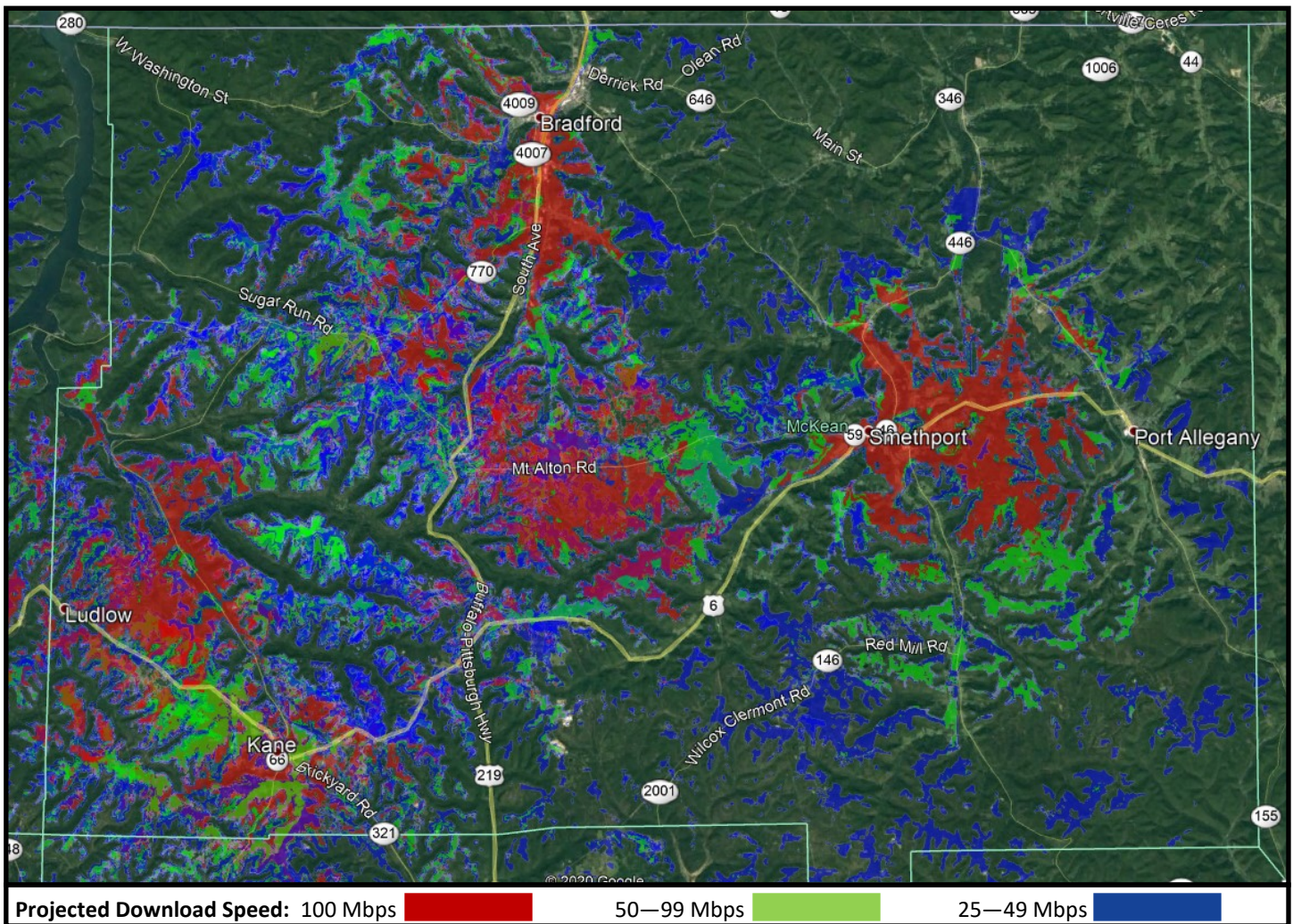


McKean County Broadband Project—February 2, 2021 Update



Phase 1—Tower optimization for the 6 sites included in phase 1 of the broadband project has been completed and the map above shows the projected service area and expected speeds. Red are speeds of 100 Mbps, Green 50–99 Mbps, and Blue 25–49 Mbps. There current test sites have download speeds ranging from approximately 40 Mbps to 100 Mbps. It is also worth noting that additional areas will be able to receive speeds of 10–24 Mbps, however these areas do not meet the FCC definition of high speed, but for many residents 10 Mbps would be much better than what they are currently getting through DSL or a cellular hot spot. A 2018 study by the Center for Rural PA showed median download speeds in McKean County of 4.1946 Mbps.

The County has entered into an agreement with SkyPacket Networks who will be the first Internet Service Provider on the network. SkyPacket Networks anticipates having required staffing and resources in place to start connecting customers by the end of February. SkyPacket will have information about pricing and the process for subscribing to service on their website soon, please visit www.skypacket.net or call 800-214-9060 for more information.

The County asks that residents and businesses interested in high speed internet through this project be patient as we anticipate having very high demand for access to this network. High demand and limited staffing due to certification requirements related to equipment installation will most likely cause delays in getting everyone who is interested connected.

Phase 2—The County is planning to start phase 2 of their project in 2021. Phase 2 will focus on the areas of the County that are not covered by Phase 1, and the County is currently exploring various grant sources to help with the costs.