



## King George County

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### **The Northern Neck Planning District Commission, All Points Broadband, and the Counties of King George, Lancaster, and Northumberland Receive \$3.1 Million Grant in Support of Universal Broadband Coverage for the Northern Neck.**

King George, Va. – The Northern Neck Planning District Commission and All Points Broadband announced on December 13<sup>th</sup> that they have received a \$3.1 million grant to help fund construction of a regional fiber-to-the-home broadband network to achieve universal broadband coverage to unserved locations in the Counties of King George, Lancaster and Northumberland.

“Today is a historic day for King George,” said Jimmy Carr, Chief Executive Officer of All Points Broadband. “We are honored to be partnering with the County to seize this once-in-a-generation opportunity to fully and finally bridge the digital divide with a project that will extend an all-fiber broadband network to all remaining unserved locations in the county.”

“In a world where broadband access is more critical than ever, today’s announcement is an exciting step forward in the process of making internet access a reality for all Virginians,” said Alan Bradshaw, vice president of Strategic Partnerships for Dominion Energy. “Partnerships like this one show that when we work together, we can make a real impact, and we’re proud to work with our partners to bring this service to the communities we serve.” Dominion Energy will support the extension of broadband to unserved areas by deploying middle-mile fiber that All Points will use to connect end-customers to the Internet.

“We are incredibly proud of this partnership to deliver broadband access to every home and business in the Northern Neck,” said President & CEO Brad Hicks. “This partnership and this latest grant has made the seemingly impossible, possible, and is a testament to the strength of this collaborative effort.”

The \$3.1 million grant from the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative will support and extend construction of the first phase of a regional fiber network that will bring internet service to approximately 3,411 additional unserved locations.

A more detailed construction timeframe will be made available early next year. Residents and businesses who want to learn more about the project, sign up for updates, or pre-register their locations for service once available should visit [fiber.allpointsbroadband.com](http://fiber.allpointsbroadband.com) and complete a survey.

“I am once again grateful to Northern Neck Planning District and All Points Broadband for their work as the lead applicants and in coordinating the localities, and for the work of our County staff to provide them the data and support necessary for another successful application,” said Annie Cupka, Chairwoman, King George County Board of Supervisors. “King George is pleased to benefit from the regional cooperation of our partner localities, All Points Broadband, Dominion Energy, and Northern Neck Electric Cooperative to extend our current broadband project as we continue to work toward universal broadband coverage.”

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