# Broadband Mapping in CT

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- An Act Concerning Equitable Access to Broadband (Public Act No. 21-159)
  - Creation of a state broadband map to effectively distribute funding and promote broadband access in areas of need throughout CT
  - State broadband map based on ISP data AND "credible and relevant data"
  - Engagement of all stakeholders is imperative to ensure an accurate and equitable representation of the state of broadband access, adoption, and use in Connecticut

# FCC 477

 FCC data is the primary means by which broadband access and investments in infrastructure has been judged in the past

#### Maximum Advertised Download Speed (2020)

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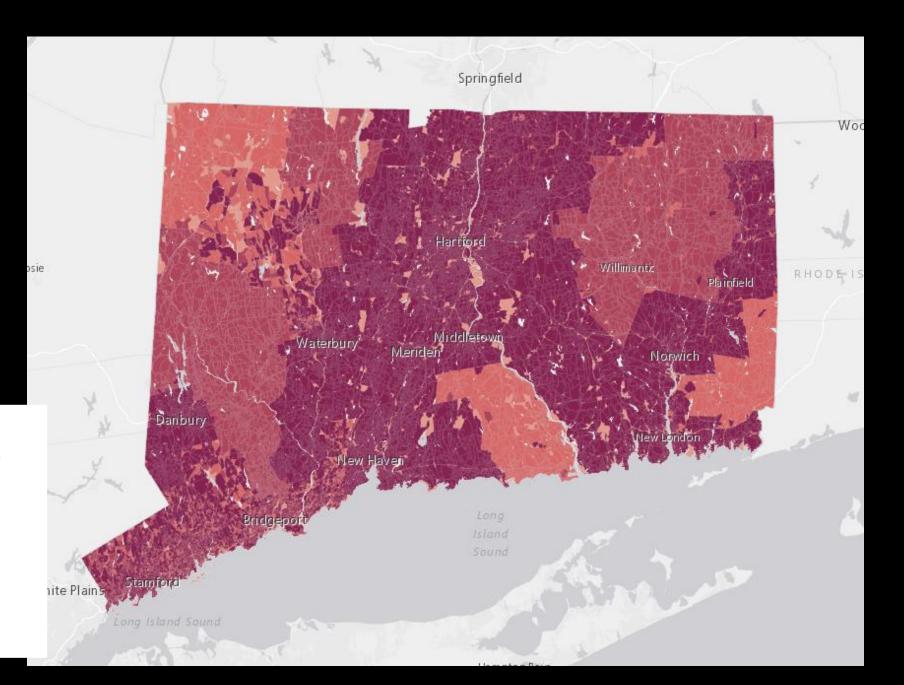
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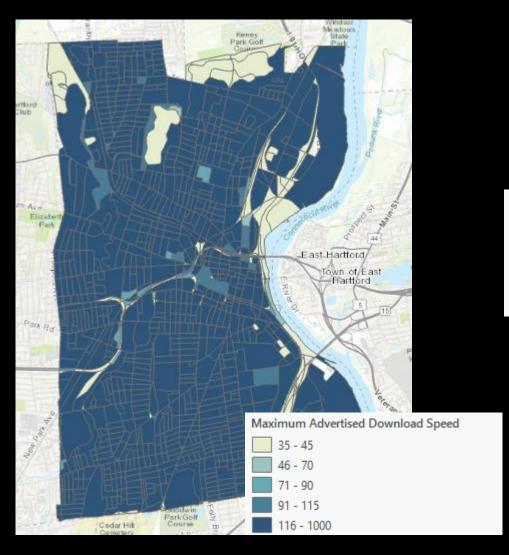
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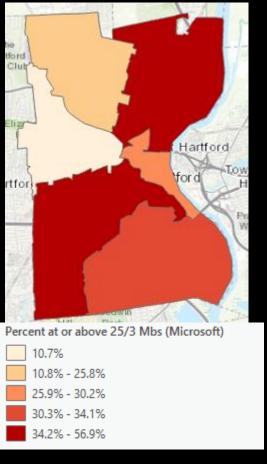
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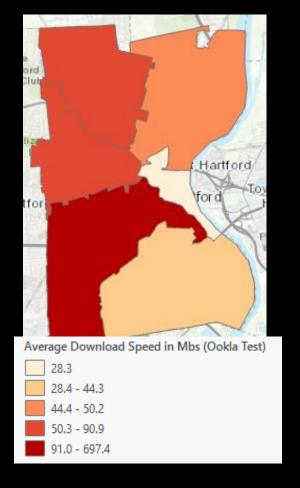
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### Hartford







To see this data across our state with explanations of data sets visit:

https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/0a80a455496b452 b8229061444913261

### Problems

 FCC data marks every census block with even one house with access as covered

- Existing FCC data does not account for:
  - Affordability
  - In-premise connections
  - Inadequate customer service

### Solutions

 Address-level data through data collection with ISPs and local stakeholders to corroborate ISP data

- Data collection to better demonstrate
  - Limited low-cost plans
  - Challenges with connecting older, multi-family homes
  - Impact of differentiated customer service

## Survey

 To improve our understanding of areas with limited broadband access due to poor service or affordability issues, the GIS Office is asking NRZ representatives to answer a short questionnaire.

https://arcg.is/9DnLn

#### **NRZ Broadband Report**

This short questionnaire is to gauge the interest of neighborhood revitalization zones with working with the GIS Office to collect data on broadband availability and adoption in your communities.

#### What NRZ do you represent?\*

Please write this as "City, NRZ." Example: "Bridgeport, South End"



### How important are broadband and connectivity issues to your community?

Please use the scale below with five being the greatest importance.



### What are the most important issues related to broadband adoption in your community?

Rank the following issues in importance to improving access to quality broadband service in your community.

### Targeted Data Collection

 If you are interested in working with the GIS office, we will work together to create targeted surveys and data collection methods to most effectively get at the connectivity challenges in your community.

## Grant Opportunities

 Kevin Pisacich – Director, Office of Telecommunications and Broadband

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
  - Curb-to-home
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts (IIJA)
  - Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program

### Questions or Comments?

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Thank you!