



County of Augusta
Internet Initiative (Broadband Committee)
PO Box 590
Verona, VA 24482

Thursday June 27, 2019 7:00 pm
Augusta County Government Center
Smith West Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Establish a Quorum
2. Adoption of Minutes-March 28, 2019 and April 25, 2019
3. Comments by the Public¹
4. Special Presentations
None
5. Matters to be Presented by Sub-Committees
 - 5.1.1. Information Management & Analysis (Henderson, Lawhorne)
Mapping of survey responses to date-potential project areas
 - 5.1.2. Marketing & Outreach (McHaffa, Powell, Craig)
Update on Survey responses and marketing efforts
 - 5.1.3. Operations (Journell, Thornton , *Miller)
Review of VATI 2019 application pros/cons
VATI 2020 RFI
6. Matters to be Presented by Staff
7. Matters to be Presented by the Committee
8. Old Business-BARC future presentation
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

¹ Comments by the public are welcomed and encouraged. To respect everyone's time, comments are limited to 2 minutes per individual or organization and 10 minutes total. Before your comment, please give your full name and physical address which will be included in the meeting minutes with a summary of your comments.



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Thursday, March 28, 2019 7:00 pm
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MINUTES

PRESENT: Mr. Journell, Beverly Manor District
Mr. Henderson, Pastures District
Mr. Lawhorne, Riverheads District
Mr. Powell, Middle River District
Ms. Carter, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Ms. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
Ms. Susie Miller, Sub-Committee

ABSENT: Vacant, North River District
Mr. McHaffa, South River District
Mr. Craig, Wayne District
Dr. Pattie, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Ms. Amy Thornton, Sub-Committee

VIRGINIA: At the regular meeting of the Augusta County Internet Initiative (Broadband Committee) held on Thursday, March 28th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Smith West Room at the Augusta County Government Center, Verona, Virginia.

Call to Order

Chairman Lawhorne called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. A quorum was present.

Adoption of the Minutes

Minutes from the November 8, 2018, November 29, 2018, January 24, 2019 and February 28, 2019 were approved.

Comments by the Public

Mr. Rogers questioned the ability for the State to try to get utilities to provide broadband services.

Special Presentations

None

Matters to be Presented by Sub-Committees

Ms. Whetzel reviewed a map that identified priority areas that was compiled utilizing addresses from citizen complaints. There are other areas of the County that need to be served, but this is one example of how the unserved areas could be identified for future grants.

The Committee reviewed the 2016 Internet Survey for Augusta County, VA and provided input for a future survey.

The survey will be advertised in the Summer Parks & Recreation Guide, pointing citizens to a website link. The Committee reviewed a draft ad for the guide and provided input.



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Matters to be Presented by Staff

The Committee discussed the use of a survey platform and the consensus was to continue with SurveyMonkey.

Ms. Whetzel noted she spoke at the Voice of Business Committee and reviewed the ways that Committee could assist in broadband improvements in the County.

BARC is scheduled to present at the April meeting.

Ms. Whetzel reviewed House Bill 2691, whereby Dominion Energy will receive funding to extend middle mile connectivity. A call was placed to Dominion to obtain details on the plan, but no response was received before the meeting.

Funding for future grant matches would be requested of the Board of Supervisors, who, if approved, would fund the match from the Economic Development capital budget.

VATI 2019 grant is "under review" per the DHCD CAMS website.

Old Business

There being none, Mr. Lawhorne moved to 'New Business' on the Agenda.

New Business

Mr. Powell noted that it is a risk for providers to put in a proposal and that we need to encourage them, as the need is there. Mr. Lawhorne agreed that providers would need to budget correctly or could lose money. The Request for Information process should be reviewed. Mr. Henderson noted that incentives to providers should be considered in the review.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on April 25, 2019 at 7 pm in the Smith West Room. With no further discussion by the committee, Chairman Lawhorne adjourned the meeting.

Chairperson: _____

Submitted by: _____



County of Augusta
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Thursday, April 25, 2019 7:00 pm
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MINUTES

PRESENT: Mr. Lawhorne, Riverheads District
Mr. Powell, Middle River District
Ms. Thornton, North River District
Ms. Carter, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Ms. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator

ABSENT: Mr. McHaffa, South River District
Mr. Craig, Wayne District
Mr. Journell, Beverly Manor District
Mr. Henderson, Pastures District
Dr. Pattie, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Ms. Susie Miller, Sub-Committee

VIRGINIA: At the regular meeting of the Augusta County Internet Initiative (Broadband Committee) held on Thursday, April 25th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Smith West Room at the Augusta County Government Center, Verona, Virginia.

