

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

**Suspension of the Rules Request
ALC/Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER)
Subcommittee
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
9:00 a.m. - Room A, MAC**

- A. American Rescue Plan Appropriation Increase Request
 - Arkansas ARP Steering Committee Award:**
 - 1. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - Parks and Tourism Division
- B. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Request
 - 1. University of Arkansas at Monticello



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Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Supplemental Item

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request suspension of the rules by the committee for review of the item on the attached pages. This item was received after the deadline for submission to your Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee, but we are requesting inclusion in this month's review.

Sincerely,


Larry W. Walther
Secretary



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RE: FY 22 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 38 (02) of Act 997 of 2021, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- DPHT – Parks and Tourism Division – Broadband Expansion for all State Parks and Welcome Centers \$2,483,890

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Larry W. Walther'.

Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism Business Area Code: 0900

Program Title: Broadband Infrastructure needs within Arkansas State Parks and Arkansas Welcome Centers

Granting Organization: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 CFDA #: _____

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 12/15/2021 Ending: 06/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

Complete broadband expansion for all State Parks and Welcome Centers for the service and safety of visitors, staff, and surrounding communities. The broadband expansion for State Parks includes 27 parks and Welcome Centers throughout the state that currently have no broadband. The cost estimate for this broadband expansion is \$2,483,890.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: REC Fund Code: **NEW** Direct Funding: _____
 Funds Center: **NEW** Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: X

		Program Funding Amount	
Regular Salaries			
Extra Help			
Personal Services Matching			
Operating Expenses			
Conference & Travel Expenses			
Professional Fees			
Capital Outlay			
Data Processing			
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)			
Other:	CI 590:00:46		2,483,890
Other:			
Total	\$2,483,890	\$	-

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 6/30/2024

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
 Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Comit Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by: [Signature] 12-10-21 [Signature] 12-10-21
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date
 R. Stokes 12-10-2021

Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism
Proposal for Funding of Broadband in Arkansas State Parks and Welcome Centers
December 9, 2021

Executive Summary

The Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism (ADPHT) has identified broadband infrastructure needs within Arkansas State Parks and Arkansas Welcome Centers.

Arkansas State Parks (State Parks) provide quality recreational and educational opportunities at 52 parks covering 54,643 acres. There are fourteen Arkansas Welcome Centers located at strategic points of entry to the state. Twenty-seven (27) of our State Parks and Welcome Centers do not have broadband.

Arkansas State Parks and Welcome Centers need broadband connectivity at these locations for the safety and health of staff, including State Park Rangers, and visitors. This connectivity will positively impact the communities in the areas surrounding the Arkansas State Parks and Welcome Centers. These broadband projects could expand access to connectivity into the surrounding communities including residences and public and private sector businesses. These surrounding areas currently have either no connectivity or very limited connectivity. These projects should be eligible for funding under the American Rescue Plan Act as it is the only means by which very remote, small communities, those which could not be served by more market based broadband approaches, could be served. Additionally, two of the locations are located in areas defined as Qualified Census Tract areas and this connectivity could serve communities that are disproportionately impacted by socioeconomic barriers.

Based on the request of CTEH/Hagerty, state contracted consultants for the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, providing analysis and guidance regarding the use of American Rescue Plan funds, provided below is the supportive data related to the proposal. Attached to this proposal is supporting documentation providing detailed analysis of each of the projects and of the communities that surround the each of these project locations.

- The population in the communities surrounding the ADPHT projects meets the Treasury definition of unserved or underserved broadband customers.
- Initial analysis shows that none of the current or planned broadband projects with the Arkansas Department of Commerce, Arkansas Rural Connect program are the same as the ADPHT projects. Further geographic analysis and research is being conducted on all broadband projects near the ADPHT project locations.
- ADPHT will provide free Wi-Fi Service. The 24 hour free, Wi-Fi service will be available to visitors to facilities from the facility building(s) and parking lot via mobile devices with the network name posted for public use.
- ADPHT will provide fixed indoor facility hours based on current hours of operation. The fixed hour time slots where free Wi-Fi service will be available daily will be located in heated and air conditioned indoor facilities.
- ADPHT will provide fixed indoor facility hours on an as needed basis for government agencies during emergencies. Additionally, ADPHT will provide fixed hours on an as needed basis after emergencies with free Wi-Fi service available to government staff available in heated and air conditioned indoor facilities.
- ADPHT and the internet service providers will determine an estimate of free Wi-Fi usage based on bandwidth usage.

- ADPHT and the internet service providers will demonstrate and document that the internet service provider can deliver the services to the ADPHT projects as well as have the ability to expand those services to the unserved and underserved communities surrounding the ADPHT locations. This documentation will include information from the internet service provider as to the economic viability of the project. *See attached*, letter from Diamond State Networks, dated December 6, 2021.

The broadband implementation at twenty-seven (27) State Parks and Welcome Centers will cost \$2,483,889.28. ADPHT requests this amount in funding from the American Rescue Plan.

Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism- Fiber Broadband Projects

Location	City	Construction Cost	Vendor
Arkansas Post Museum	Gillett	\$4,500.00	CenturyLink
Bentonville Welcome Center	Bella Vista	\$29,000.00	Diamond State Networks
Blytheville Welcome Center	Blytheville	\$0.00	Diamond State Networks
Camp Ouachita	Perryville	\$83,579.00	Windstream
Corning Welcome Center	Corning	\$0.00	Diamond State Networks
Cosstatot State Park	Wicks	\$5,000.00	Diamond State Networks
Helena Welcome Center	Helena	\$25,040.00	Windstream
Historic Davidsonville State Park	Pocahontas	\$5,000.00	Diamond State Networks
Lake Catherine State Park	Hot Springs	\$435,079.11	AT&T
Lake Charles State Park	Powhatan	\$7,500.00	Diamond State Networks
Lake Fort Smith State Parks	Mountainburg	\$161,250.00	CenturyLink
Lake Poinsett State Parks	Harrisburg	\$0.00	Diamond State Networks
Lake Sylvia	Perryville	\$30,204.79	Windstream
Lake Village Welcome Center	Lake Village	\$0.00	AT&T
Logoly State Park	McNeill	\$0.00	AT&T
Mississippi River State Park Maintenance Shop	West Helena	\$688,000.00	Diamond State Networks
Mount Magazine Lodge	Paris	\$400,000.00	Diamond State Networks
Mount Magazine Visitor Center			
Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park	Prairie Grove	\$0.00	Cox
Lake Ouachita State Park*	Mountain Pine	\$119,150.00	H&H Excavation
Lake Chicot State Park*	Lake Village	\$79,068.70	Fleming Electric
Crowley's Ridge State Park*	Paragould	\$90,000.00	Diamond State Networks
Red River Welcome Center*	Texarkana	\$5,000.00	Diamond State Networks
Texarkana Welcome Center*	Texarkana	\$21,517.68	Windstream
Village Creek Pro Shop (The Ridges Golf Course)*	Wynne	\$240,000.00	Diamond State Networks
Village Creek Visitor Center*			
White Oak Lake*	Bluff City	\$55,000.00	Diamond State Networks
Totals			\$2,483,889.28

*Dark fiber that will connect facilities within State Parks.

American Rescue Plan Act Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Study

An Analysis of the Potential Areas of Broadband Access Opportunities
Surrounding Selected Arkansas State Parks and Welcome Centers

07 December 2021



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I. Introduction

The COVID-19 public health emergency emphasized that access to high-quality internet can enable work, education, and health access, and that individuals and communities that lack affordable access to such high-quality internet are at a marked disadvantage. Investing in broadband for communities sensitive to, or that have historically experienced, these inequities will be critical for improving digital equity and opportunity, especially in the case of communities that currently lack access to the affordable, reliable, and high-quality broadband internet that is necessary for full participation in school, healthcare, employment, social services, government programs, and civic life.

On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States of America, Joe Biden, signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 into law. ARPA provides \$1.9 trillion dollars to offset the impact of COVID-19 on state and local governments, individuals, business, and educational institutions. This Act includes provisions that allow for disbursements to entities and individuals through various programs operated by state agencies.

On May 11, 2021, the Governor of Arkansas, Asa Hutchinson, signed Executive Order 21-08, "whereas it is in the best interest of the state and its citizens to identify practices and procedures for ensuring that the State of Arkansas, its citizens, and businesses realize the maximum relief and benefits available under the American Rescue Plan Act." Executive Order 21-08 also establishes the investigative and advisory body known as the APRA Steering Committee, whose duties include "identifying and prioritizing the needs of the State of Arkansas, its citizens, and businesses for the application of available relief," as well as "make recommendations to the Governor on best uses of ARPA funds."

The Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism (ADPHT) is committed to providing a viable solution for broadband infrastructure improvements to selected State Parks, Welcome Centers, and the communities they serve. ADPHT, in cooperation with various state, local, and private entities, have worked to develop broadband infrastructure improvement project proposals throughout the state that are mutually beneficial to both ADPHT and the public.

The primary purpose of this ARPA Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Study is to provide data, maps, and analysis for the potential areas of opportunity for improved broadband access surrounding selected Arkansas State Parks, Welcome Centers, and the communities they serve. A secondary goal of this study is to provide the justification required to obtain the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) necessary to complete the proposed broadband infrastructure improvements.

II. Objectives

For each location, the study area analysis aims to confirm the following:

1. The population in the communities surrounding ADPHT Parks and Welcome Center meet the Treasury definition of unserved or underserved broadband customers and are therefore eligible to have an ARPA SLFRF program funded broadband project.
2. There are no Commerce Department broadband projects, or other previously funded broadband projects, being implemented or planned to be implemented that have an overlap with the population considered in the proposed project for each of the ADPHT facility locations.

Furthermore, this study aims to establish state and local community need for a unique ADPHT and Internet Service Provider (ISP) model to ensure public access to reliable high-quality internet access with broadband speeds meeting or exceeding symmetrical speeds of 100 Mbps, or minimum upload speeds of 20-100 Mbps in areas where geography, topography, or excessive costs make service access impractical.

Analysis, data, and information produced for this study help validate ADPHT's commitment to develop a suite of community broadband services available to ADPHT visitors as well as community members who visit ADPHT facilities, including but not limited to:

1. **Free WIFI Service:** Provide 24-hour free WIFI service to visitors from the facility(s) and parking lot(s) via mobile devices (network name and password to be posted for public use as required).
2. **Fixed indoor facility hours:** Provide fixed-hour time slots where free WIFI service will be available daily in heated and air-conditioned indoor facilities.
3. **Fixed indoor facility hours (as needed) for Government Agencies During Emergencies:** Provide free WIFI service to government staff available on demand in heated and air-conditioned indoor facilities during emergencies.
4. **Estimation of Visitor/Community Usage:** Provide estimates of usage to justify this investment of ARP funding to the Dept. of Treasury.
5. **Ensure ISP collects metrics and analytics:** Data to be collected and reported to provide analysis and attestations related to the long-term economic viability of the project. The Commerce Department asks ISPs to demonstrate and document that they can deliver the services outlined in the proposal and which will be required to operate the system.

III. Methodology

1. Data Collection and Processing

Data were collected from authoritative sources and processed using industry accepted standard Geographic Information System (GIS) methods. Spatial and tabular data pertaining to demographics and broadband access were sourced from agencies and organizations that include the U.S Department of Commerce, the U.S. Census Bureau, the Federal Communications Commission, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Arkansas GIS Office. Data from the GIS-based Arkansas State Parks Information Management System (ASPIMS) were also leveraged in this study.

2. Data Analysis and Reporting

This study analyzes information for the communities surrounding each State Park or Welcome Center where ADPHT has committed to improving broadband infrastructure. Because FCC broadband service data (Form 477) are collected and reported at the Census block level, all demographic data used in this analysis were likewise at the Census block level. The study area for each location was defined as including all U.S. Census blocks that intersect a two-mile radius of each State Park boundary or Welcome Center facility.

3. Definitions

- **Study Area:** The "study area" is comprised of block-level Census data within two miles of the project location.
- **Unserved or Underserved:** The US Dept. of Treasury Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Final Rule defines "unserved or underserved" to mean those that are not currently served by a wireline connection that reliably delivers at least 25 Mbps download speeds and 3 Mbps upload speeds.
- **Qualified Census Tracts:** "Qualified Census Tracts," as defined under section 42(d)(5)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, include any census tract in which at least 50 percent of households have an income less than 60 percent of the Area Median Gross Income (AMGI), or which has a poverty rate of at least 25 percent.
- **Minimum Target Speeds:** "Minimum target speeds" are defined in the ARPA 2021 Interim Final Rule as being at least 100 Mbps download speed and 100 Mbps upload speed, unless prohibited by geographic or topographic challenges where a 20 Mbps minimum upload speed may be permissible.

IV. Study Results

In all, 25 ADPHT locations were chosen as candidates for broadband infrastructure improvement projects, including seven Arkansas Welcome Center and 18 Arkansas State Parks. The proposed projects are located throughout the state and span 27 counties. The study covers 2,432 census blocks, 917 square miles, and a total of 41,093 Arkansans within the two-mile radial study area surrounding each location. Analysis of the study area reveals that 8,130 Arkansans live in areas designated as "Unserved or Underserved" and 28,202 Arkansans live in areas with broadband service below the 100 Mbps symmetrical target speeds. The information below summarizes the results of the study:

Population totals

Rural	19,191
Urban	21,902
Total Population	41,093

Terrestrial broadband service status totals for the study areas

Population of "unserved or underserved"	8,130
Population with broadband access below minimum target speeds	27,852
Population located in a geographically or topographically challenged area	5,181

Study area totals (community impact potential)

Housing Units	19,759
Businesses	1,108
Health Facilities	9
Police and Fire Stations	7
Educational Facilities	12
Religious Facilities	54
Government Facilities	28
Recreation Providers	116

ADPHT project location totals

ADPHT Property (acres)	21,577
Annual Visitation	3,221,638
Day-use Facilities	326
Overnight Facilities	828
ADPHT Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	25

Areas where over 25% of the population is "unserved or underserved"

Arkansas Post Museum State Park	100%
Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area	100%
Parkin Archeological State Park	100%
Logoly State Park	91%
Red River Welcome Center	88%
Corning Welcome Center	85%
White Oak Lake State Park	72%
Mount Magazine State Park	68%
Village Creek State Park	67%
Lake Fort Smith State Park	55%
Mississippi River State Park	52%
Lake Sylvia Recreation Area	44%
Lake Catherine State Park	44%
Helena-West Helena Welcome Center	30%
Lake Poinsett State Park	28%

Areas where over 25% of the population is rural

Arkansas Post Museum State Park	100%
Corning Welcome Center	100%
Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area	100%
Crowley's Ridge State Park	100%
Davidsonville Historic State Park	100%
Lake Charles State Park	100%
Lake Fort Smith State Park	100%
Lake Ouachita State Park	100%
Lake Poinsett State Park	100%
Lake Sylvia Recreation Area	100%
Logoly State Park	100%
Mount Magazine State Park	100%
Parkin Archeological State Park	100%
Red River Welcome Center	100%
Texarkana Welcome Center	100%
Village Creek State Park	100%
White Oak Lake State Park	100%
Lake Chicot State Park	87%
Lake Catherine State Park	76%
Mississippi River State Park	66%
Helena-West Helena Welcome Center	53%
Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park	44%
Lake Village Welcome Center	43%

Areas where over 25% of the population has broadband service below the minimum target speeds

Blytheville Welcome Center	100%
Logoly State Park	99%
Parkin Archeological State Park	99%
Lake Village Welcome Center	98%
Mississippi River State Park	97%
Lake Chicot State Park	96%
Lake Poinsett State Park	94%
Lake Ouachita State Park	94%
Helena-West Helena Welcome Center	91%
Lake Catherine State Park	90%
Bentonville Welcome Center	90%
Lake Fort Smith State Park	83%
Village Creek State Park	59%
Mount Magazine State Park	59%
Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area	56%
Lake Sylvia Recreation Area	56%
Corning Welcome Center	44%
White Oak Lake State Park	37%
Red River Welcome Center	33%

Areas with geographic or topographic challenges

- Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area
- Lake Catherine State Park
- Lake Fort Smith State Park
- Lake Ouachita State Park
- Lake Sylvia Recreation Area
- Mount Magazine State Park
- Village Creek State Park

Parks or Welcome Centers that fall within Qualified Census Tracts

- Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area
- Helena-West Helena Welcome Center
- Parkin Archeological State Park

