



# Rural Broadband Task Force

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# Task Force Members

## Charles County Government

- ▶ Deborah Hall, County Administration
- ▶ Evelyn Jacobson, Information Technology
- ▶ Erica Rizer, County Administration
- ▶ Gina Markovich, Planning & Growth Management
- ▶ Jeffrey Clements, Emergency Services
- ▶ Marcia Keeth, Economic Development
- ▶ Matt Jacobson, Information Technology
- ▶ Michelle DeSoto, Economic Development

## Outside Agencies & Residents

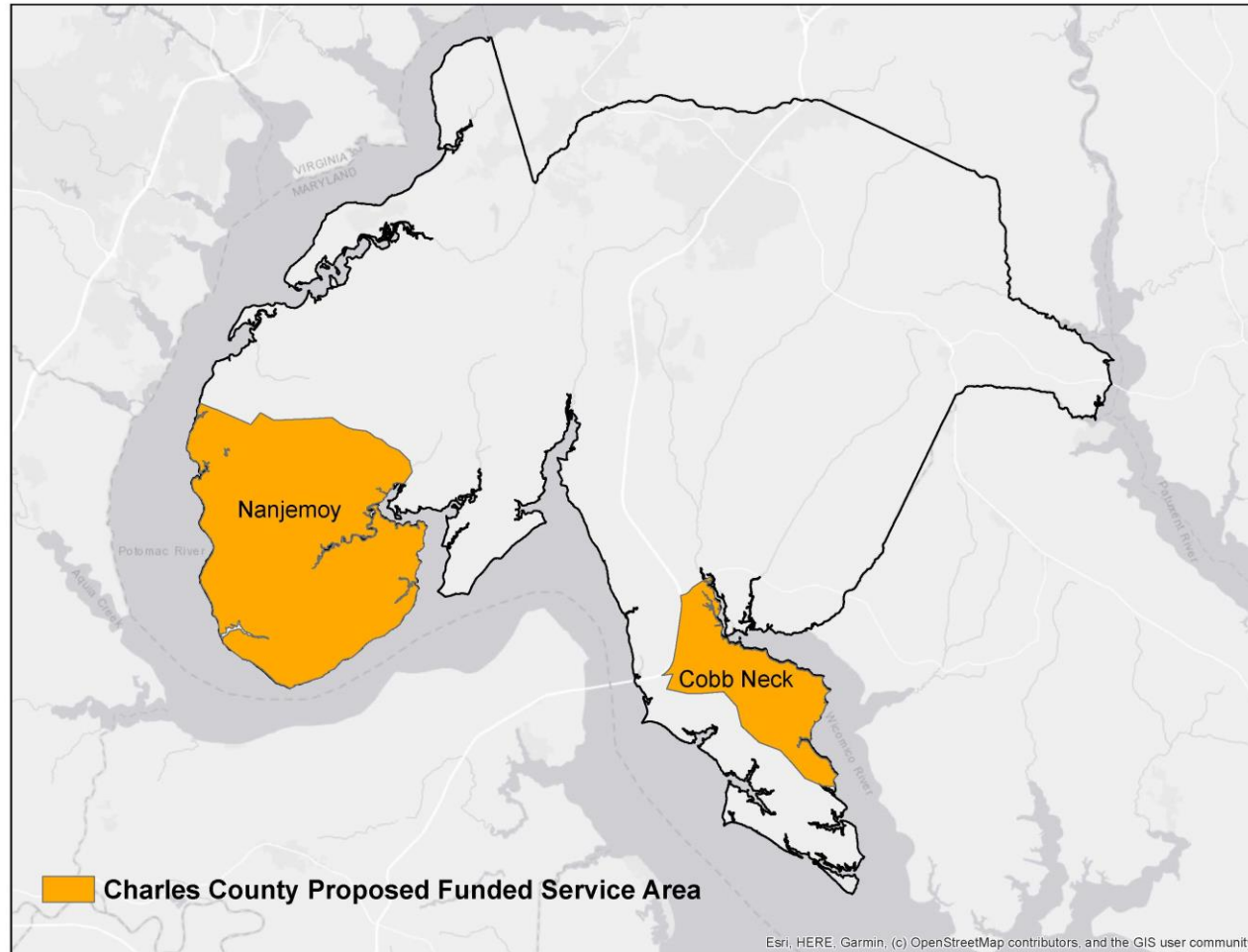
- ▶ Steve Andritz, Board of Education
- ▶ Thomas Dennison, SMECO
- ▶ Kevin Warring, District 1
- ▶ Katie Stickel, District 2

