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 & Research Consortium (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
From: https://ercwnc.org/service-map/
Charter to Consultant

1st Broadband Gathering
Create WestNGN

February 2016

May 2016
Charter Complete
LOSRC becomes Project Coordinator

July 2016
MOAs with Municipalities
ARC Application submitted

September 2016
Consultant RFP Issued
Webpage

December 2016
Consultant chosen:
Magellan Advisors
2nd Broadband Gathering
January 2017
- Determine Assets
- ID Common Core

March 2017
- Community Profiles
- Develop RFI
- Legal Review

April 2017
- RFI Released

June 2017
- Review & Selection Process
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

http://www.landofsky.org/westngnbroadband.html

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