15, 2023.
- **Community Outreach** – On August 30, Cox partnered with the New Kent County Chamber of Commerce to host a community conversation with Malcom Mitchell on the importance of digital equity. Mitchell is the Founder/CEO of the Share the Magic Foundation, whose mission is to inspire kids to read to a better future. Panelists included New Kent County Administrator Rodney Hathaway, Chamber President Jeni LeLeux and Cox Market Vice President Nneka Chiazor. Dozens of New Kent County government, business and community leaders attended this event to discuss the importance of ensuring all New Kent County residents have access to reliable and affordable high-speed internet. Later in the day, Malcom visited teachers at New Kent Middle School and spent time with the New Kent High School Junior Varsity and Varsity footballs teams.