Study areas that intersect Qualified Census Tracts

- Mississippi River State Park
- Village Creek State Park

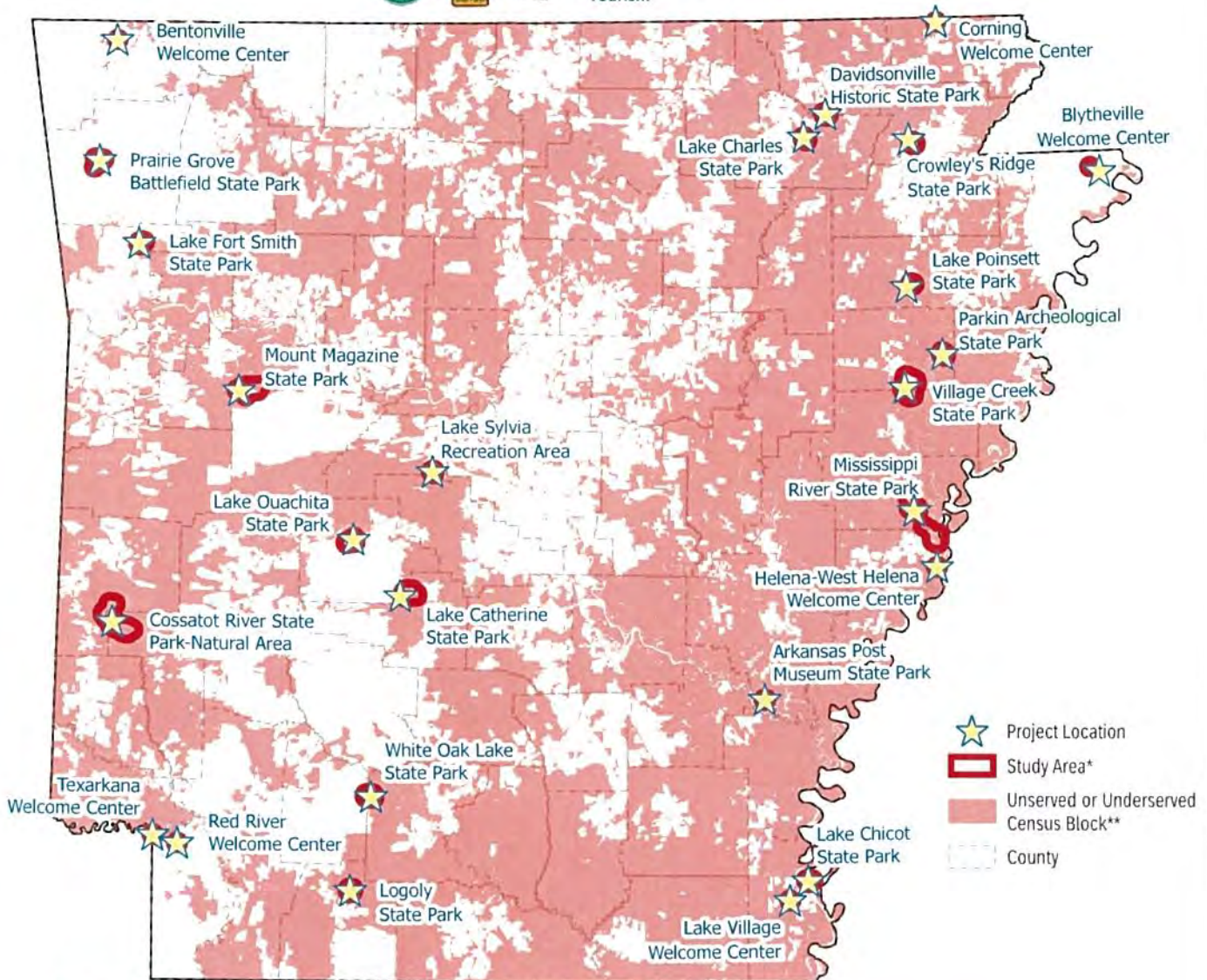


V. Statewide Analysis of Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Project Areas

Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Project Areas and Current Broadband Service Status by Census Block



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Broadband Access Status

Percent of the population in each project area within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks**

Arkansas Post Museum State Park - 100.00%
 Bentonville Welcome Center - 1.56%
 Blytheville Welcome Center - 0.00%
 Corning Welcome Center - 85.10%
 Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area - 100.00%
 Crowley's Ridge State Park - 18.03%
 Davidsonville Historic State Park - 19.71%
 Helena-West Helena Welcome Center - 29.64%
 Lake Catherine State Park - 44.07%
 Lake Charles State Park - 14.08%
 Lake Chicot State Park - 7.60%
 Lake Fort Smith State Park - 55.47%
 Lake Ouachita State Park - 12.04%

Lake Poinsett State Park - 28.13%
 Lake Sylvia Recreation Area - 44.29%
 Lake Village Welcome Center - 12.83%
 Logoly State Park - 91.09%
 Mississippi River State Park - 51.74%
 Mount Magazine State Park - 68.31%
 Parkin Archeological State Park - 99.82%
 Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park - 0.36%
 Red River Welcome Center - 88.37%
 Texarkana Welcome Center - 8.83%
 Village Creek State Park - 67.14%
 White Oak Lake State Park - 72.34%

*The "study area" is comprised of block-level Census data within two miles of the project location.

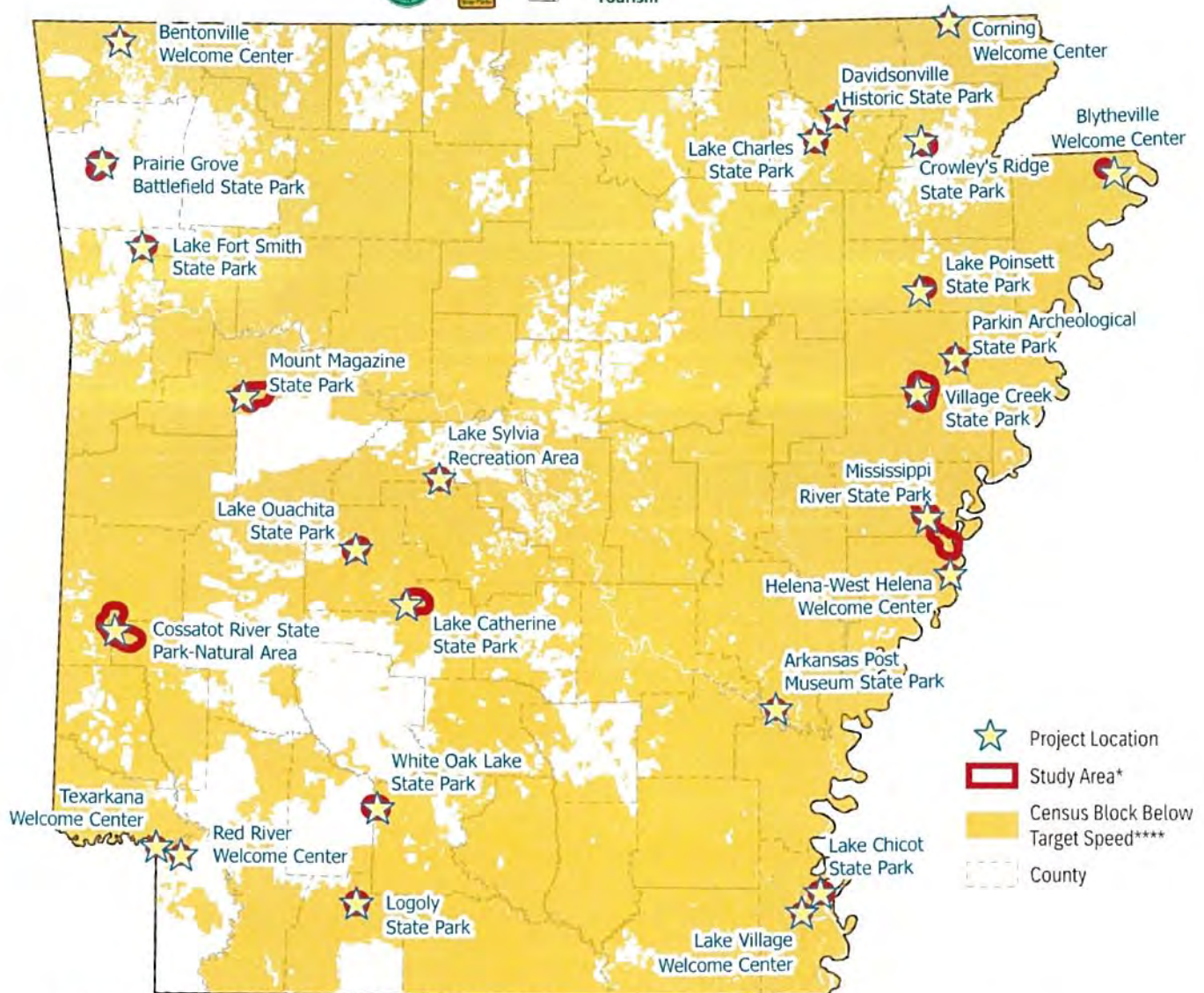
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Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Project Areas and Broadband Access Below the Minimum Target Speeds****



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Broadband Access Status

Percent of the population in each project area with broadband below minimum target speeds****

Arkansas Post Museum State Park - 100.00%
 Bentonville Welcome Center - 91.29%
 Blytheville Welcome Center - 100.00%
 Corning Welcome Center - 100.00%
 Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area - 100.00%
 Crowley's Ridge State Park - 18.03%
 Davidsonville Historic State Park - 19.71%
 Helena-West Helena Welcome Center - 100.00%
 Lake Catherine State Park - 92.75%
 Lake Charles State Park - 14.08%
 Lake Chicot State Park - 100.00%
 Lake Fort Smith State Park - 80.86%
 Lake Ouachita State Park - 100.00%

Lake Poinsett State Park - 100.00%
 Lake Sylvania Recreation Area - 55.71%
 Lake Village Welcome Center - 100.00%
 Logoly State Park - 100.00%
 Mississippi River State Park - 100.00%
 Mount Magazine State Park - 68.31%
 Parkin Archeological State Park - 100.00%
 Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park - 4.05%
 Red River Welcome Center - 100.00%
 Texarkana Welcome Center - 19.12%
 Village Creek State Park - 100.00%
 White Oak Lake State Park - 72.34%

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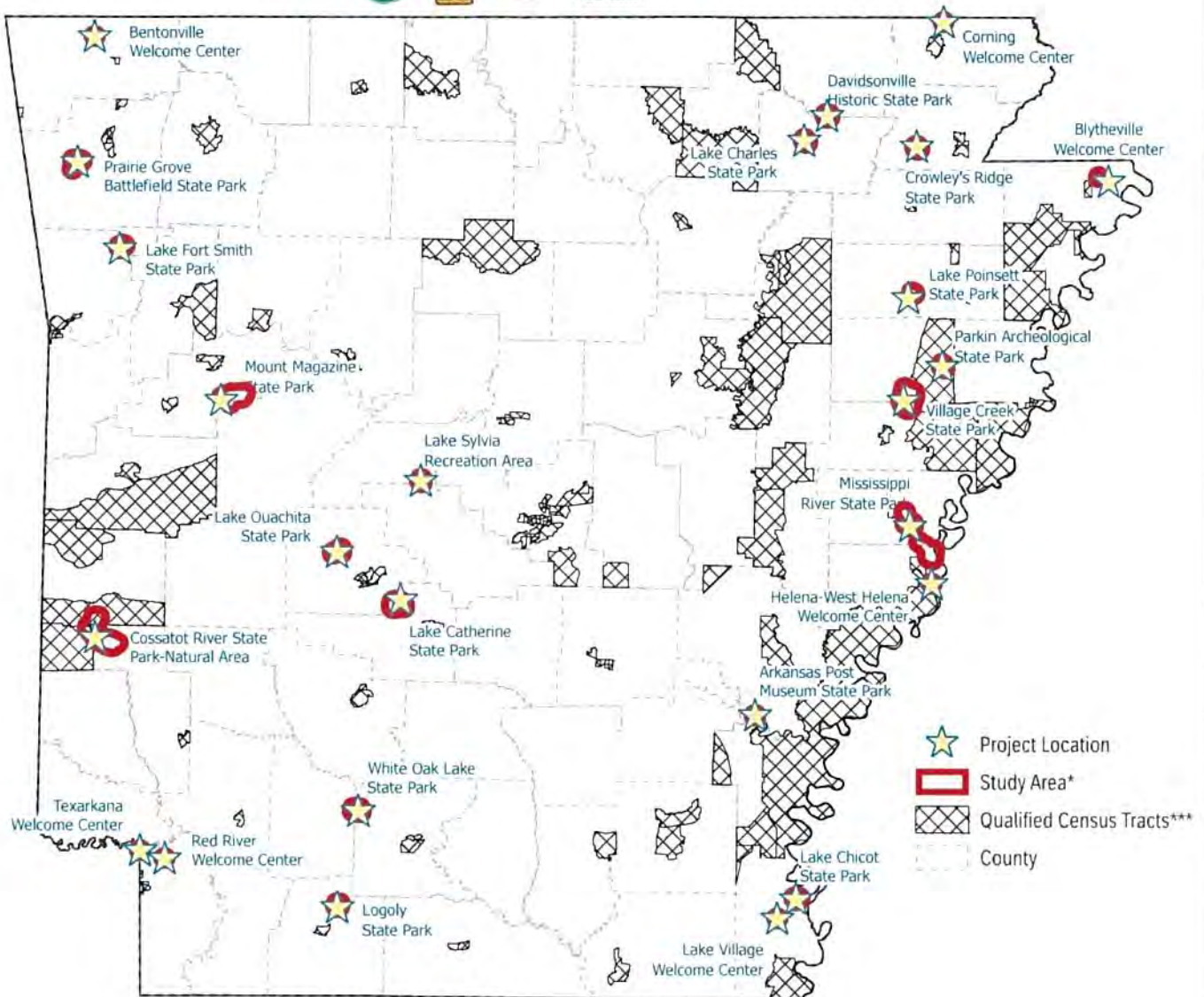
**** "Minimum target speeds" are defined in the ARPA 2021 Interim Final Rule as being at least 100 Mbps download speed and 100 Mbps upload speed, unless prohibited by geographic or topographic challenges where a 20 Mbps minimum upload speed may be permissible.

Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Project Areas and Qualified Census Tracts



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- Project Location
- Study Area*
- Qualified Census Tracts***
- County

Qualified Census Tracts

Five of the project areas intersect portions of Qualified Census Tracts***

- Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area
- Helena-West Helena Welcome Center
- Mississippi River State Park
- Parkin Archeological State Park (entire park and study area fall within qualified census tracts)
- Village Creek State Park

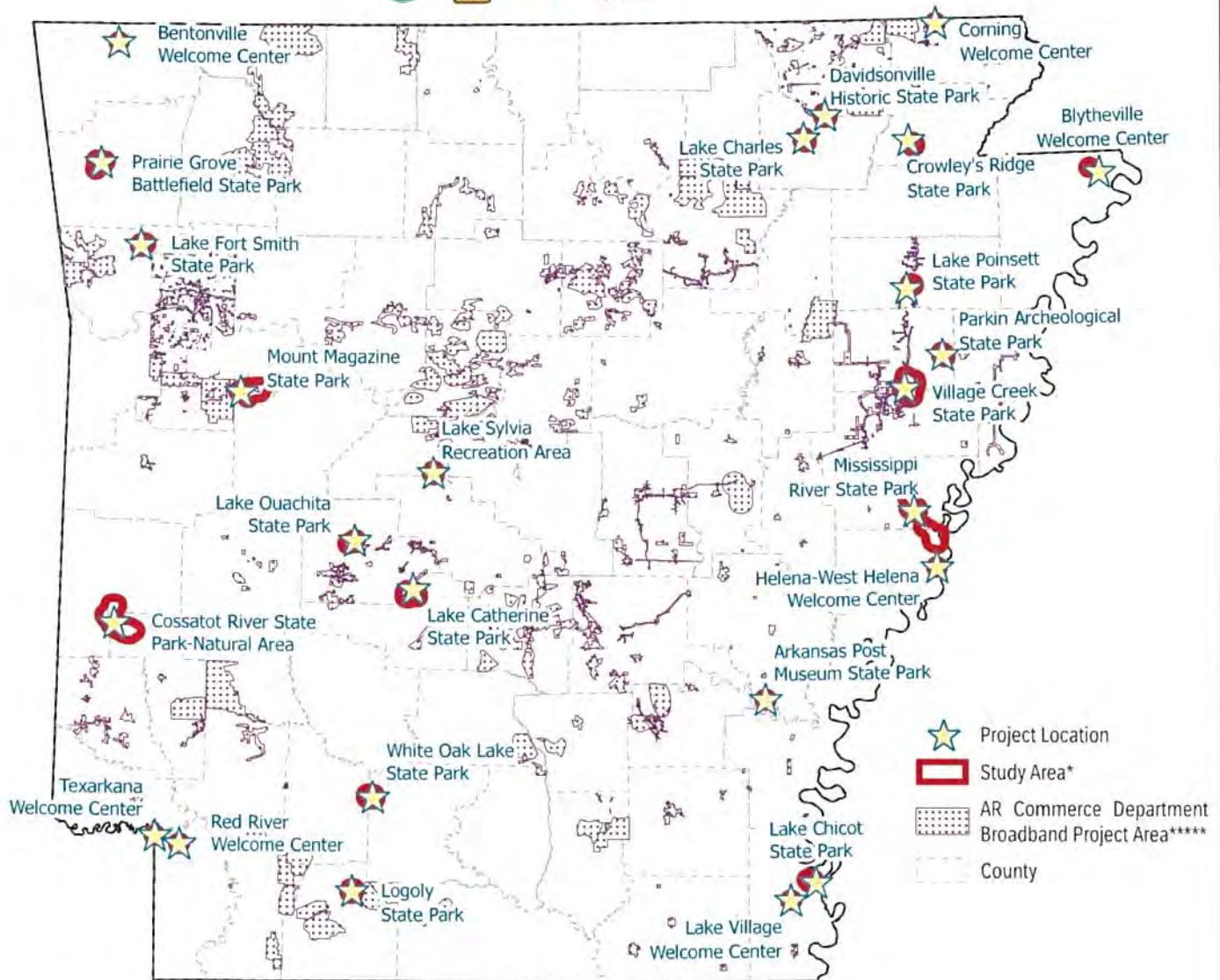
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Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Project Areas and Arkansas Commerce Department Project Overlay



Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, & Tourism



Broadband Project Overlay Analysis

ADPHT project locations in proximity to current or proposed Arkansas Commerce Department broadband projects.