Call to Order

Chairman Lawhorne called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. A quorum was not present.

Adoption of the Minutes

Minutes from the March 28, 2019 were not considered.

Comments by the Public

Mr. Biskey, 1069 Parkersburg Turnpike, noted his internet was not adequate for his visiting son who needed it for his work.

Special Presentations

None

Matters to be Presented by Sub-Committees

Ms. Whetzel reviewed a map of the correlation of user satisfaction with the number of devices used in a home. The map was based on the 2016 survey, and the data reflected that 53% of the users of 5 or more devices were satisfied with the service. Additional correlations can be reviewed as ideas arise.

The Committee reviewed the draft 2019 Internet Survey for Augusta County, VA and made final revisions. Changes included adding a speed test and a question as to how learned about the survey. The survey will go live on the County website in mid-May.

The Committee reviewed the final proof of the advertisement in the Summer Parks & Recreation Guide, pointing citizens to the website to take the survey.



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Matters to be Presented by Staff

DHCD will be holding VATI 2020 Input Sessions on May 17 and May 28.

There is a training opportunity on June 4 in Roanoke – Digital Southeast: A Regional Broadband Convening.

Committee discussed the need for an Education Sub-Committee. Mr. Rogers volunteered for the sub-committee if it was established. Official action was not taken.

Ms. Whetzel inquired as to the need for Sub-Committee meetings. None are needed at this time.

Mr. Henderson reached out to Senator Hanger (Commonwealth of VA) about setting up a meeting regarding Broadband.

Old Business

There being none, Mr. Lawhorne moved to 'New Business' on the Agenda.

