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Key Announcements

- In March, **New York State** received **\$100 million** from the federal government to expand broadband service to roughly **100,000 families** across the State
- The **ConnectALL Office** is holding listening sessions in each region of NYS to discuss issues related to digital equity, access, and affordability, including in Central New York on April 4th.
- **Onondaga County** has partnered with Verizon to expand broadband service in rural areas in the county.
- **Madison County** is completing work on engineering plans with an aim to begin build out of their USDA ReConnect broadband project later in 2023.

How the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board (CNY RPDB) is helping out with FCC challenges:

On behalf of the five counties in our region (Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, and Oswego), the CNY RPDB submitted **over 10,000 challenges** as part of the bulk challenge process.

What is a Bulk Challenge?

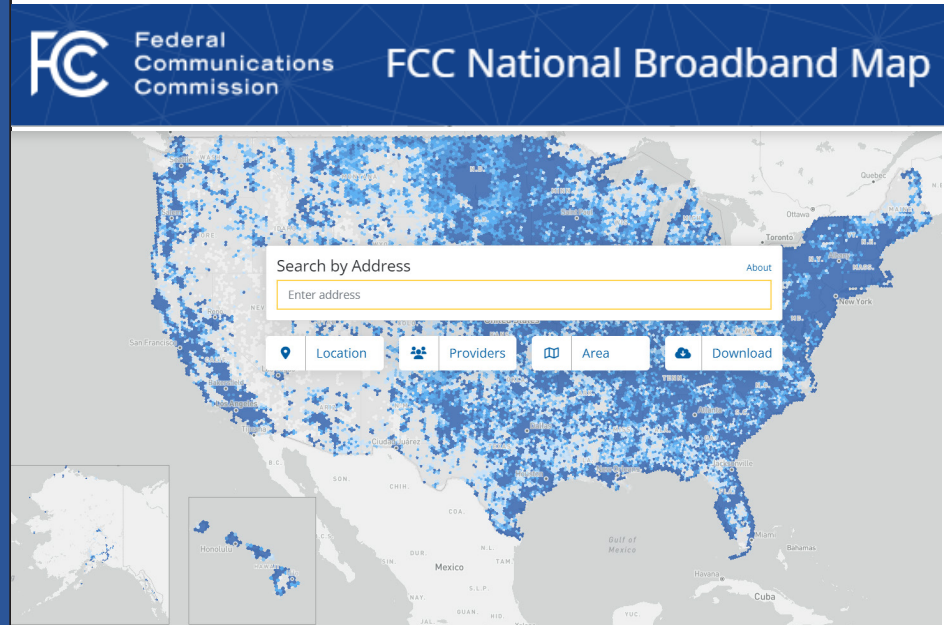
Working with data directly from the FCC, New York State's ConnectAll office, and the CNY RPDB's own broadband study, CNY RPDB staff submitted a full list of any discrepancies found between the data sources.

Why do I need to submit my own challenge?

The more challenges submitted for a particular address, the more likely the FCC will change the data to reflect that reality. NYS and the CNY RPDB's bulk challenges will help support your individual challenge.



Is your home or business on the federal broadband map?



An accurate FCC map will help ensure New York State gets its fair share of federal funding for broadband internet, meaning better access for all in our communities.

It's easy to help out! All it takes is checking for your home or business address on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) national broadband map.

Your location and internet services offered at that location will be displayed. If the information in the map is incorrect, please submit a challenge as soon as possible.

How to check your address on the FCC National Broadband Map:

Visit: [Broadbandmap.fcc.gov](https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov)

Enter your address

For additional help, check out this step-by-step video: <https://youtu.be/4ldS-3bi4bjc>