ADPHT Project Area	AR Commerce Dept. Grant Status	Provider	Awarded Amount	Technology	Source Date
Corning Welcome Center	Awarded	SkyFiNet - Corning	\$1,992,036.00	Fiber	27-Oct
Davidsonville Historic State Park	Awarded	Clay County Connect - Randolph County	\$5,020,895.00	Fiber	27-Oct
Lake Catherine State Park	Awarded	Resort TV - Diamondhead	\$601,000	Fiber	27-Oct
Mount Magazine State Park	Awarded	AVECC - Logan County	\$2,064,000.00	Fiber	27-Oct
Parkin Archeological State Park	Awarded	Comcast - Parkin	\$1,911,742.00	Fiber	27-Oct
Lake Poinsett State Park	Proposed	Ritter - Poinsett County South Central	-	Unknown	7-Dec
Logoly State Park	Proposed	Walnut Hill Telephone - Ebenezer	-	Unknown	7-Dec
Village Creek State Park	Proposed	Ritter - St. Francis County - North Central	-	Unknown	7-Dec
Village Creek State Park	Proposed	Ritter - Cross County Crowleys Ridge	-	Unknown	7-Dec

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*****Current or proposed "Arkansas Commerce Department Broadband Project Area" GIS data were provided by Arkansas Commerce Department to determine proximity to proposed ADPHT broadband infrastructure projects.

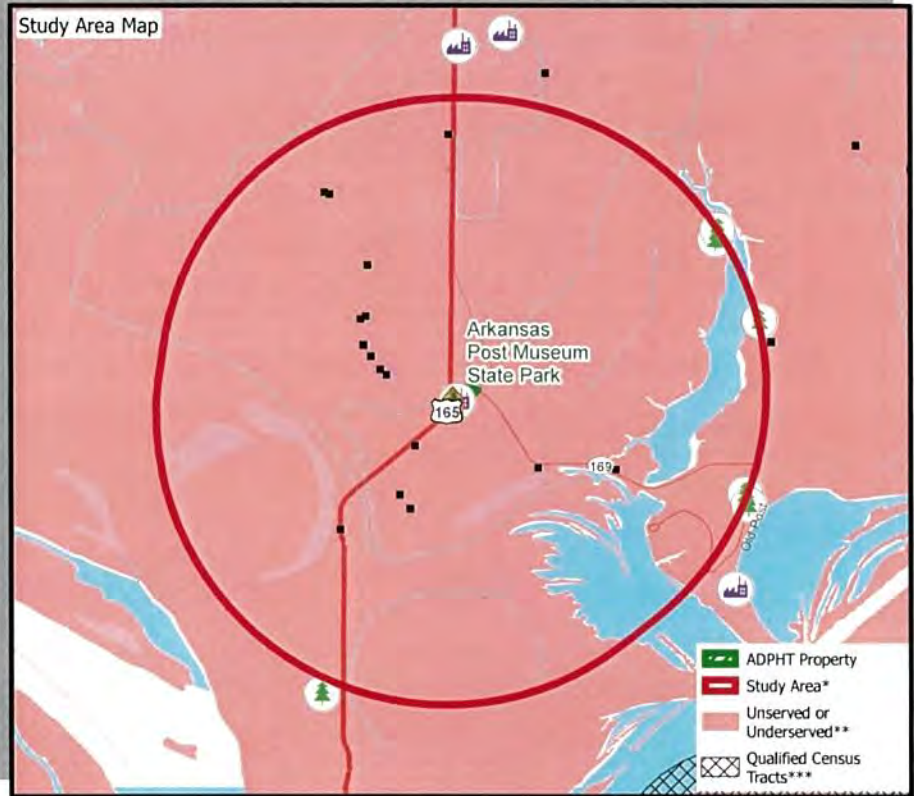
VI. Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Project Information



Arkansas Post Museum State Park

General project location information

ADPHT property	±8 ac
Annual visitation	2,771
Day-use facilities	7
Overnight facilities	0
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	0



Study area* information

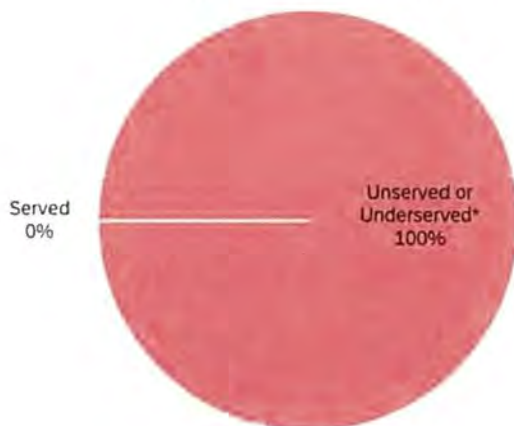
Community impact potential

Total Population 52

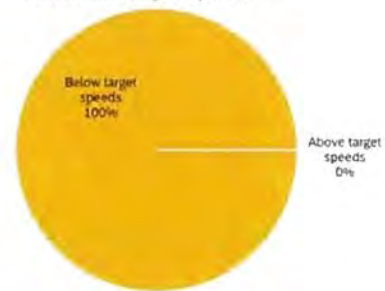
- Housing units 25
- Businesses 0
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 0
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 1

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- 100% of the population in the study area are unserved or underserved
- 100% of the population in the study area are designated as rural

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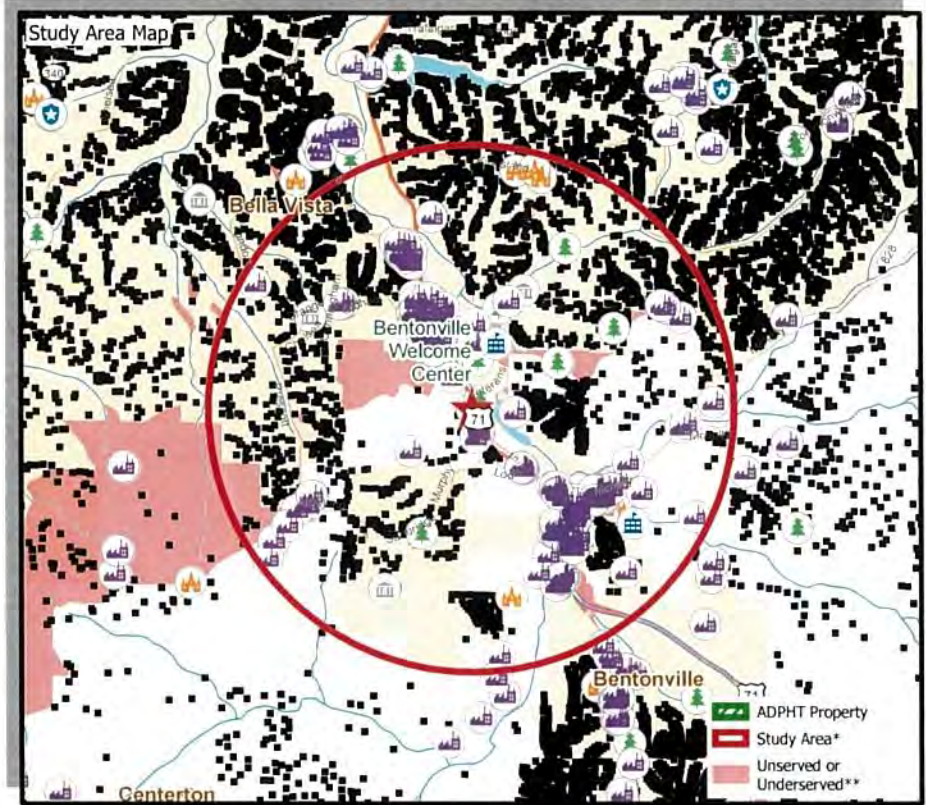
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Bentonville Welcome Center

General project location information



ADPHT property	±1 ac
Annual visitation	5,677
Day-use facilities	1
Overnight facilities	0
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	0



Study area* information

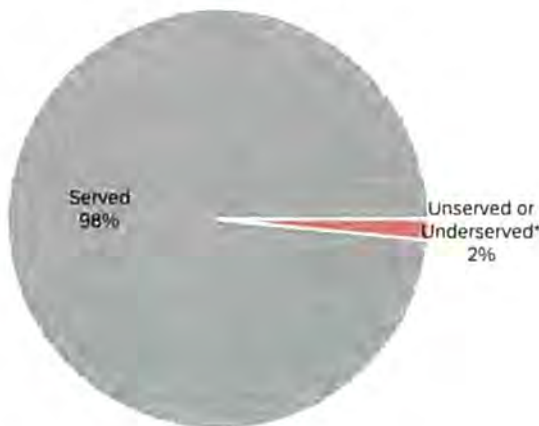
Community impact potential

Total Population 11,492

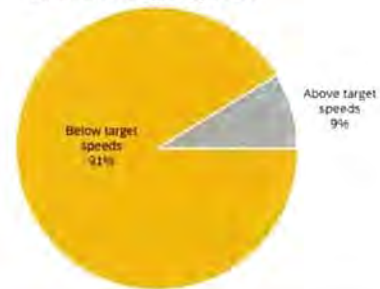
- Housing units 4,847
- Businesses 134
- Health facilities 2
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 1
- Religious facilities 8
- Government facilities 7
- Recreation providers 6

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 90% of the study area has broadband service below minimum ARPA target speeds
- Over 9% of the population in the study area are designated as rural

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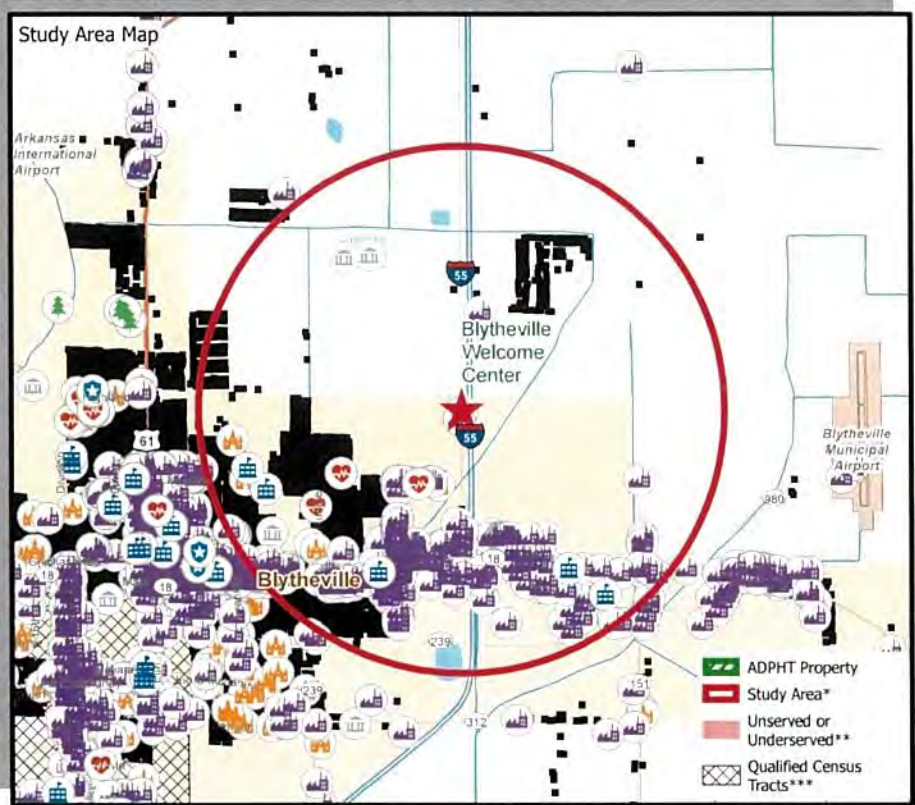
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Blytheville Welcome Center

General project location information

ADPHT property	±1 ac
Annual visitation	110,313
Day-use facilities	1
Overnight facilities	0
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	0



Study area* information

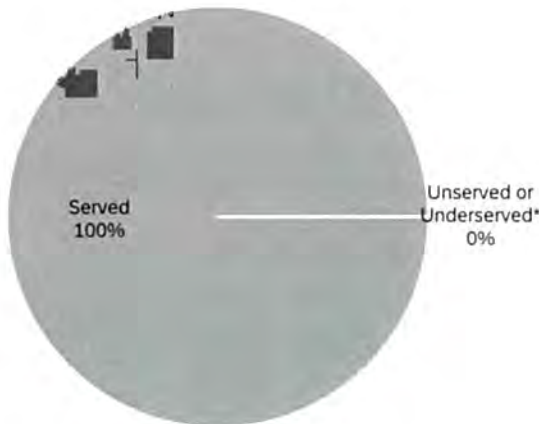
Community impact potential

Total Population 5,050

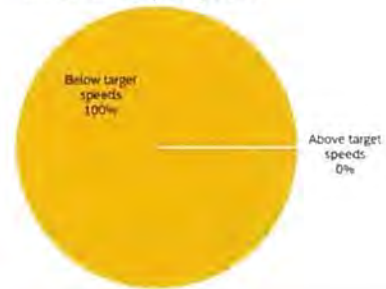
- Housing units 2,485
- Businesses 174
- Health facilities 1
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 5
- Religious facilities 6
- Government facilities 8
- Recreation providers 1

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- 100% of the study area has broadband service below minimum ARPA target speeds
- Over 6% of the population in the study area are designated as rural

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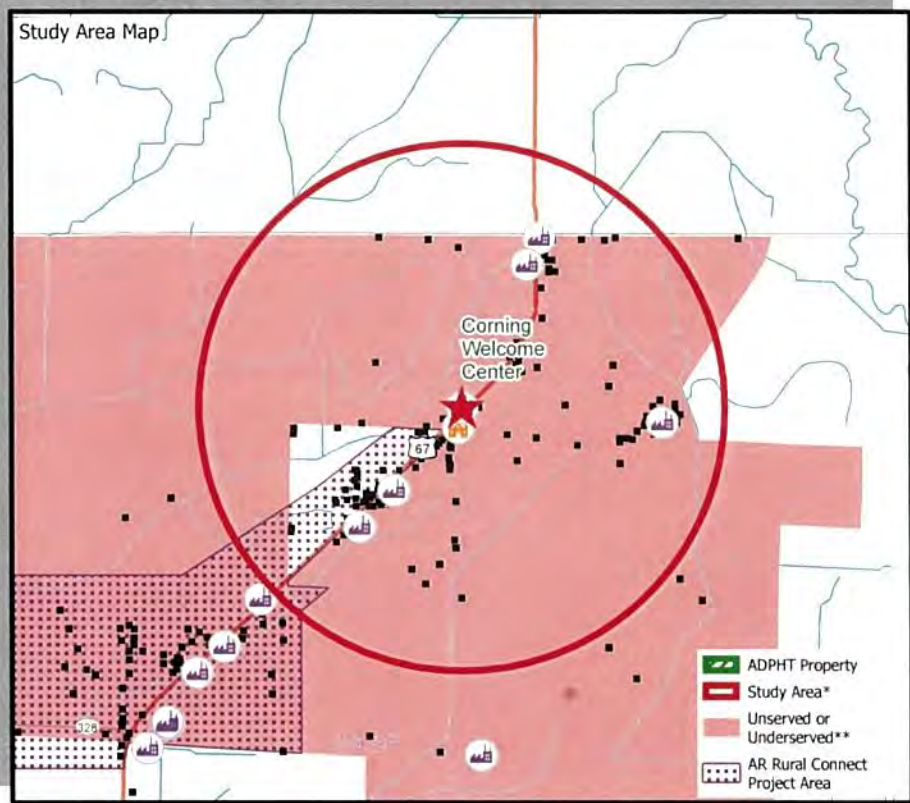
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Corning Welcome Center

General project location information

ADPHT property	±1 ac
Annual visitation	40,432
Day-use facilities	1
Overnight facilities	0
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	0



Study area* information

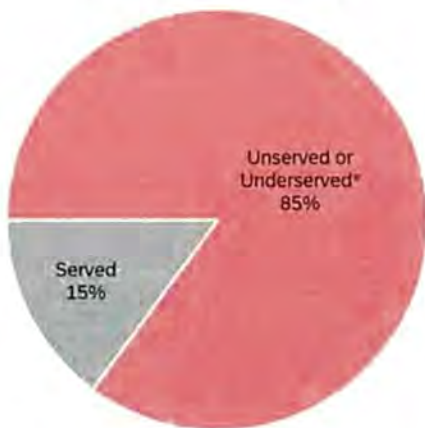
Community impact potential

Total Population 255

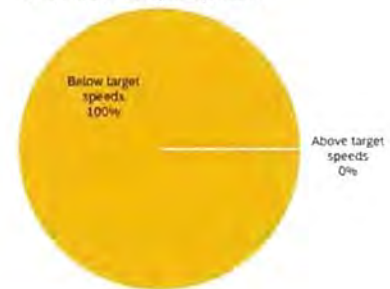
- Housing units 131
- Businesses 7
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 0
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 0

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 80% of the population in the study area are unserved or underserved
- 100% of the population in the study area are designated as rural

