

PUBLIC NOTICE

Central Virginia Electric Cooperative's Appomattox County Broadband Project

On March 8, 2018, the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission (Tobacco Commission) awarded a grant of \$979,850 to Appomattox County and co-applicant Central Virginia Electric Cooperative (CVEC) to assist CVEC in the design and construction of a broadband project in Appomattox County estimated to cost nearly \$4 million dollars. This project is intended to be Phase 1 of a multi-phase expansion of broadband availability across CVEC's Appomattox County service area.

The project area associated with the Tobacco Commission grant is the area served by CVEC's Appomattox delivery point located near Walmart on Oakville Road.

This area is generally as follows:

- Oakville Road from Walmart to Colemans Mill Road, including but not limited to all or part of Police Tower Road, North Creek Road, Lime Plant Road, Liberty Chapel and Skyline Road;
- Piney Mountain Road, including but not limited to all or part of Vermillion Road and Quail Run Road;
- Old Courthouse Road from Appomattox Court House National Historical Park to the Buckingham County line, including but not limited to all or part of Horseshoe Road, Wildway Road, Watt Abbitt Road, and Mountain View Road;
- Pumping Station Road from Town of Appomattox Corporate Limits to Purdum Mill Road, including but not limited to all or part of Somerset Drive, Courtland Drive and Pine Tag Lane;
- Purdum Mill Road to near Country Club Road;
- Red House Road from Town of Appomattox Corporate Limits to just past Promise Land Road, including but not limited to all or part of Country Estates Road and Woodlawn Trail;
- All or parts of Red Fields Road, Trent Hatchery Road, Mountain Cut Road and Cedar Tree Road

In the project area described above, CVEC will build and own a fiber optic network designed to provide new broadband internet services to all homes and businesses receiving electricity from the CVEC Appomattox delivery point. The network will consist of fiber optic cable run in conjunction with existing power lines--overhead in areas of overhead power lines and underground in areas where power lines are buried. A wholly-owned subsidiary of CVEC, Central Virginia Services, Inc (CVSI), will lease the fiber from CVEC and provide retail internet services. Customers will have the choice of two levels of service - either 100 mbps or 1 gbps.

Design of this project is underway and fiber construction is estimated to begin by the end of calendar year 2018, with the first customers being connected by the middle of 2019. The entire project in the area described above should be completed by the end of 2019. As we move closer to construction, CVEC will provide more specific information regarding dates when the service will be available in each area and also information on how to sign up to access the new service. More information will also be forthcoming on future phases of the CVEC broadband expansion in Appomattox County.

Appomattox County and CVEC invite the public to offer any comments on the project over the next 30 days, including whether any other provider is currently offering broadband service in the project area. Comments will be received by email through Sunday, June 17, 2018 at CVECBroadband@AppomattoxCountyVA.gov. Comments may also be mailed to CVEC Broadband Comments, Attn: John Spencer, Appomattox County Administration, P.O. Box 863, Appomattox, VA 24522 or hand-delivered to the Appomattox County Administration Building, 153A Morton Lane, Appomattox, VA, during normal work hours of 8:00am-4:30pm Monday-Friday.