

Rural Broadband Deployment— Comcast as a Partner

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Comcast Partnered Grants To Date



State	Grant Amount	Homes
MA	\$10M	3149
MD	\$112k	68
VA	\$4.3M	7882
VT	\$867k	277

Aspects That Promote Wide Participation in Broadband Grant Programs



- Target unserved areas for best use of scarce funds;
- Technology neutral (and not limited to ETCs)
- Competitive bidding to reach the largest number of locations at the highest possible speed
- Flexibility in protecting taxpayer dollars (performance bonds, line of credit)
- Reasonable match requirement – “alters the economics”
- Reasonable construction timetable, with make-ready provisions

Expanding broadband in western Massachusetts



Partnering with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute

- Broadband Extension Program for Partially Served Cable Towns
- Last Mile Program for Unserved Towns
- Flexible Grant Program for Unserved Towns

\$3.2M

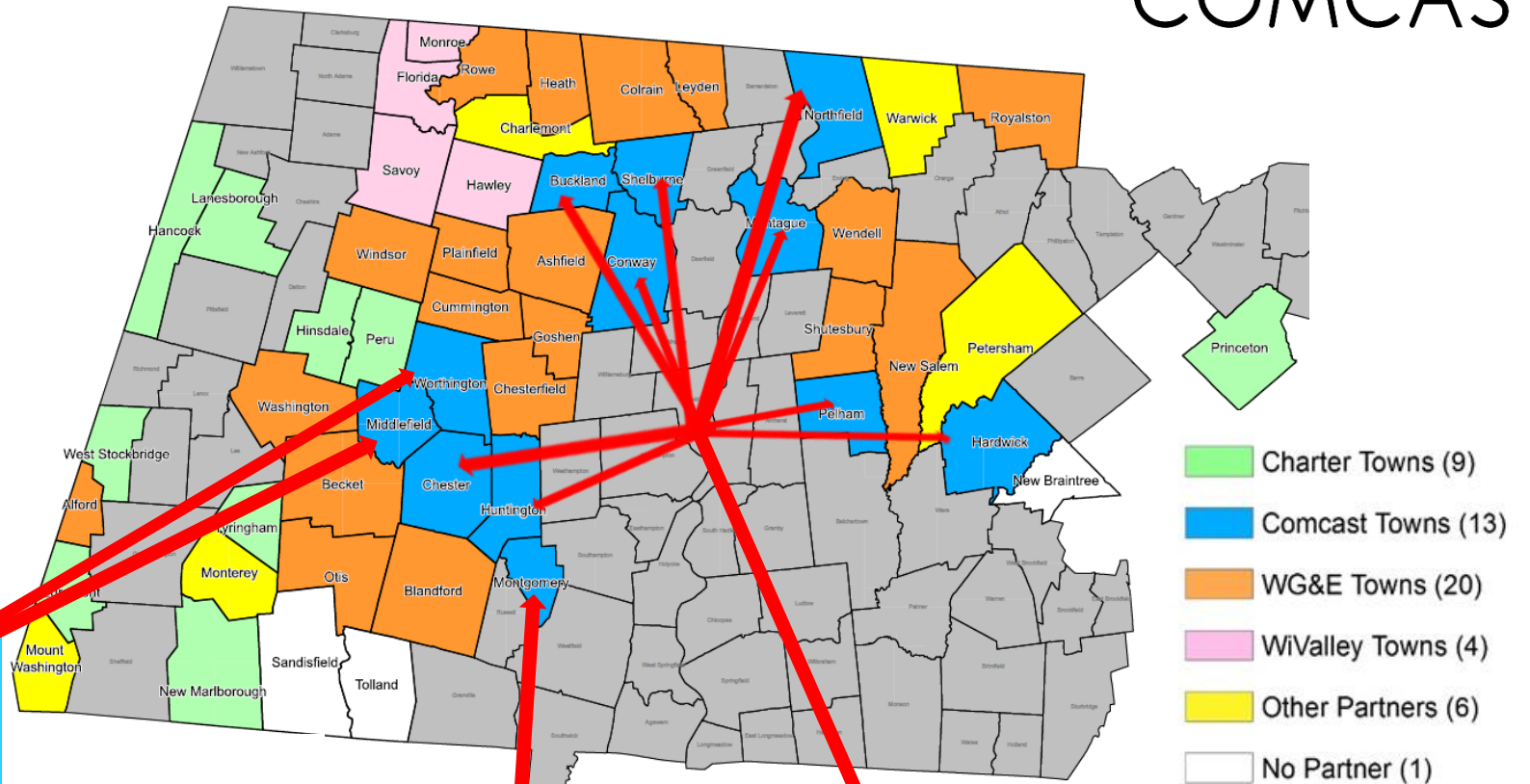
1,000 homes connected

\$800K

375 homes connected

\$4M

1,300 homes connected

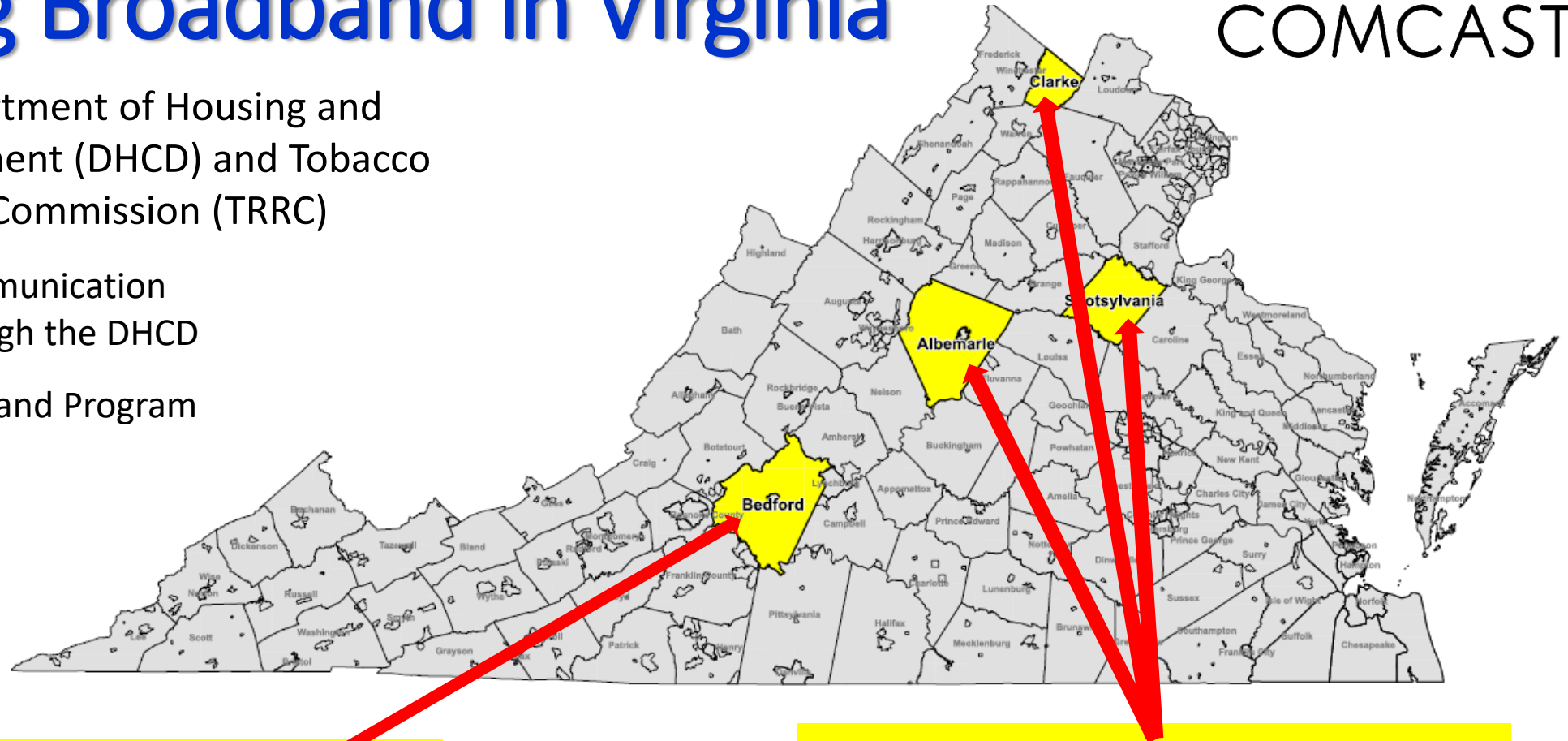


Expanding Broadband in Virginia



Partnering with Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission (TRRC)

- The Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) through the DHCD
- The Last Mile Broadband Program through the TRRC



\$3.5M

7,000 homes connected

\$800K

300 homes connected