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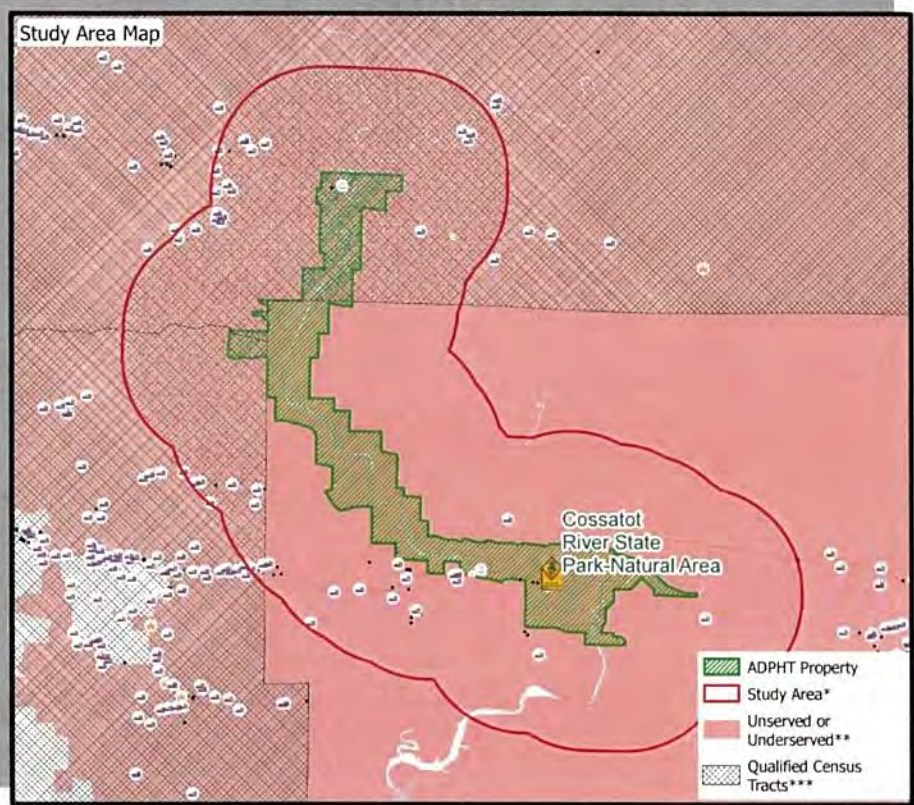
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Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area

General project location information

ADPHT property	±5,462 ac
Annual visitation	102,283
Day-use facilities	15
Overnight facilities	28
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	4



Study area* information

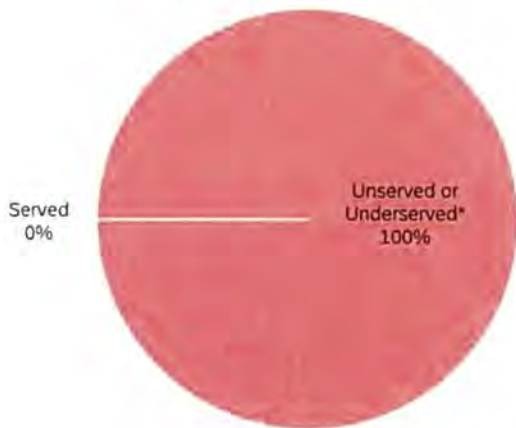
Community impact potential

Total Population 238

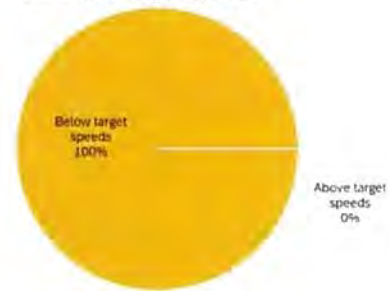
- Housing units 125
- Businesses 50
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 0
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 1

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- 100% of the population in the study area are unserved or underserved
- Areas of the park fall within qualified census tracts

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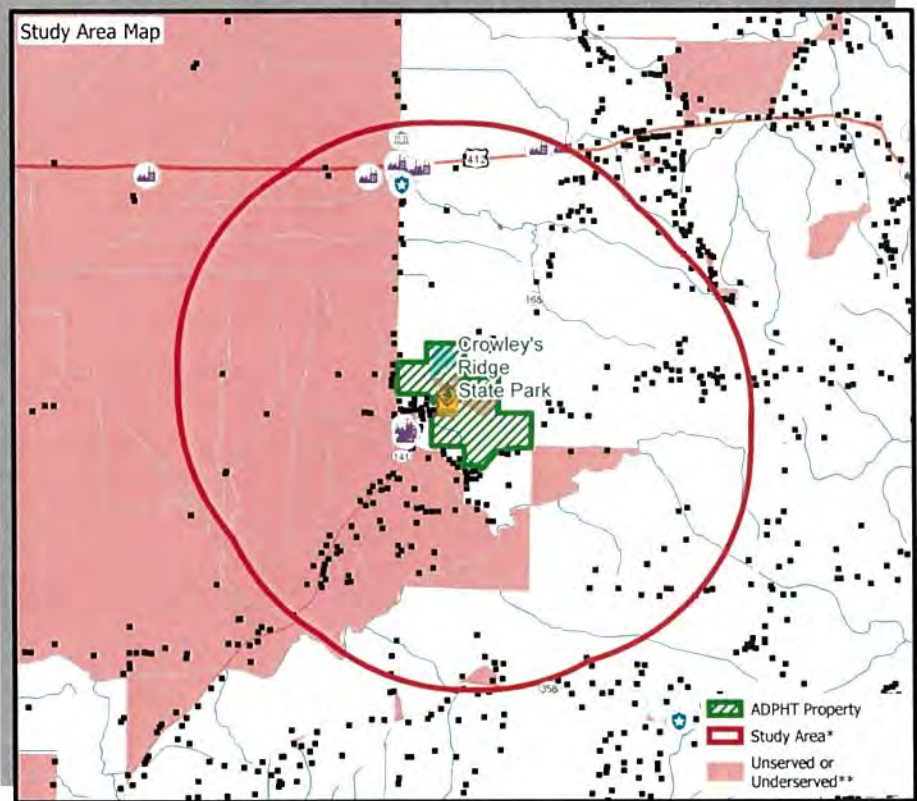
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Crowley's Ridge State Park

General project location information

ADPHT property	±293 ac
Annual visitation	224,707
Day-use facilities	28
Overnight facilities	35
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	4



Study area* information

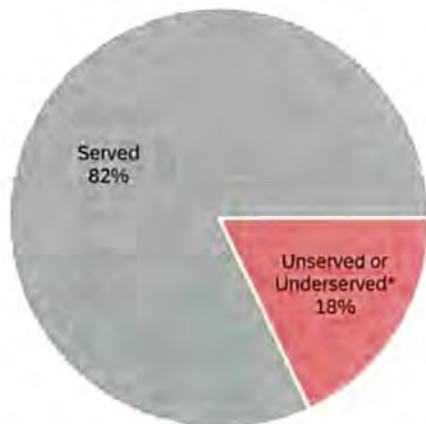
Community impact potential

Total Population 1,625

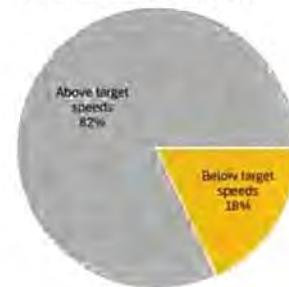
- Housing units 664
- Businesses 3
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 0
- Government facilities 1
- Recreation providers 1

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

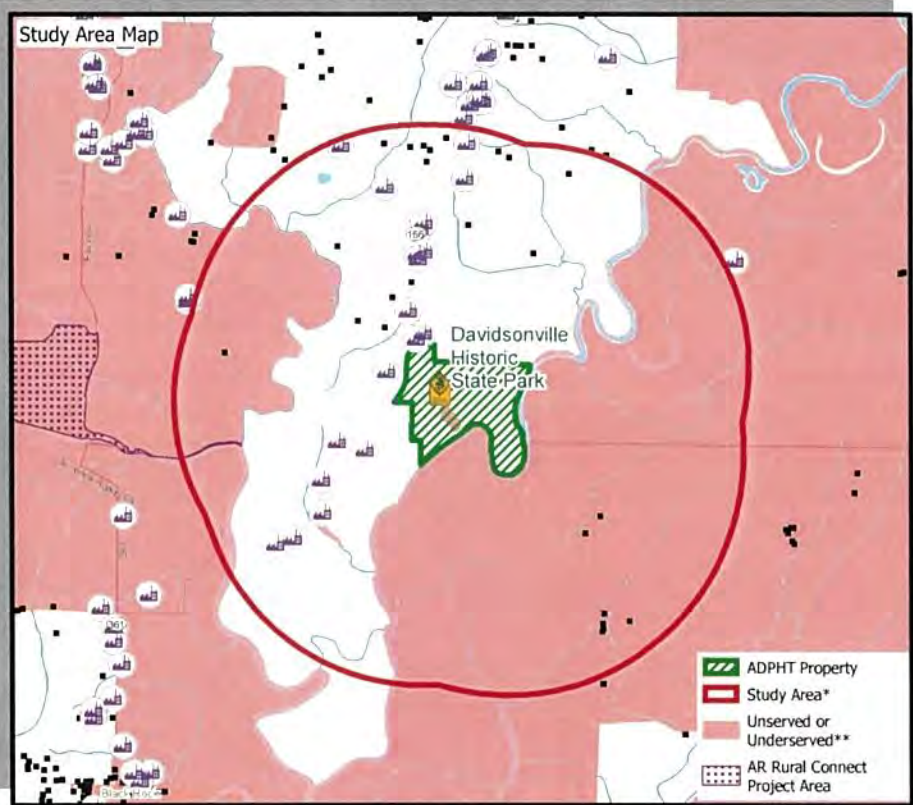
- 100% of the population in the study area are designated as rural
- Park attracted 224,707 visitors to a study area with a population of 1,625

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Davidsonville Historic State Park

General project location information

ADPHT property	±345 ac
Annual visitation	36,935
Day-use facilities	17
Overnight facilities	30
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	2



Study area* information

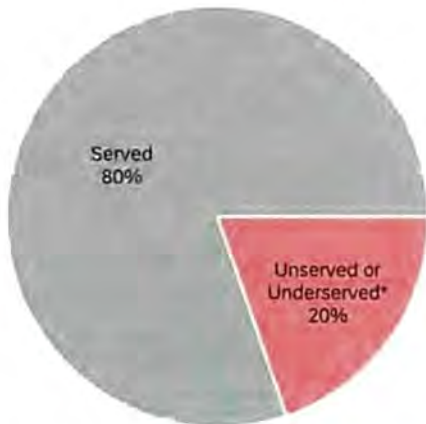
Community impact potential

Total Population 208

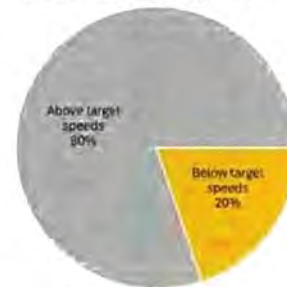
- Housing units 101
- Businesses 4
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 0
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 0

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- 100% of the population in the study area are designated as rural
- Annual park visitation is 177 times greater than the study area population

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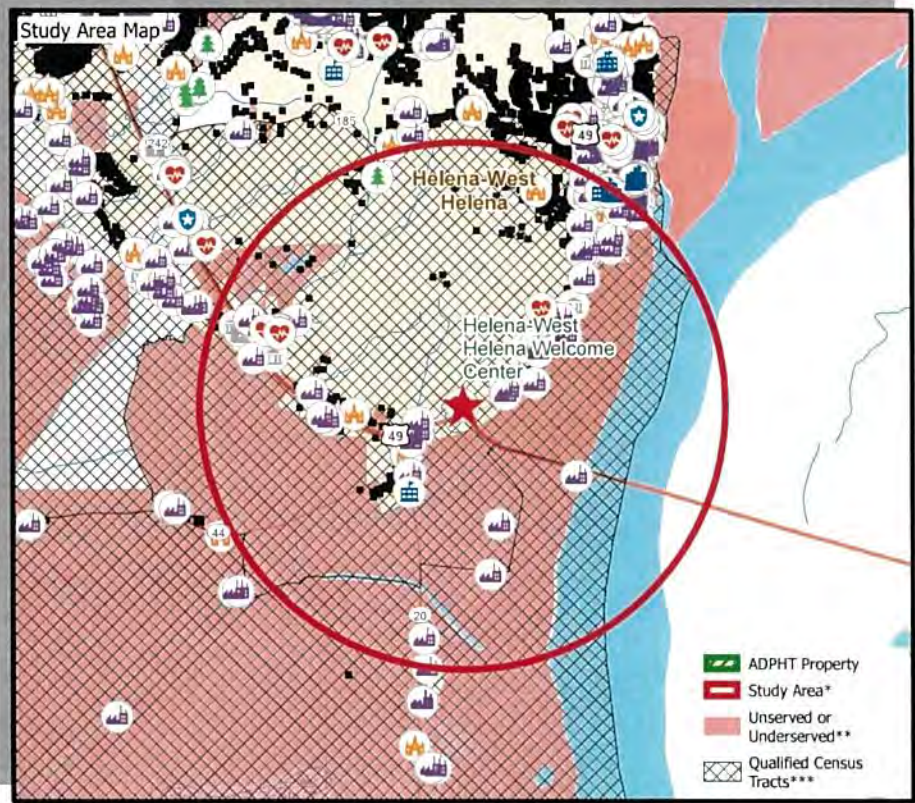
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Helena-West Helena Welcome Center

General project location information

ADPHT property	±1 ac
Annual visitation	18,068
Day-use facilities	1
Overnight facilities	0
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	0



Study area* information

Community impact potential

Total Population 823

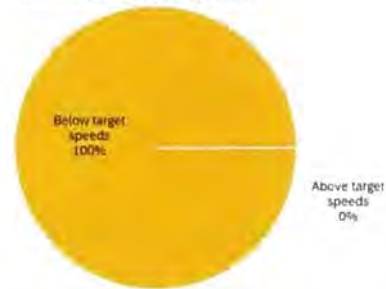
- Housing units 725
- Businesses 48
- Health facilities 4
- Police & Fire stations 1
- Educational facilities 6
- Religious facilities 9
- Government facilities 7
- Recreation providers 0

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 25% of the population in the study area are unserved or underserved
- Welcome Center and study area fall within qualified census tracts

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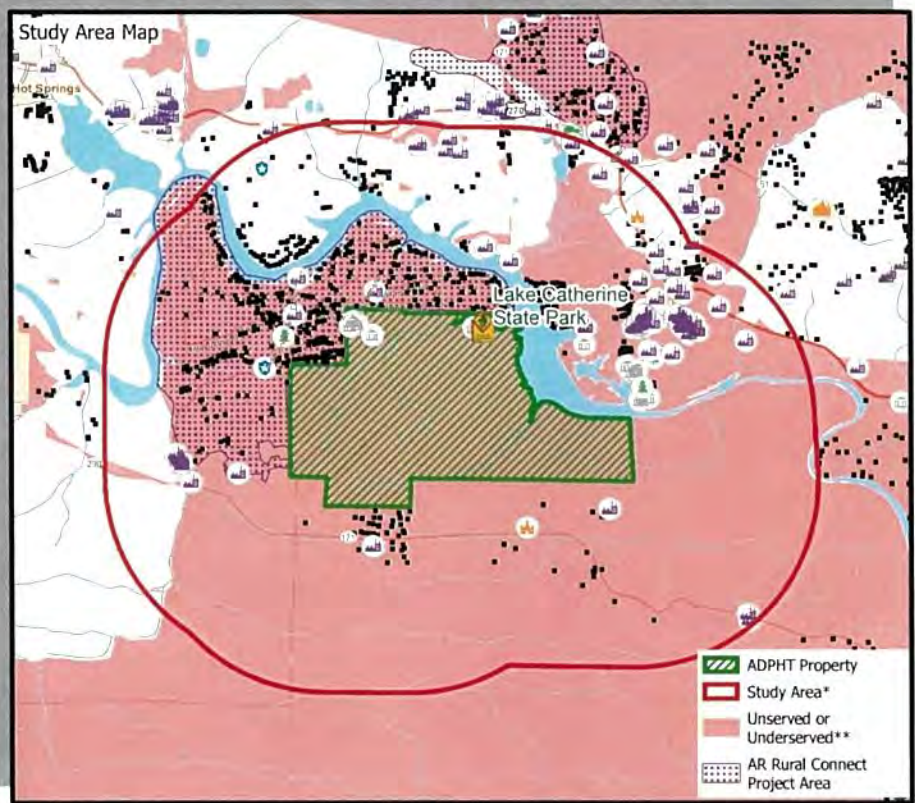
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Lake Catherine State Park

General project location information

ADPHT property	±2,261 ac
Annual visitation	410,093
Day-use facilities	22
Overnight facilities	95
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	4