New Business

None

Adjournment

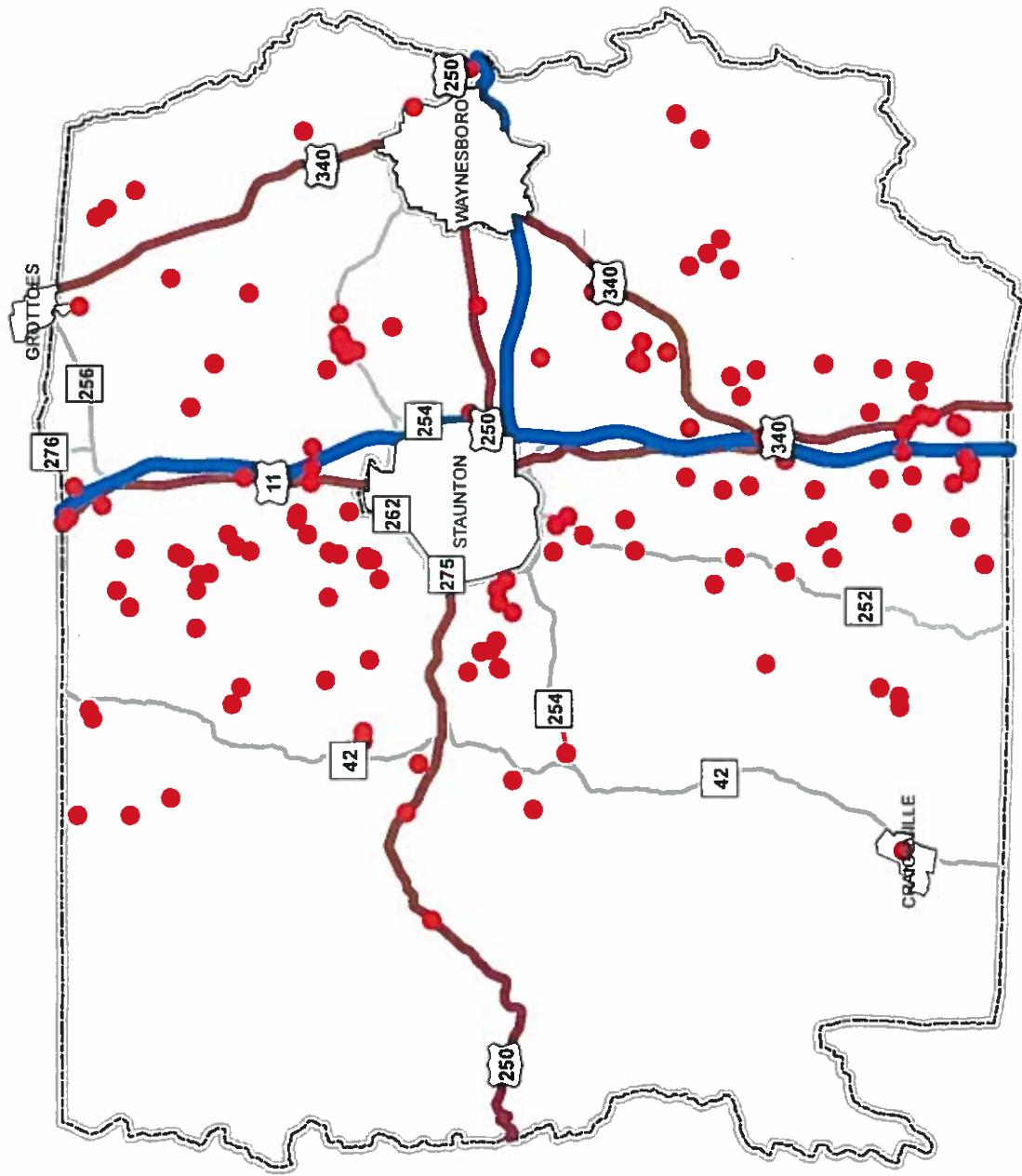
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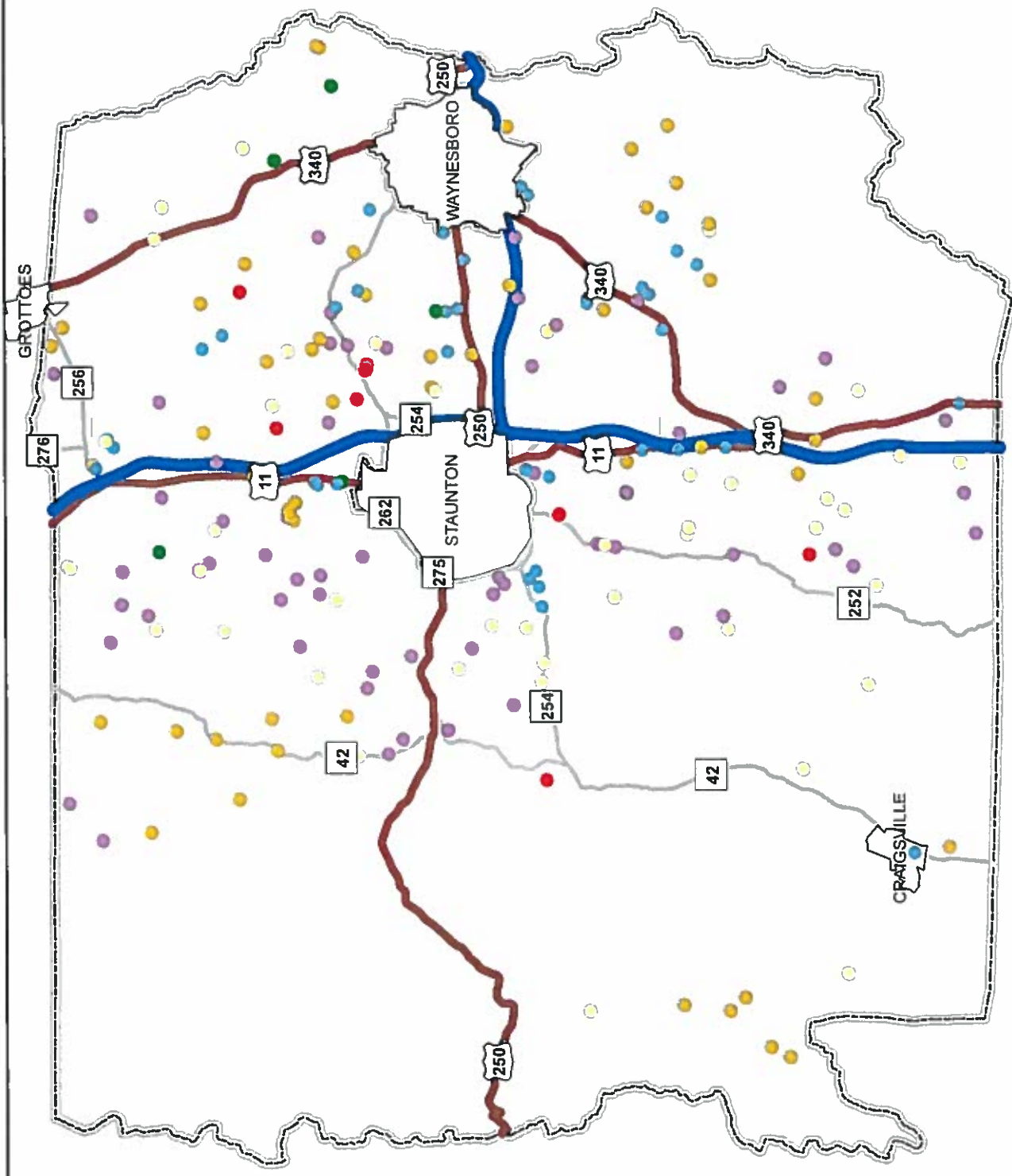


