

Figure 7: DTI's current and potential future partners



Table 5: Partners

Partners	Description of current or planned role in broadband deployment and adoption
County governments	Regular communication and commitment to continued collaboration with the State on future broadband deployment and adoption efforts
Municipal governments	Regular communication and commitment to continued collaboration with the State on future broadband deployment

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Public K-12 schools	Regular communication and commitment to continued collaboration with the State on future broadband deployment and adoption efforts
Higher education institutions	Regular communication and commitment to continued collaboration with the State on future broadband deployment and adoption efforts
Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT)	Weekly calls and follow-ups on key items; fiber deployments will almost entirely occur on State rights-of-way controlled by DelDOT, so DTI and DelDOT are closely coordinating—and DTI is learning lessons from DelDOT’s rollout of BIL EV charging station funding
Delaware Department of Education	Strong existing partnership through the Connect Delaware program; DTI also runs the schools’ internet service and is evaluating ways to scale up that service as needs increase
Delaware Department of Labor	Weekly meetings; collaboration on workforce planning
Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)	Weekly meetings; coordination between DNREC and DelDOT on environmental reviews when needed
Delaware Department of Health and Social Services	Weekly meetings to coordinate planning and broadband-related efforts
Delaware Business Roundtable	Weekly meetings, including to plan role of broadband access in the “Ready in 6” program, in which tailored infrastructure can be ready in six months for a business relocating to Delaware
Talkie, Inc.	Talkie was awarded Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) funds by the FCC to deliver broadband to certain areas in Delaware and has until 2028 to make the connections
Bloosurf	DTI partnered with Bloosurf in 2019 on the Rural Wireless Broadband Initiative, in which Bloosurf would design, build, operate, and commercialize a wireless network to cover the

Partners	Description of current or planned role in broadband deployment and adoption
	underserved and unserved communities in Sussex and Kent counties
Verizon	Recipient of broadband deployment grant funding from the State; key partner in future planning
Comcast	Recipient of broadband deployment grant funding from the State; key partner in future planning
Mediacom	Recipient of broadband deployment grant funding from the State; key partner in future planning

3.3 Asset inventory

This section catalogs and describes a sample of broadband deployment (infrastructure), broadband adoption, broadband affordability, broadband access, and digital equity activities across the State of Delaware. These inventories comprise agencies that have hard assets, such as utility poles and land, and soft assets such as programs and activities that aim to close the digital divide. These sections are not exhaustive in their scope; rather, they focus on key assets DTI believes can be readily leveraged to implement the Plan. Additional asset inventory data, including for digital equity activities, are included in Appendix A.

3.3.1 Broadband deployment

The table below lists examples of the types of State-owned structures, land, rights-of-way, utility poles, conduit, fiber, and other assets that might be leveraged to implement the Five-Year Action Plan. A discussion of available workforce assets to deploy broadband is in Section 3.4.1.

Table 6: Broadband deployment assets

Asset name	Description
State-owned fiber	Fiber strands may be available on portions of the State's fiber backbone; ISPs can lease backbone fiber access from Crown Castle
State-owned land	Land owned by State of Delaware entities may be available for placement of huts or other broadband infrastructure
State-owned buildings	Buildings owned by the State of Delaware may be available for placement of network electronics or other broadband infrastructure