Study area* information

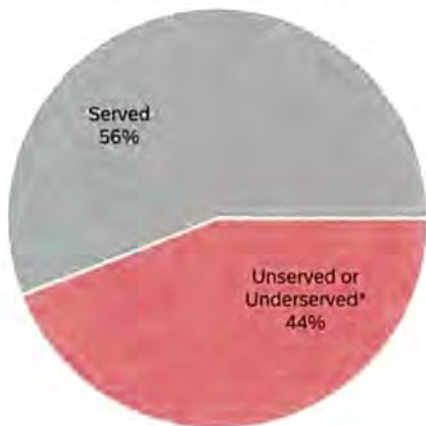
Community impact potential

Total Population 4,111

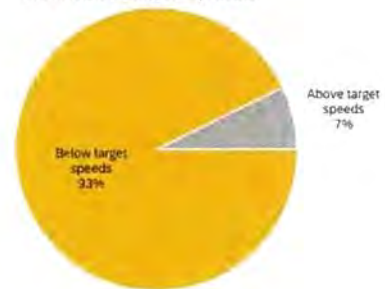
- Housing units 1,991
- Businesses 67
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 1
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 3
- Government facilities 3
- Recreation providers 38

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 40% of the population in the study area are unserved or underserved
- Over 75% of the population in the study area are designated as rural

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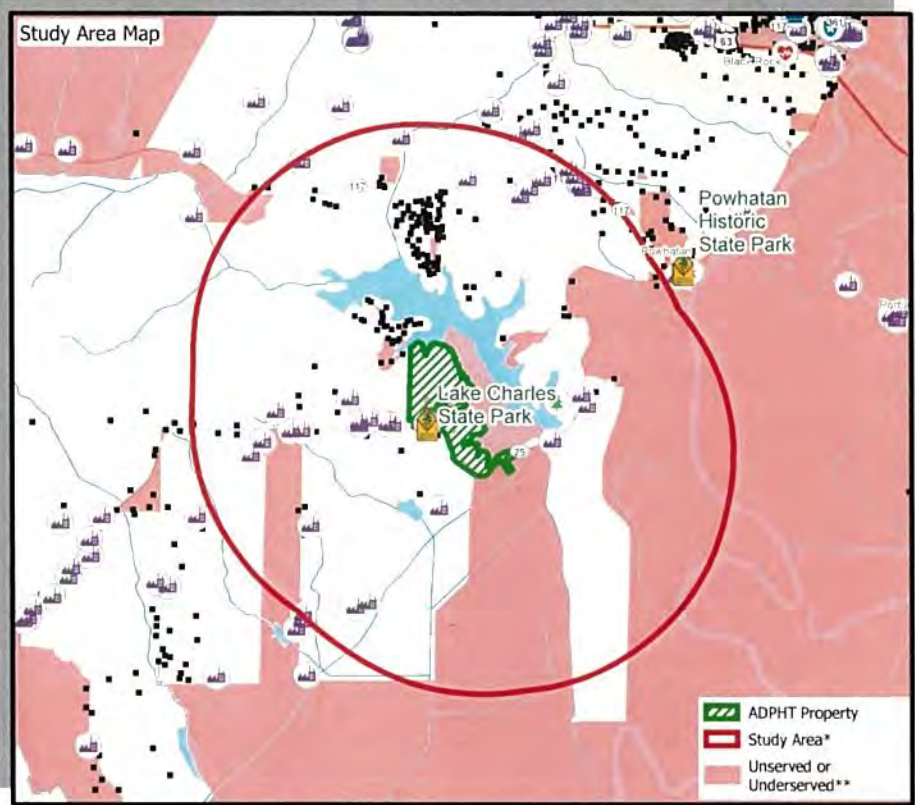
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Lake Charles State Park

General project location information



ADPHT property	±202 ac
Annual visitation	134,439
Day-use facilities	15
Overnight facilities	60
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	2



Study area* information

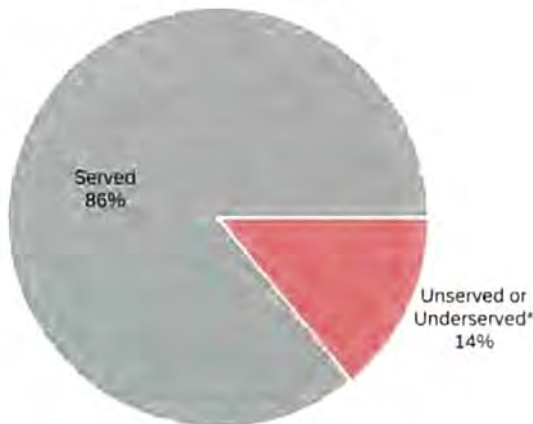
Community impact potential

Total Population 497

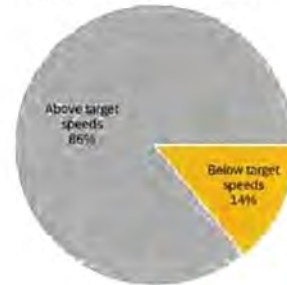
- Housing units 318
- Businesses 31
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 0
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 1

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- 100% of the population in the study area are designated as rural
- Annual park visitation is 280 times greater than the study area population

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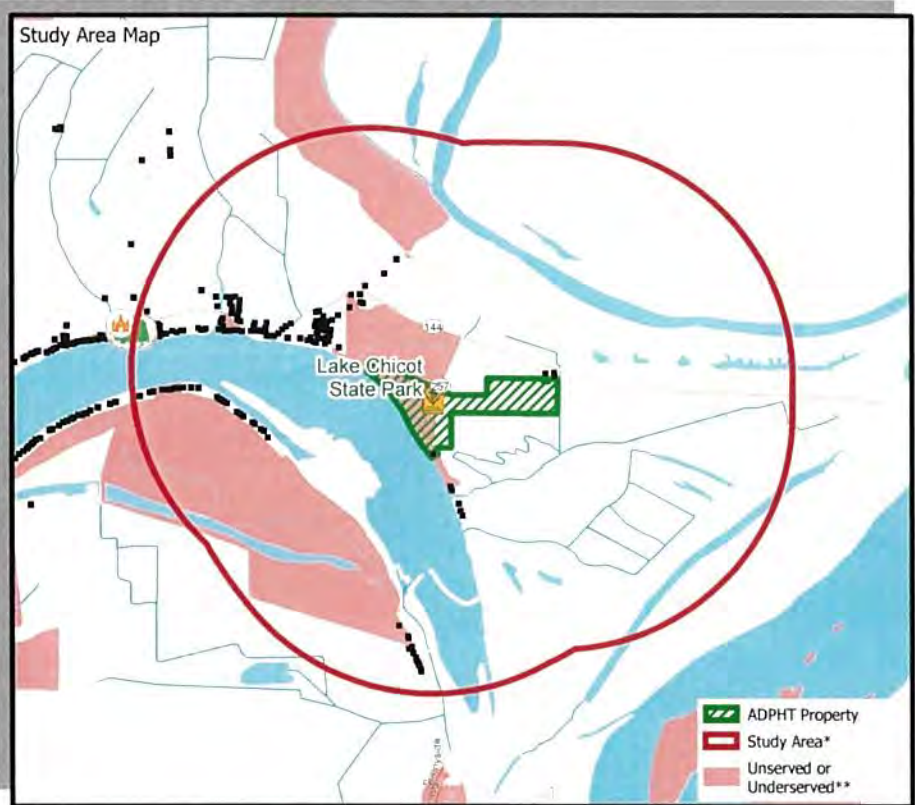
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Lake Chicot State Park

General project location information

ADPHT property	±211 ac
Annual visitation	80,595
Day-use facilities	25
Overnight facilities	136
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	4



Study area* information

Community impact potential

Total Population 421

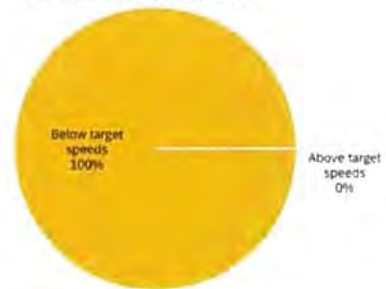
- Housing units 284
- Businesses 0
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 1
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 39

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 85% of the population in the study area are designated as rural
- Park provides access to over 135 overnight facilities with over 80,000 visitors annually

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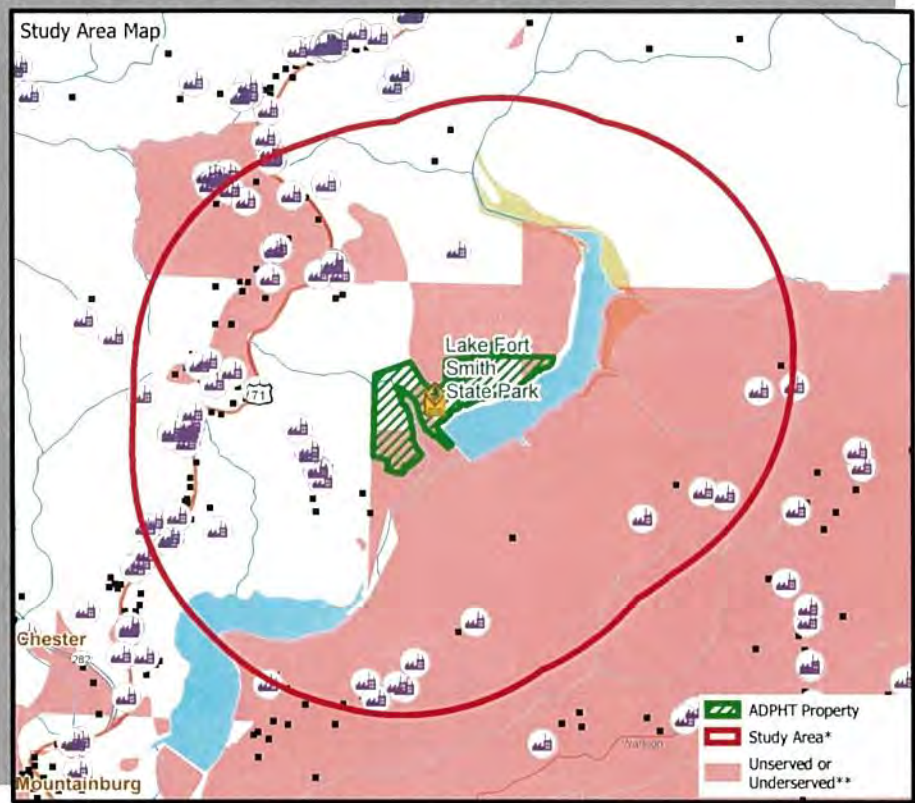
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Lake Fort Smith State Park

General project location information



ADPHT property	±257 ac
Annual visitation	113,984
Day-use facilities	16
Overnight facilities	42
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	4



Study area* information

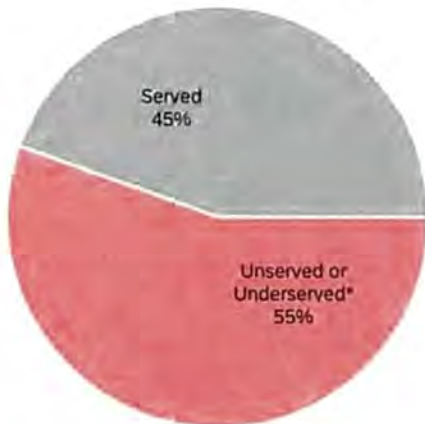
Community impact potential

Total Population 512

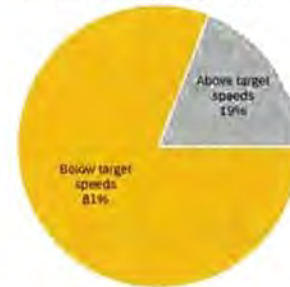
- Housing units 312
- Businesses 33
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 0
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 1

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 55% of the population in the study area are unserved or underserved
- 100% of the population in the study area are designated as rural

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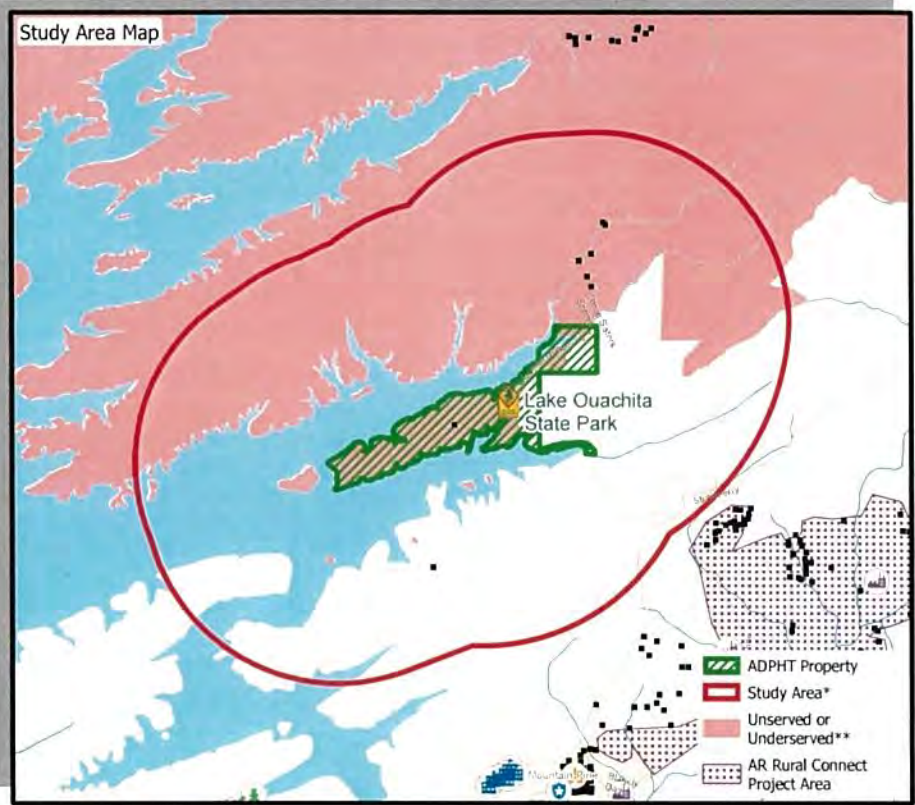
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Lake Ouachita State Park

General project location information

ADPHT property	±472 ac
Annual visitation	511,141
Day-use facilities	16
Overnight facilities	109
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	5



Study area* information

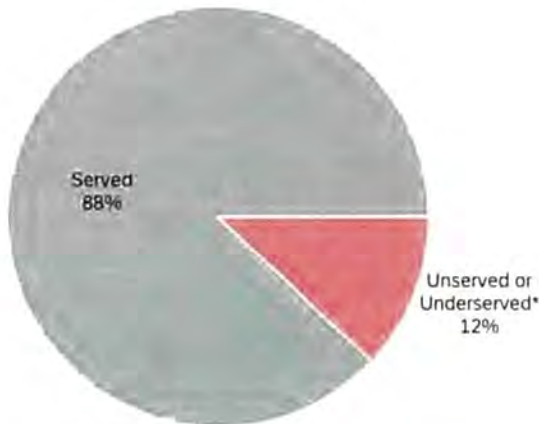
Community impact potential

Total Population 274

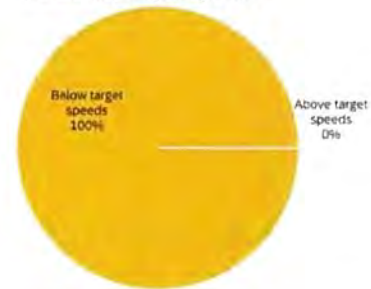
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- Businesses 0
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 0
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 1

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- 100% of the population in the study area are designated as rural
- Park is located in a geographically or topographically challenged area

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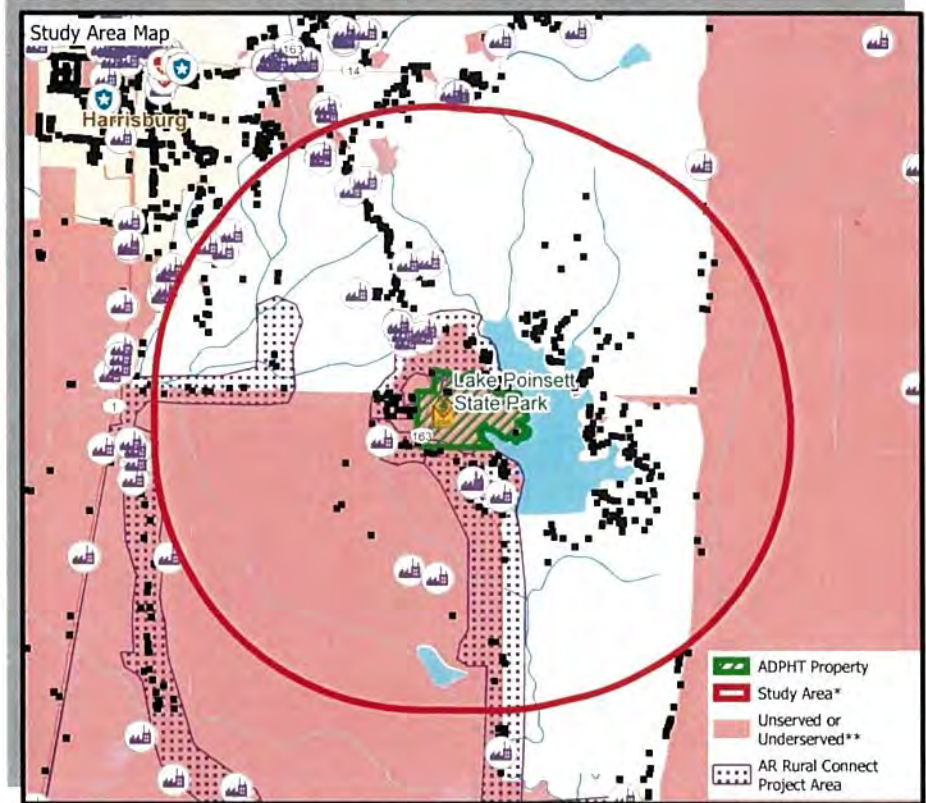
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Lake Poinsett State Park

General project location information



ADPHT property	±154 ac
Annual visitation	74,984
Day-use facilities	7
Overnight facilities	29
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	2



Study area* information

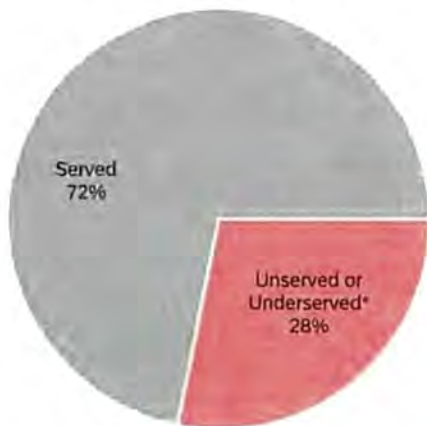
Community impact potential

Total Population 1,013

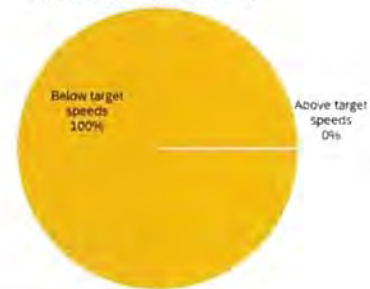
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- Businesses 10
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 0
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 4

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 25% of the population in the study area are unserved or underserved
- 100% of the population in the study area are designated as rural

* The "study area" is comprised of block-level Census data within two miles of the project location.