# Grant Award

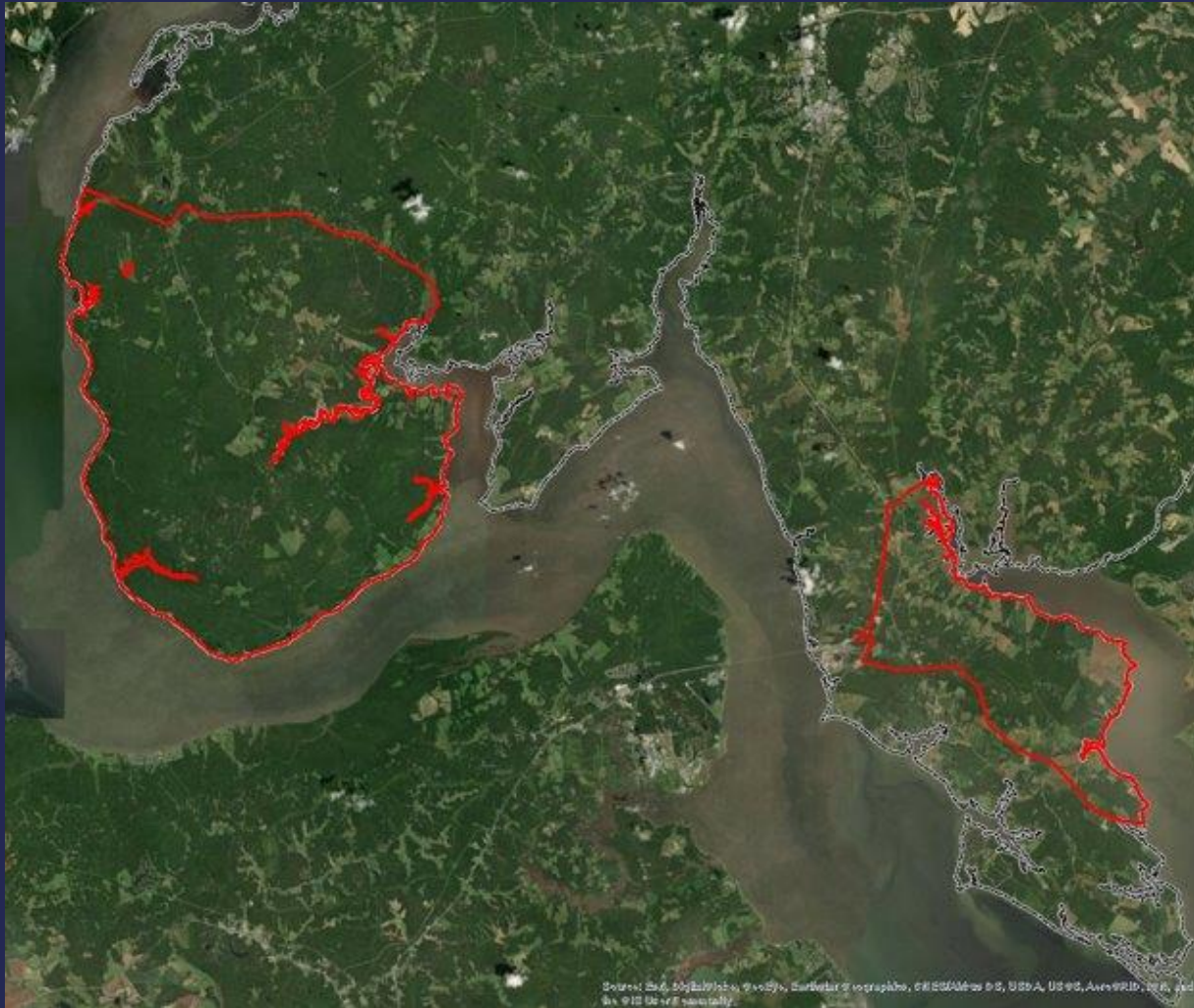
## Maryland Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program

- ▶ On April 28, 2020 received notice that the grant was awarded to ThinkBig Networks, LLC (TBN).
- ▶ Provides \$2,924,083 in grant funds for deploying broadband in the Nanjemoy and Cobb Neck areas.
- ▶ County match is \$2,598,802.

# Proposed Funded Service Areas



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# Next Steps

- ▶ State Board of Public Works Approval: May 22, 2020
- ▶ TBN: Executes and agrees to the final grant agreements with the State of Maryland.
- ▶ TBN and the County: Execute and agree to a Memorandum of Understanding.
- ▶ Looking for a summer construction schedule
- ▶ Will take 3 years fully deploy

Questions / Comments





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