















Project Overview *February 2017*



What is WestNGN?

- Collaborative effort to attract high-speed broadband service to the region
 - Asheville
 - Hendersonville
 - Waynesville
 - Fletcher
 - Laurel Park
 - Biltmore Forest

- UNC Asheville
- NC State University
- NC Broadband Office
- Community Care of WNC
- Education & ResearchConsortium (ERC)
- Chambers of Commerce
- Community 'Champions'



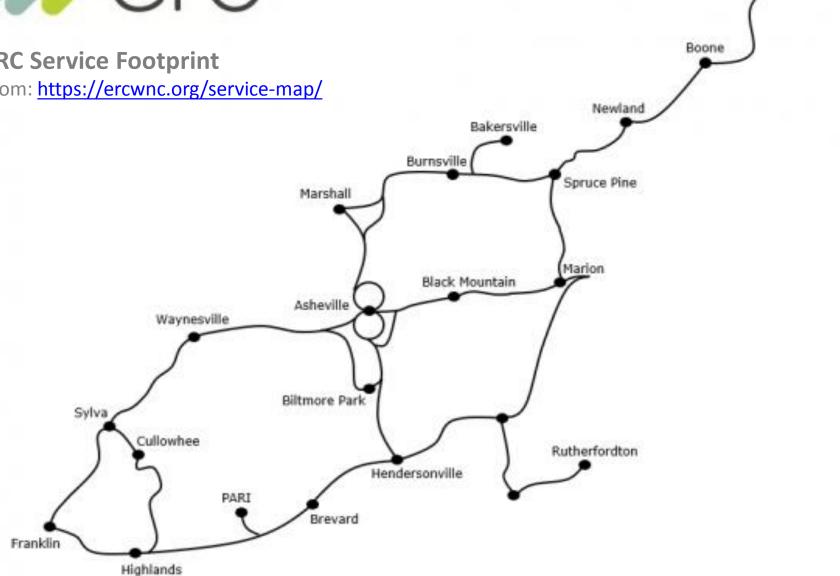
Why WestNGN?

- Highest priority initiative in the region for Economic Development:
 - Professional & Technical Services
 - Home-based business & Small business
 - Technology/IT
 - HealthCare & Telehealth
 - Life Sciences
 - Education



ERC Service Footprint

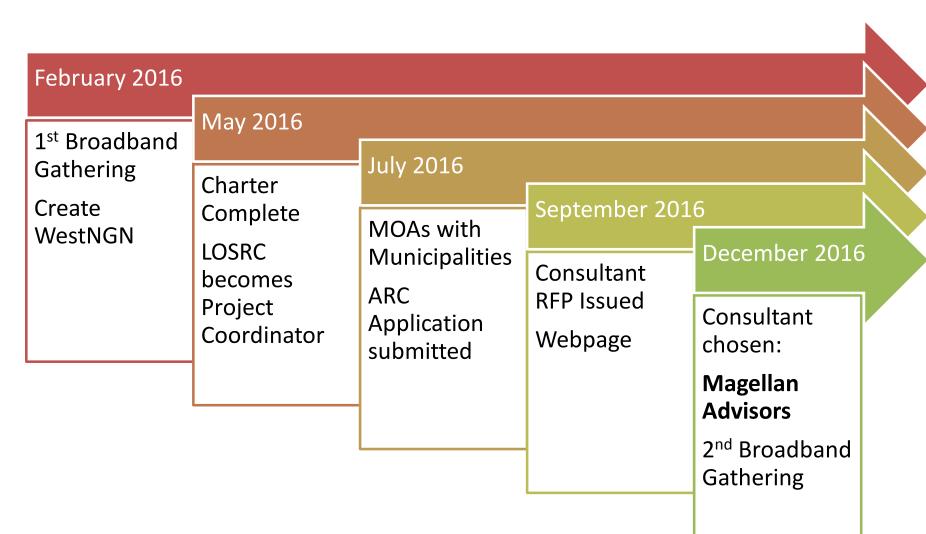
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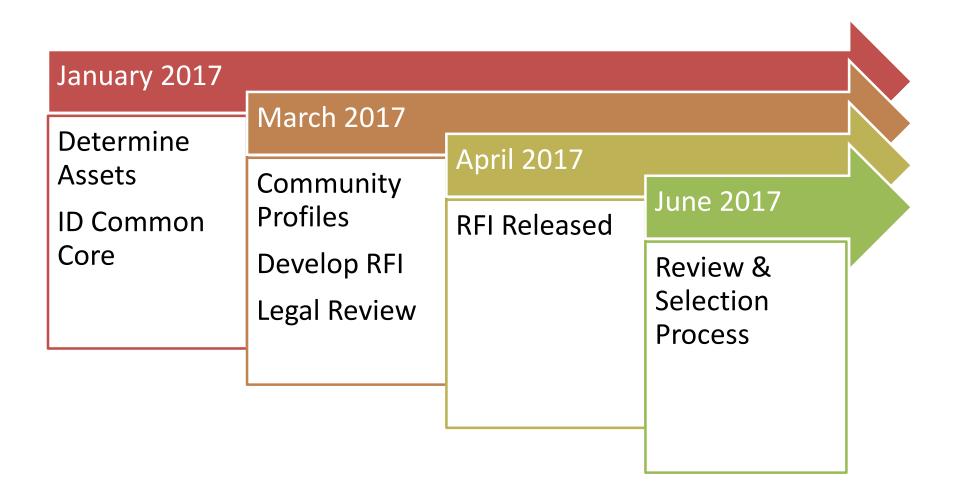


Charter to Consultant





Consultant to Fiber





What is the approach?

- Phase I: Continue WestNGN Process
- Phase II: Madison & Transylvania Counties
 - Pending Broadband Application (ARC)
 - Rural Asset Inventory
 - Develop Fiber-to-Home Implementation Strategy
- Phase III: Develop community profiles or similar approach to ID broadband strategy for all municipalities and counties within region
- Phase IV: Deployment of Fiber-to-Home and other technologies



For Information

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