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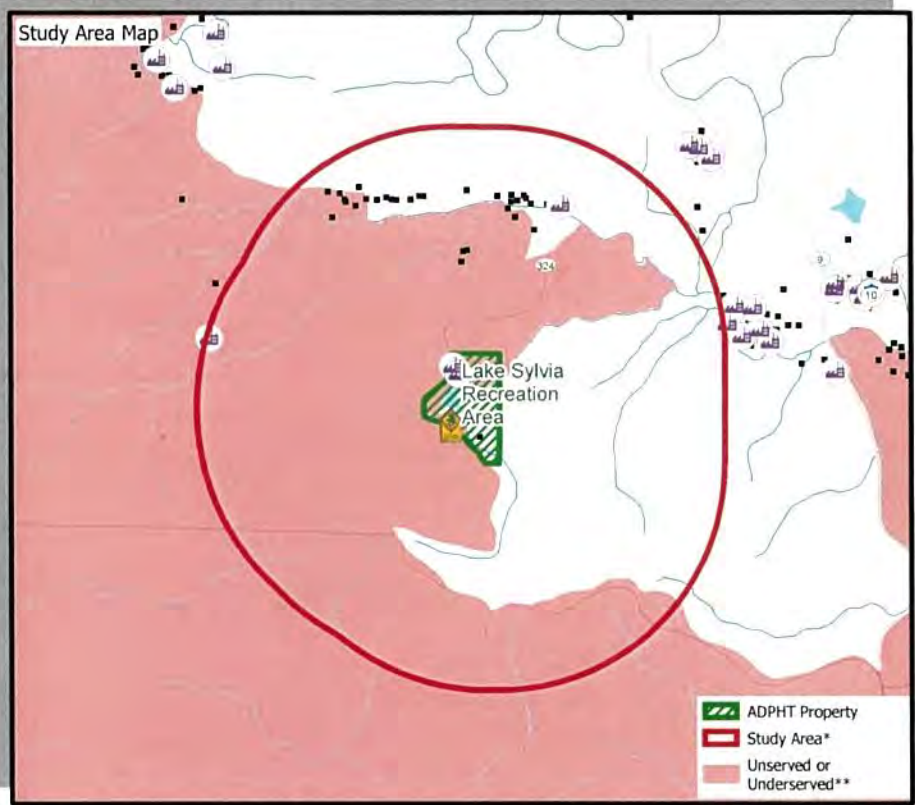
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Lake Sylvia Recreation Area

General project location information

ADPHT property	±190 ac
Annual visitation	0
Day-use facilities	15
Overnight facilities	30
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	2



Study area* information

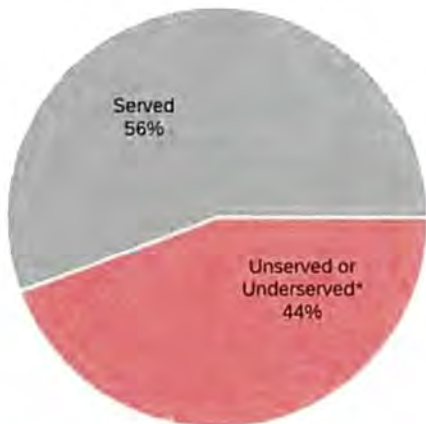
Community impact potential

Total Population 140

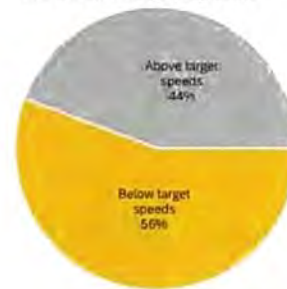
- Housing units 78
- Businesses 7
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 0
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 1

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 40% of the population in the study area are unserved or underserved
- 100% of the population in the study area are designated as rural

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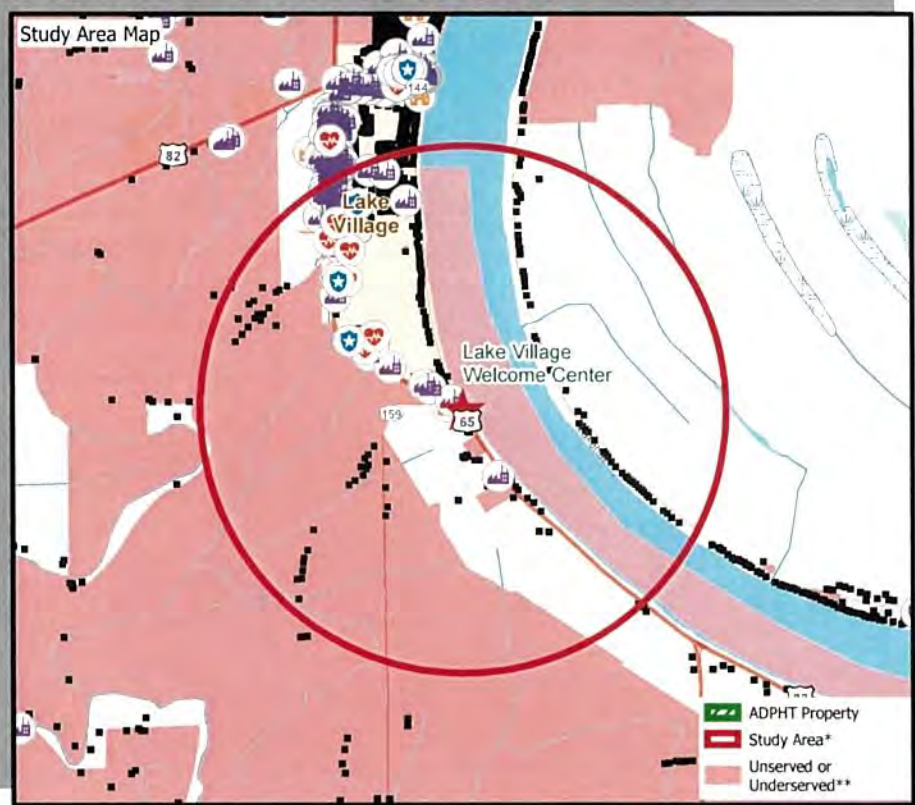
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Lake Village Welcome Center

General project location information

ADPHT property	±1 ac
Annual visitation	53,843
Day-use facilities	1
Overnight facilities	0
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	0



Study area* information

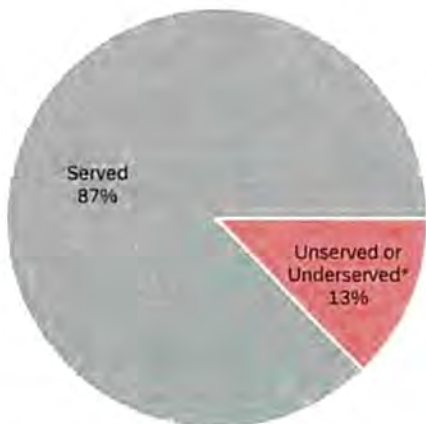
Community impact potential

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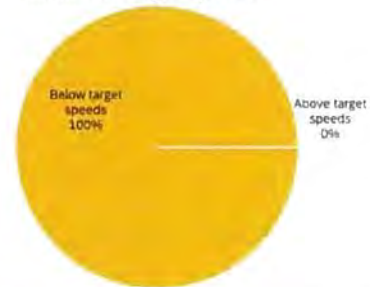
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- Health facilities 2
- Police & Fire stations 1
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 1
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 0

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 40% of the population in the study area are designated as rural
- ADHPT has committed to complete this project without ARPA funds

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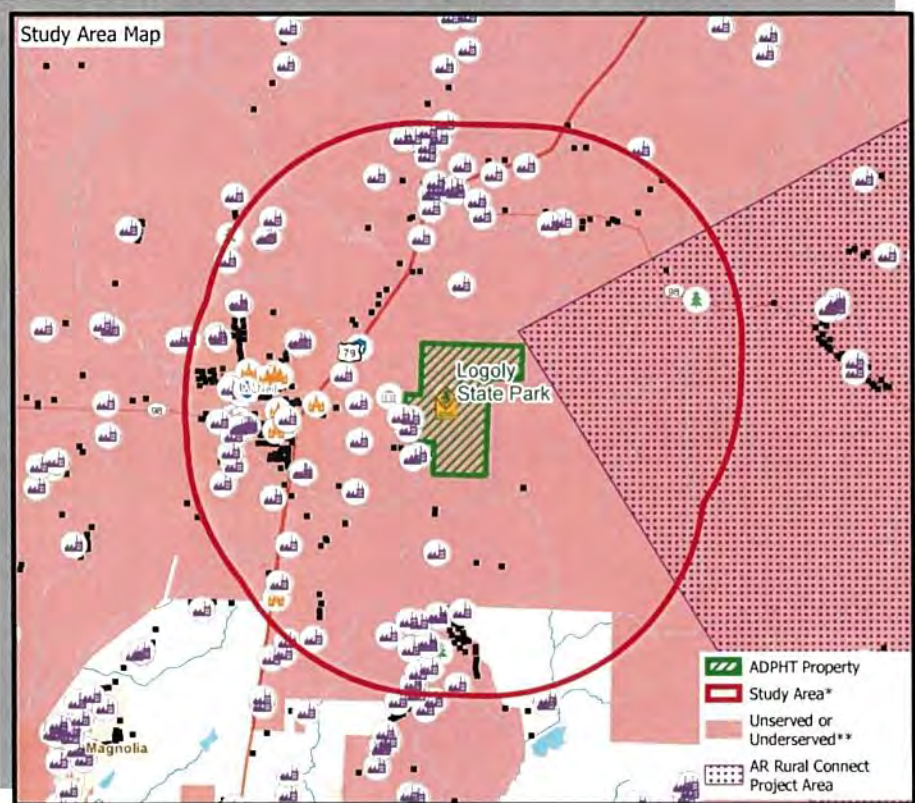
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Logoly State Park

General project location information

ADPHT property	±367 ac
Annual visitation	30,311
Day-use facilities	11
Overnight facilities	6
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	2



Study area* information

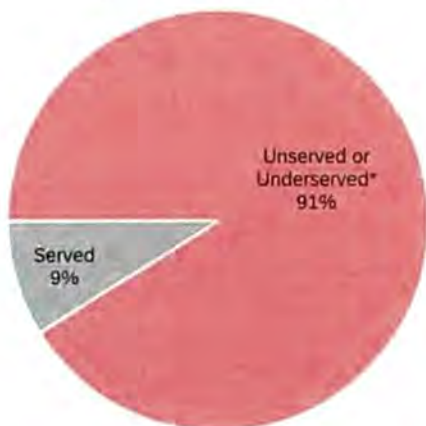
Community impact potential

Total Population 1,314

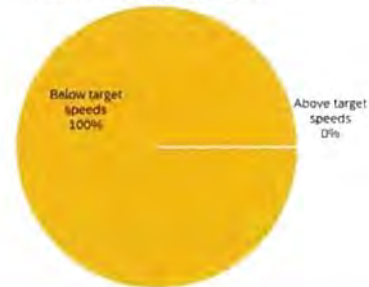
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- Businesses 107
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 1
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 13
- Government facilities 1
- Recreation providers 4

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 90% of the population in the study area are unserved or underserved
- 100% of the population in the study area are designated as rural

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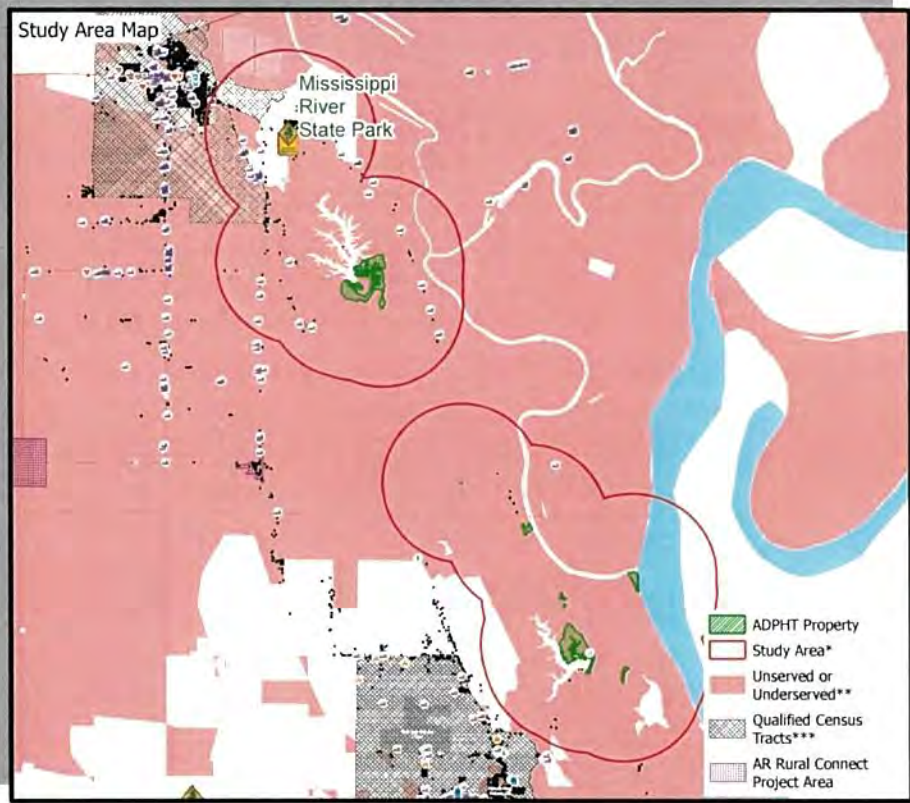
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Mississippi River State Park

General project location information

ADPHT property	±558 ac
Annual visitation	119,393
Day-use facilities	25
Overnight facilities	41
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	4



Study area* information

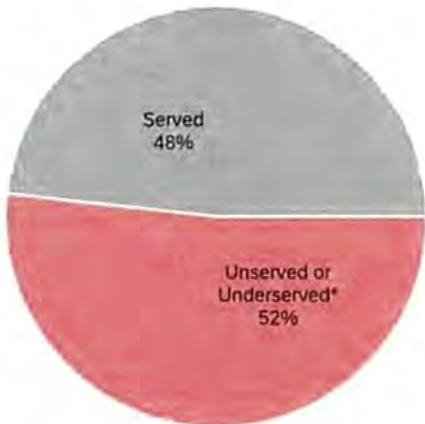
Community impact potential

Total Population 748

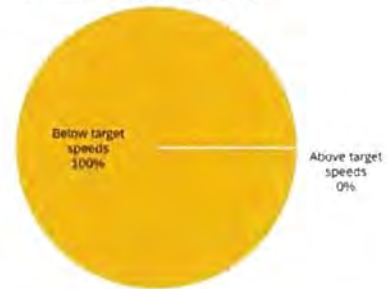
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- Businesses 16
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 0
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 2

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 50% of the population in the study area are unserved or underserved
- Portions of the study area fall within qualified census tracts

