



Fiber Project - Update

Central Virginia Electric Cooperative

Highlights for August:

- Firefly will soon celebrate a milestone of 10,000 customers! Construction processes have continued at full speed and continue to produce more than 20 miles per week of fiber and 120 to 160 connections per week. The build is on schedule to be completed system-wide by June 2022, with final connections in the months after that.
 - Completed Substations: **Appomattox, Martins Store, Zion, Midway, Cash's Corner, Wintergreen, Columbia, Pamplin, Colleen, Curdsville, and Stonewall** substation areas. We will continue connecting accounts in those areas as new requests for service are made.
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- We are presently connecting accounts in **Gladstone, Cartersville, Tower Hill, Henson's Store, Kidd's Store, Mt. Rush,** and the **CARES** projects areas.
 - We will be moving into **Cunningham, Ferncliff** and **Doubleday** for connections next. More details below.
 - The pace of final connections remains at a rapid rate as we work toward our goal of having broadband service available to all CVEC members by summer of 2022.
 - CVEC and Firefly had the good fortune of receiving a USDA ReConnect award last February. The downside of the award is the twelve months we have spent negotiating the necessary language for the very first construction contract under that award, which was used for construction in **Cartersville**. Construction at **Kidd's Store** was delayed for months due to the impact of working through the regulations related to the award. The environmental review of a new substation site across from Kidd's Store caused a delay, but the review is complete and the fiber build is back on track!
 - The overall project has not been delayed, but some substation areas have moved forward ahead of others to keep up the pace and to keep connecting areas that do not need contracts through ReConnect.
 - Fiber construction crews are working actively in the **Cunningham, Ferncliff** and **Doubleday** substation areas. As the construction is completed the splicing of the fiber will be the next step.
 - Make ready work is complete in the **Centenary** area, with the next step being fiber crews placing the fiber cable on the poles. Fiber construction crews will move areas as they complete circuits in the substations where they are now working.
 - Make ready work continues in the **Shannon Hill, White Hall, Schuyler, Piney River, and Red Hill** areas.
 - All fiber design and make ready design work is complete in all substations for the entire project and make ready construction has been completed or is underway at every substation in the project.