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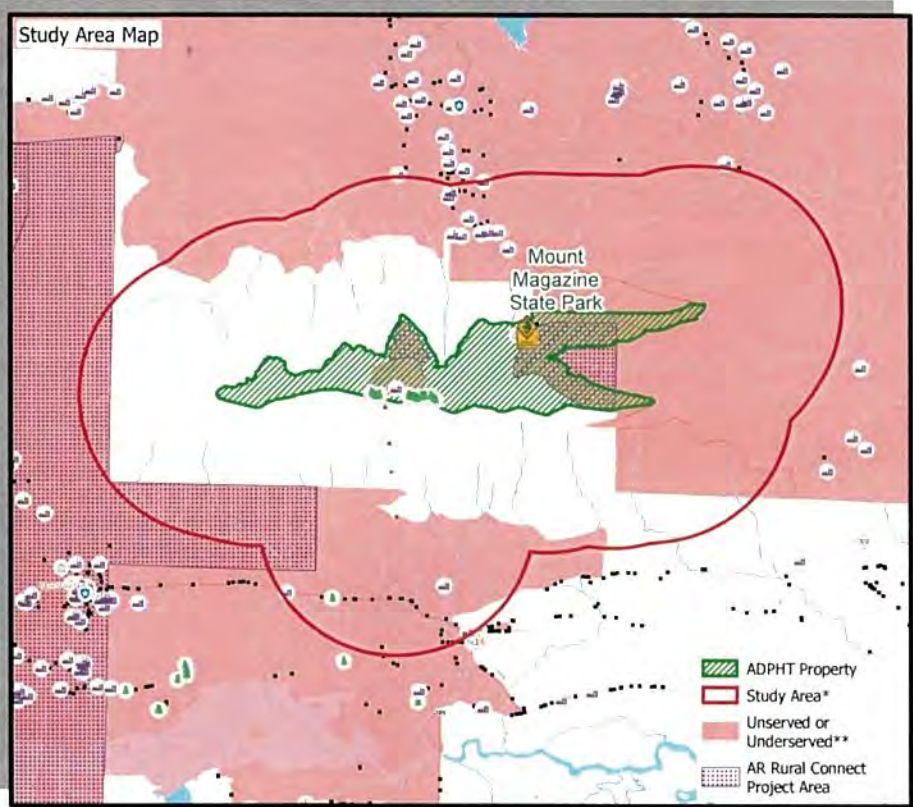
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Mount Magazine State Park

General project location information

ADPHT property	±2,156 ac
Annual visitation	283,747
Day-use facilities	17
Overnight facilities	32
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	5



Study area* information

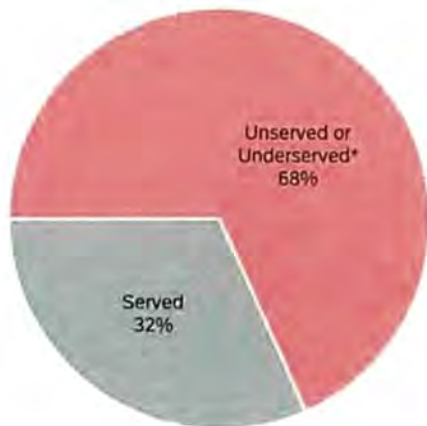
Community impact potential

Total Population 284

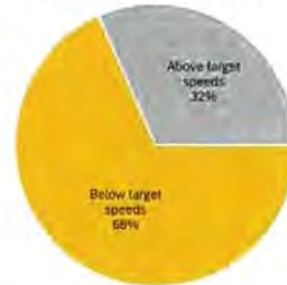
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- Businesses 49
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 1
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 1
- Government facilities 1
- Recreation providers 1

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 65% of the population in the study area are unserved or underserved
- 100% of the population in the study area are designated as rural

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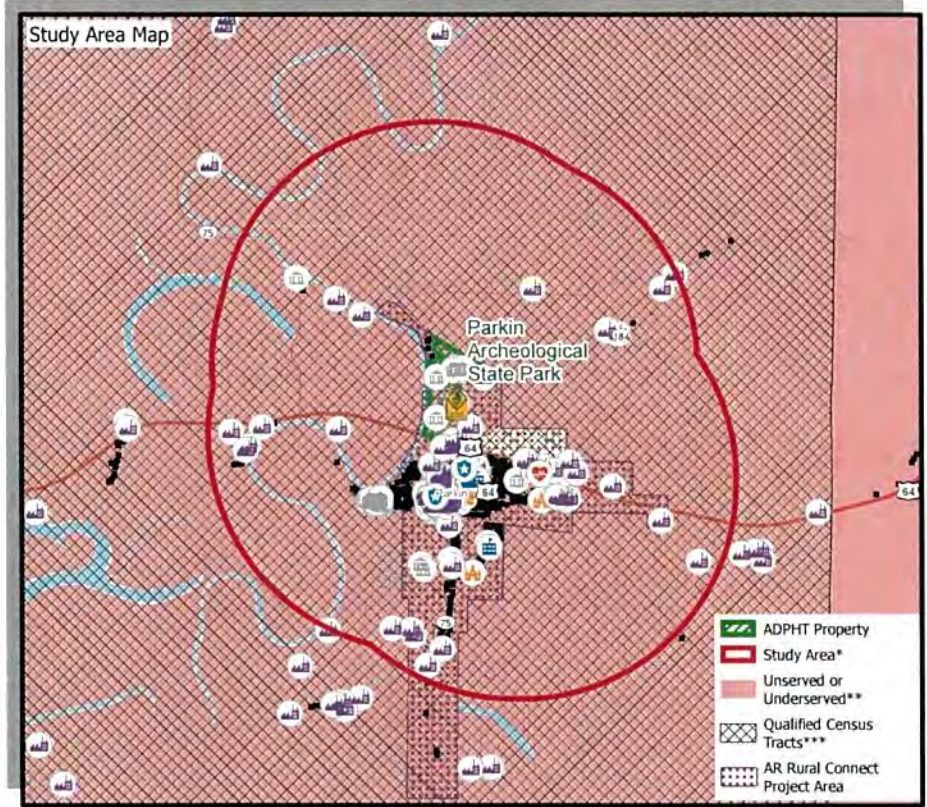
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Parkin Archeological State Park

General project location information

ADPHT property	±115 ac
Annual visitation	32,831
Day-use facilities	8
Overnight facilities	0
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	3



Study area* information

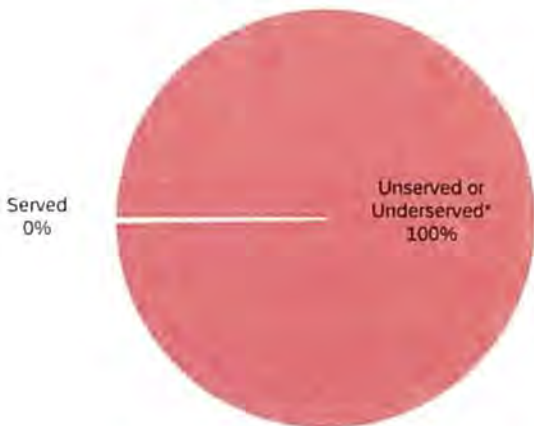
Community impact potential

Total Population 1,104

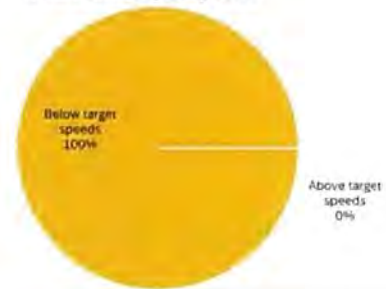
- Housing units 607
- Businesses 14
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 1
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 4

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- 100% of the population in the study area are unserved or underserved
- Entire park and study area fall within qualified census tracts

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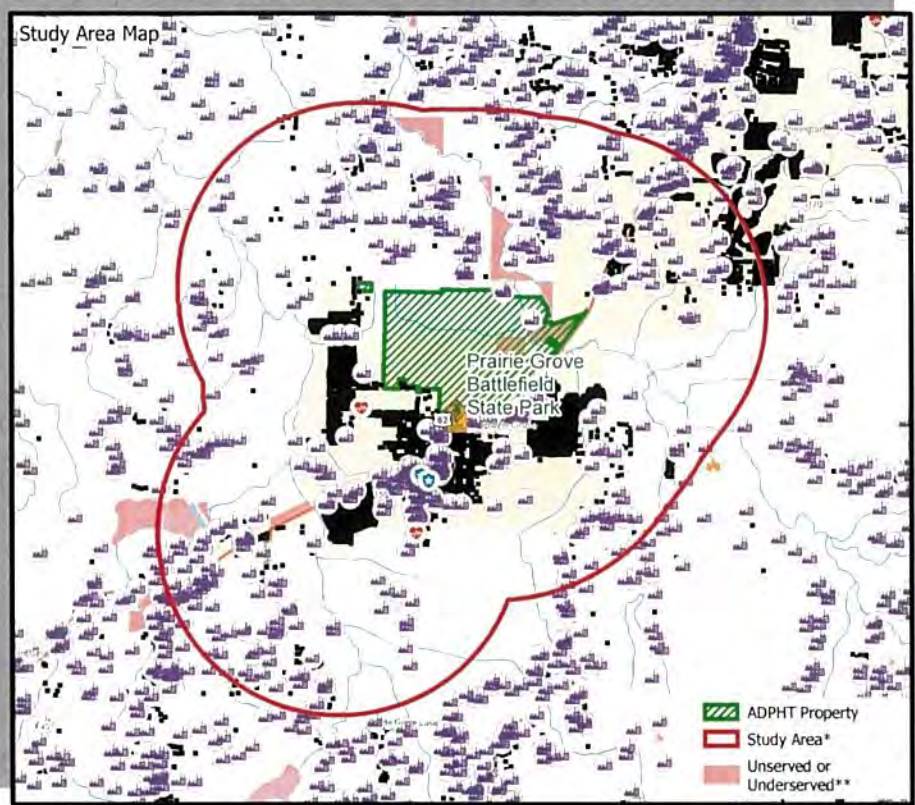
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Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park

General project location information

ADPHT property	±954 ac
Annual visitation	143,153
Day-use facilities	22
Overnight facilities	0
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	2



Study area* information

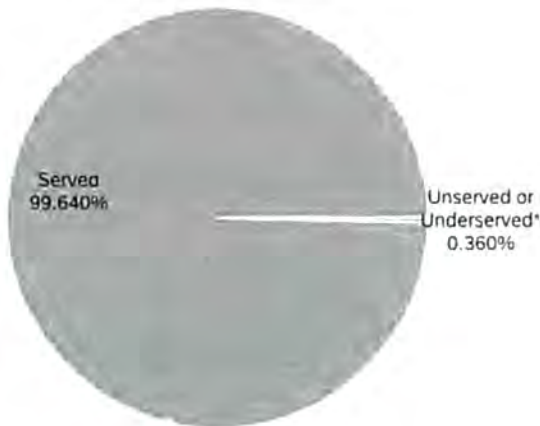
Community impact potential

Total Population 7,956

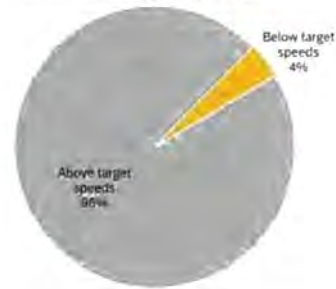
- Housing units 3,157
- Businesses 259
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 1
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 1

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 40% of the population in the study area are designated as rural
- Park attracts over 143,000 visitors from across the nation annually

* The "study area" is comprised of block-level Census data within two miles of the project location.

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Red River Welcome Center

General project location information

ADPHT property	±1 ac
Annual visitation	23,408
Day-use facilities	1
Overnight facilities	0
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	0



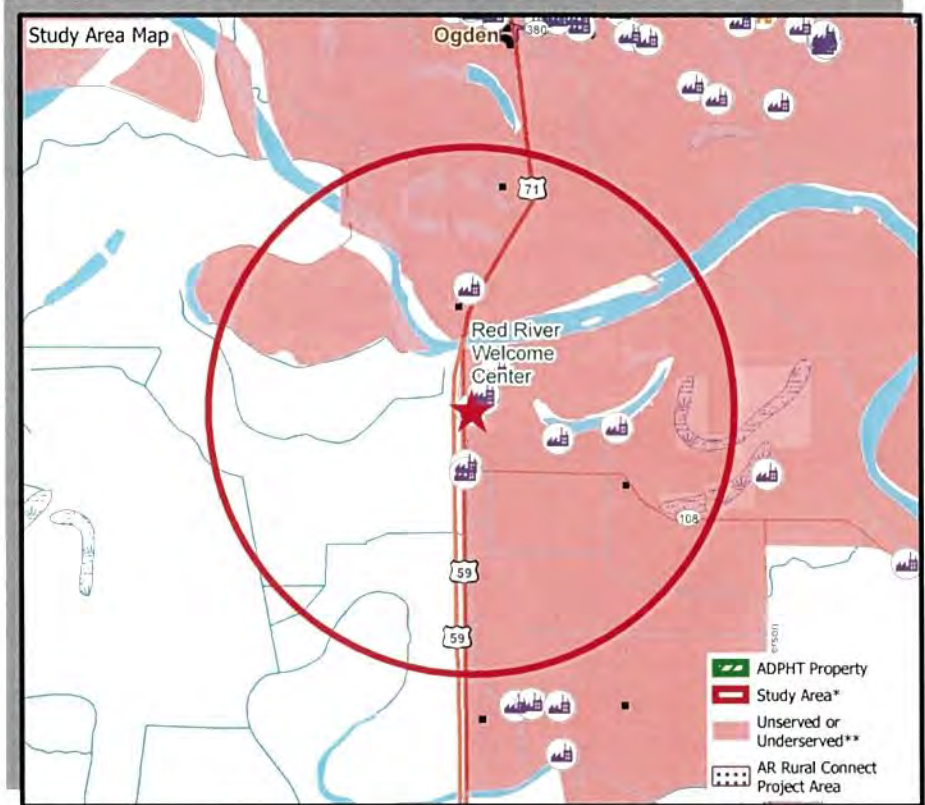
Red River Welcome Center

Study area* information

Community impact potential

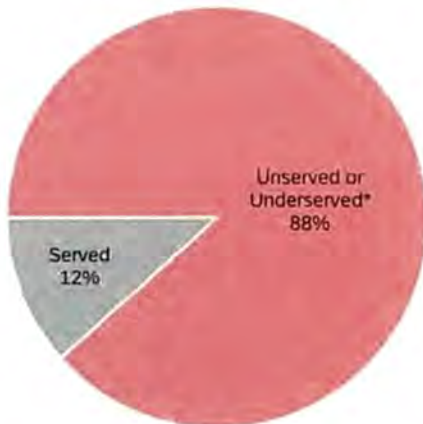
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- Housing units 41
- Businesses 10
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 0
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 0

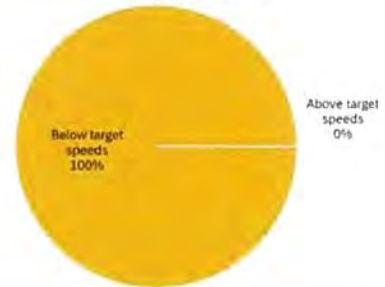


Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 85% of the population in the study area are unserved or underserved
- 100% of the population in the study area are designated as rural

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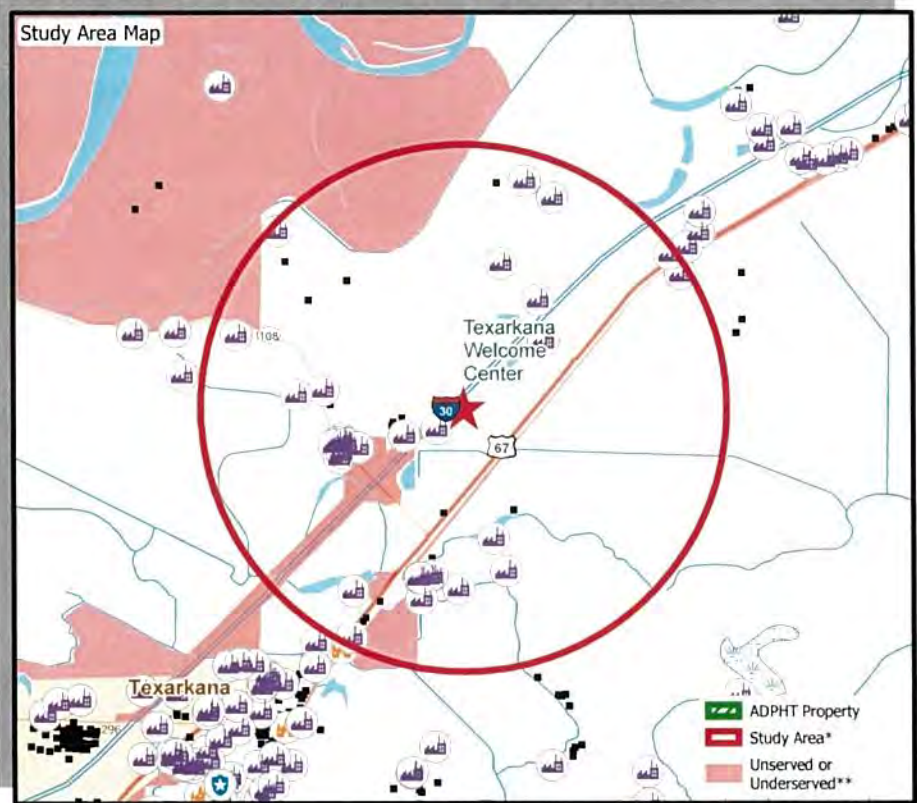
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Texarkana Welcome Center

General project location information

ADPHT property	±1 ac
Annual visitation	222,114
Day-use facilities	1
Overnight facilities	0
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	0



Study area* information

Community impact potential

Total Population 136

- Housing units 65
- Businesses 12
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 1
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 0

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

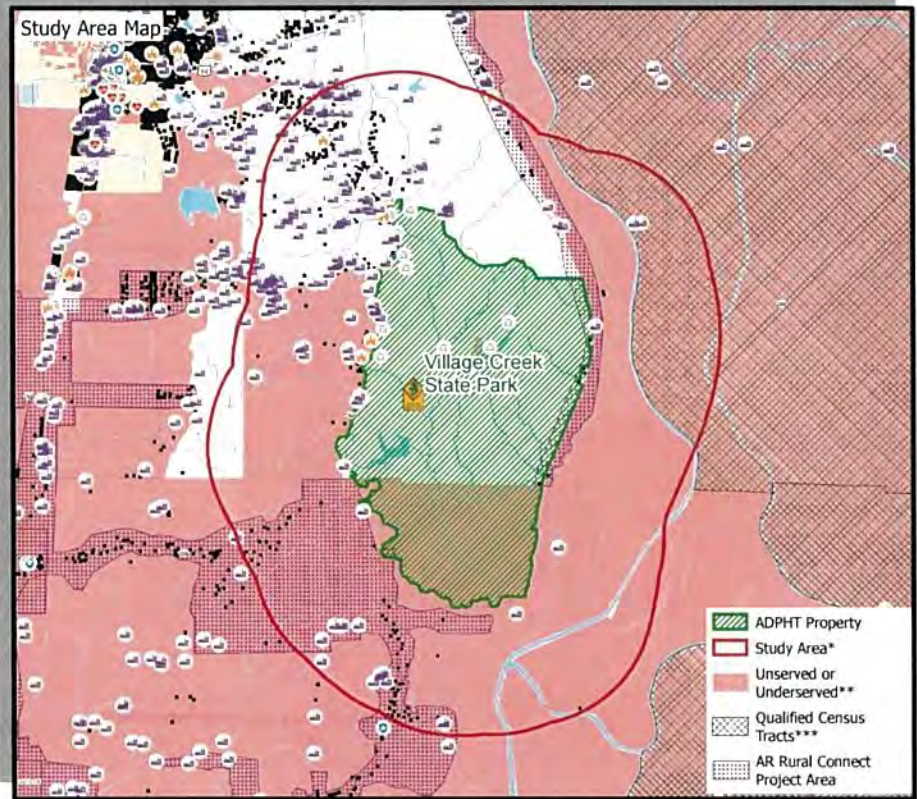
- 100% of the population in the study area are designated as rural
- Welcome Center attracts over 220,000 visitors from across the nation annually

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Village Creek State Park

General project location information

ADPHT property	±6,877 ac
Annual visitation	274,396
Day-use facilities	37
Overnight facilities	106
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	4



Study area* information

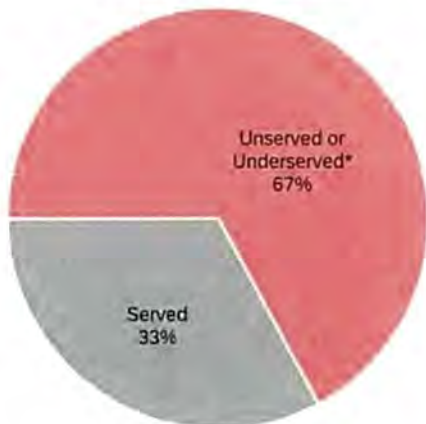
Community impact potential

Total Population 1,281

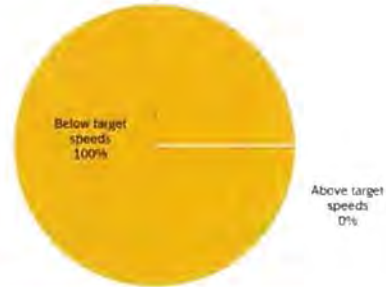
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- Businesses 20
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 0
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 0
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 1

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 65% of the population in the study area are unserved or underserved
- 100% of the population in the study area are designated as rural

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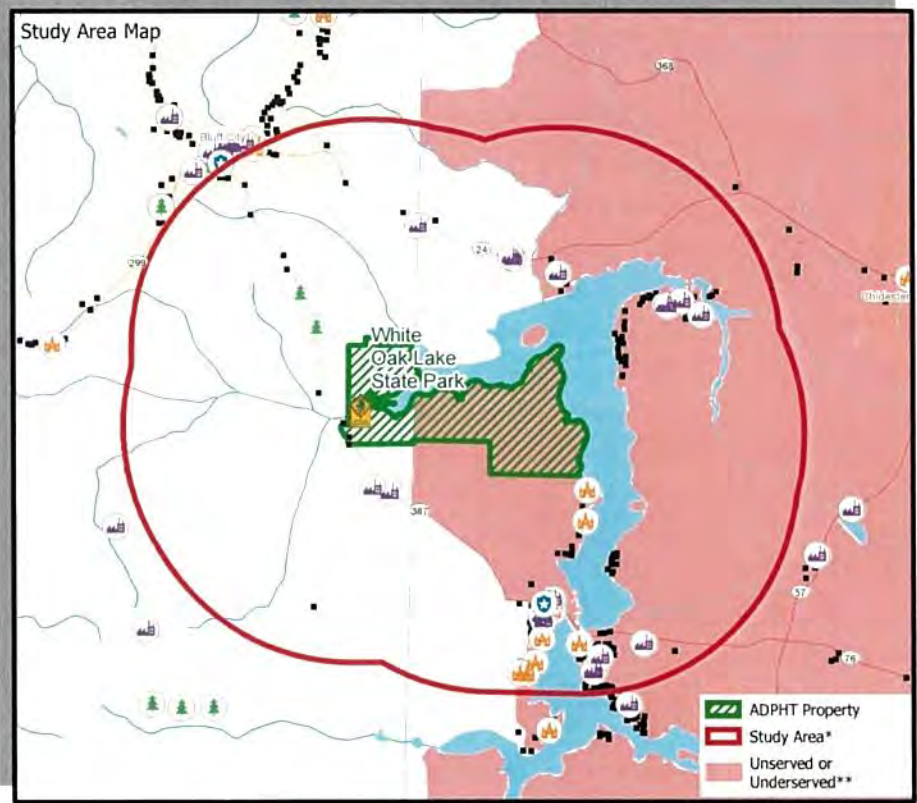
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White Oak Lake State Park

General project location information

ADPHT property	±687 ac
Annual visitation	172,020
Day-use facilities	16
Overnight facilities	49
Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders	2



Study area* information

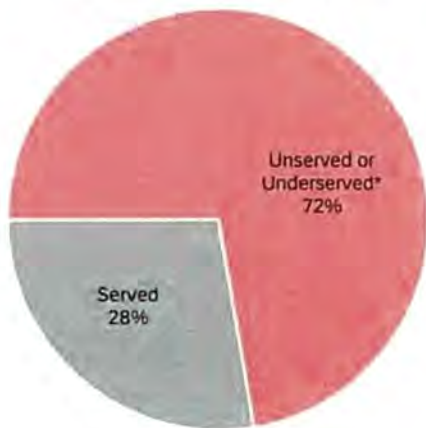
Community impact potential

Total Population 405

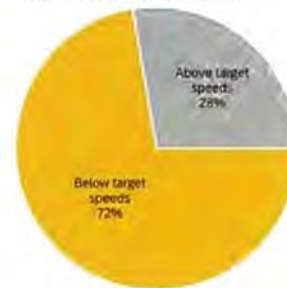
- Housing units 362
- Businesses 18
- Health facilities 0
- Police & Fire stations 2
- Educational facilities 0
- Religious facilities 9
- Government facilities 0
- Recreation providers 8

Terrestrial broadband service status for the study area*

Broadband access status
Percent of population within Unserved or Underserved Census blocks*



Broadband access status below minimum target speeds****



Key study area facts:

- Over 70% of the population in the study area are unserved or underserved
- 100% of the population in the study area are designated as rural

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VII. About the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism

The Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism has three major divisions: Arkansas State Parks, Arkansas Heritage, and Arkansas Tourism. Arkansas State Parks manages 52 state parks and promotes Arkansas as a tourist destination for people around the country. Arkansas Heritage preserves and promotes Arkansas's natural and cultural history and heritage through four historic museums and four cultural preservation agencies. Arkansas Tourism improves the state's economy by generating travel and enhancing the image of the state.

Arkansas's 52 state parks encompass 54,769 acres of wetlands, forests, fish and wildlife habitats, recreational facilities, and unique historic and cultural resources. Within the parks are 1,262 buildings, including 149 historic structures and 121 exhibit buildings, 1,705 campsites, 1,050 picnic sites, four lodges with 218 lodge rooms, 209 fully equipped cabins, 3 group lodging facilities, 45 gift shops and/or park stores, 40 playgrounds, 37 boat launches, 21 fishing piers, 14 swimming beaches, 10 marinas, 11 swimming pools, eight restaurants, 18 and 27 hole golf courses, four tennis courts, one music auditorium, one public airport, one firing range, one 54,000 seat stadium, over 191 miles of roads, hundreds of miles of utilities, 19 wastewater treatment plants, and an assortment of 198 hiking, mountain bike, backpack, equestrian and multi-use trails covering 456 miles. Approximately 10,853,311 visitors came to the state parks in FY21. The Division typically averages 500,000 visitors participating in 40,000 educational and recreational programs and special events.

Arkansas State Parks often serve as a community hub and the agency uses web technologies, such as social media, to continue two-way conversations with visitors and prospective guests. Arkansas State Parks currently have more than 135,000 Facebook followers, 17,200 Twitter followers, and 42,700 Instagram followers. The agency gathers and shares photos and videos taken by our visitors via website galleries and social media to help build connectivity, as well as showcasing increased diversity in Arkansas State Parks.

VIII. Citations

1. Arkansas Department of Health, via Arkansas GIS Office (2019, June 18). Health Feature Service.

<https://gis.arkansas.gov/arcgis/rest/services/FEATURESERVICES/Health/FeatureServer>

This dataset contains points which represent the locations of all Hospitals, Hospital-related Services, Local Health Units, Long-term Care Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, and Community Health Centers in the State of Arkansas. The compilation of this data is a collaborative effort between the Arkansas Geographic Information Office and the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH). The compilation of this data is the result of a geocode of administration listings provided by the ADH, except for Health Unit locations, which were visually verified by representatives of ADH.

2. Arkansas Department of Health, via Arkansas GIS Office (2019, May 16). Emergency Medical Service. <https://gis.arkansas.gov/product/emergency-medical-service-point/>

This dataset contains points which represent the locations of all Ambulance Services in the State of Arkansas. The compilation of this data is a result of geocoded EMS compliance reporting received from the Arkansas Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Section.

3. Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, & Tourism- GIS & Real Estate Unit, a Shared Service within the Planning & Development Section of State Parks Division (2021, December 1). Arkansas State Parks Information Management System.

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=720ae8d6da1440a9ad6c9fe4489e2003>

The Arkansas State Parks Information Management System (ASPIMS) is a compilation of data collected from multiple sources, including the Arkansas State Parks GIS, Maestro Reservation System, field observations from Uniformed Staff, and real-estate documentation.

4. Arkansas GIS Office (2021, November 29). SITUS Address Points.

<https://gis.arkansas.gov/product/situs-address-points/>

This dataset includes physical address locations assigned by the local addressing authority.

5. Arkansas GIS Office (2021, March 30). Fire Station ADEM.

<https://gis.arkansas.gov/product/fire-station-adem-point/>

This dataset contains geographic locations for all Fire Department and Fire Stations in the State of Arkansas. The data custodian is located at the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

6. Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri) (2021, May 24). FCC Form 477 Fixed Broadband Deployment Summary by Census Geography with Provider Data. <https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=8c116982c0c444e5bda2f2416ee78f31>

This information details broadband availability for every neighborhood in the U.S. It summarizes the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Form 477 Fixed Broadband Deployment Data (June 30, 2020), FCC Industry Analysis Division's Population, Housing Unit, and Household Estimates (2019), BroadbandNow Average Minimum Terrestrial Broadband Plan Prices (2020), and Measurement Lab (Jan - Jun 2020). Additionally, it supplies detailed demographics at five levels of granularity including data collected via the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey.

7. Techni Graphic Systems, Inc. via Arkansas GIS Office (2014, October 16). Law Enforcement. <https://gis.arkansas.gov/product/law-enforcement-point/>

This dataset contains geographic locations where sworn officers of the law enforcement agency are regularly based or stationed. Law Enforcement agencies "are publicly funded and employ at least one full-time or part-time sworn officer with general arrest powers," as defined by the U.S. Department of Justice.

8. United States Department of Commerce- National Telecommunications and Information Administration (2021, June 17). National Broadband Availability Map. BroadbandUSA. <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/resources/data-and-mapping>

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), located within the Department of Commerce, is the agency primarily responsible for advising the President on telecommunications and information policy issues. NTIA's programs and policies focus largely on expanding broadband Internet access, which is critical to improving access to education, health care, and public safety. NTIA is also a leading source of research and data on the status of broadband availability and adoption in America. NTIA collects and compiles data from both public and private sources, including the U.S. Census Bureau, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), M-Lab, Ookla, and Microsoft.

9. United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (2021, October 25). Qualified Census Tracts. <https://hudgis-hud.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/HUD::qualified-census-tracts>

Provides data on Qualified Census Tracts for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program for 2021. LIHTC Qualified Census Tracts, as defined under the section 42(d)(5)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, include any census tract (or equivalent geographic area defined by the Bureau of the Census) in which at least 50 percent of households have an income less than 60 percent of the Area Median Gross Income (AMGI), or which has a poverty rate of at least 25 percent.



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6 December 2021

TO: Don L McDaniel, P.E.

RE: Arkansas State Parks

SUBJECT: DSN Contract Award

Mr. McDaniel:

Thank you for the opportunity to allow Diamond State Networks to serve Arkansas State Parks and their estimated 8 million annual visitors by delivering our 100% fiber internet into these amazing natural and educational attractions. At a time when most of rural Arkansas is still lacking the necessary fiber infrastructure to bring high speed internet services to the 1.1 million residents who live, raise families, and retire in these rural areas, this project couldn't be timelier. Given that US News and World Report recently ranked Arkansas 47th out of 50 in internet accessibility, the decision to build this infrastructure into many of the Arkansas State Parks – some of the most rural locations in the entire state- is a large step toward solving the connectivity dilemma for rural Arkansans. The benefits certainly go beyond the parks themselves. I'm writing this letter to you today to summarize the additional benefits this project for Arkansas State Parks could have for residential and business locations in the areas within proximity to the parks themselves as well as those along the build path.

The first major benefit from this project is the expansion of the scope of accessibility. We accomplish this through our construction strategy. In building out the necessary fiber infrastructure to deliver high-speed internet into each designated park location, Diamond State Networks will build through areas that are currently unserved and underserved along the way. This means that we will be able to expand our network into zones where there otherwise would be no access to Broadband for the foreseeable future as, without this project, the cost would remain prohibitive. The nature of this project is to provide rural access to superior quality services where very little service existed before and the infrastructure placed for these park locations can be scaled to deliver high-speed internet to surrounding homes, medical clinics, banks, schools, emergency services etc. where this access was limited or non-existent before.

Another benefit is access to high-speed internet on a shorter timeframe. In tandem with widening the scope of accessibility, the funding to complete construction to these State Parks facilities allows us to shorten our delivery timeframes for additional planned areas along the path or near to the State Parks that may otherwise be 3-5 years out. Each partner in Diamond State Networks has pre-determined network expansion phases in their plan. The timelines to build out from one phase to the next are, in large part, determined on financial feasibility. Special projects such as this one for State Parks tends to speed up the phase expansion plan which means faster delivery of critical broadband services to these areas further out in the timeline.



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Finally, but certainly not the least among the additional benefits, is network capability. Our network is built on a standard delivery capability of 1,000Mb symmetrical service – that is 1,000Mb upload and 1,000Mb download. This service capability as a standard offering to all end users, and which is delivered over fiber optics is the future-proof solution that will see rural broadband connectivity in Arkansas come up to the level of those the most connected areas in the country.

Again, we at Diamond State Networks greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve the state of Arkansas, and through this partnership, provide rural Arkansans with the highest quality fiber internet in the industry.

About Diamond State Networks

Diamond State Networks is a wholesale broadband provider that unites the fiber-optic networks of electric cooperatives throughout Arkansas. Our mission is to catalyze the growth of high-speed connections throughout our state and to help make Arkansas the most significantly connected state in the country. Motivated to serve, the electric cooperatives of Arkansas have been bringing electricity to their communities since the 1930s, and Diamond State Networks enhances that commitment by providing high-speed network connections, the next essential service.

Warm Regards,

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December 10, 2021

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 22 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Recommendation

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-5-1263 and Act 1058 of 2021, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of Restricted Reserve Funds from the Unallocated Reserve Majority Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to the following:

University of Arkansas
for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of the University of Arkansas System - \$250,000

This transfer has been requested to provide funding to the University of Arkansas at Monticello to support renovations to the Agriculture Building.

Sincerely,


Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



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December 8, 2021

Secretary Larry W. Walther
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Re: Restricted Reserve Fund

Dear Secretary Walther:

The University of Arkansas at Monticello respectfully requests \$250,000 from the Restricted Reserve Fund. This funding will allow for much-needed renovations to the Agriculture Building on the university campus.

If approved, please release the requested funds to the University of Arkansas System Development and Enhancement appropriation [Act 847 of 2021, Section 6 (A)].

Your review and consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Peggy M. Doss, Ed.D.
Chancellor