June 11, 2019 Broadband Survey Response of NO Internet at their location



Legend

- No Internet (Red dot)
- Waynesboro (White box)
- Staunton (White box)
- Interstates (Blue line)
- US Highways (Red line)
- VA Primary Highway (Grey line)



Legend

- Cable Modem (co-axial or fiber)
- DSL (higher speed across telephone line)
- Dial-up phone line
- Fiber Optics
- Fixed Wireless (from service provider, not home network)
- Satellite or Microwave (dish)
- Interstates
- US Highways
- VA Primary Highway

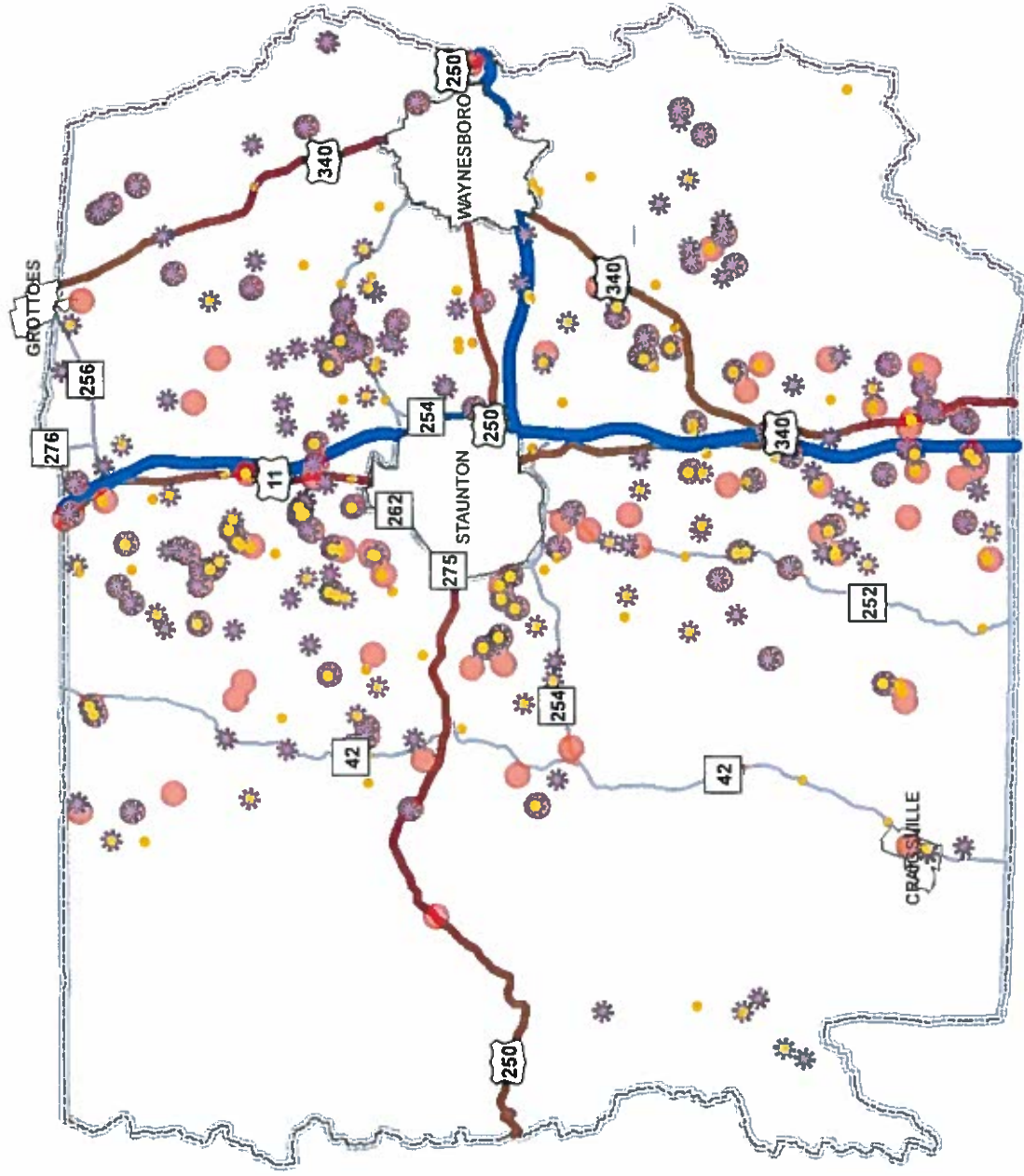


June 11, 2019 Broadband Survey Results

Types of Internet Service

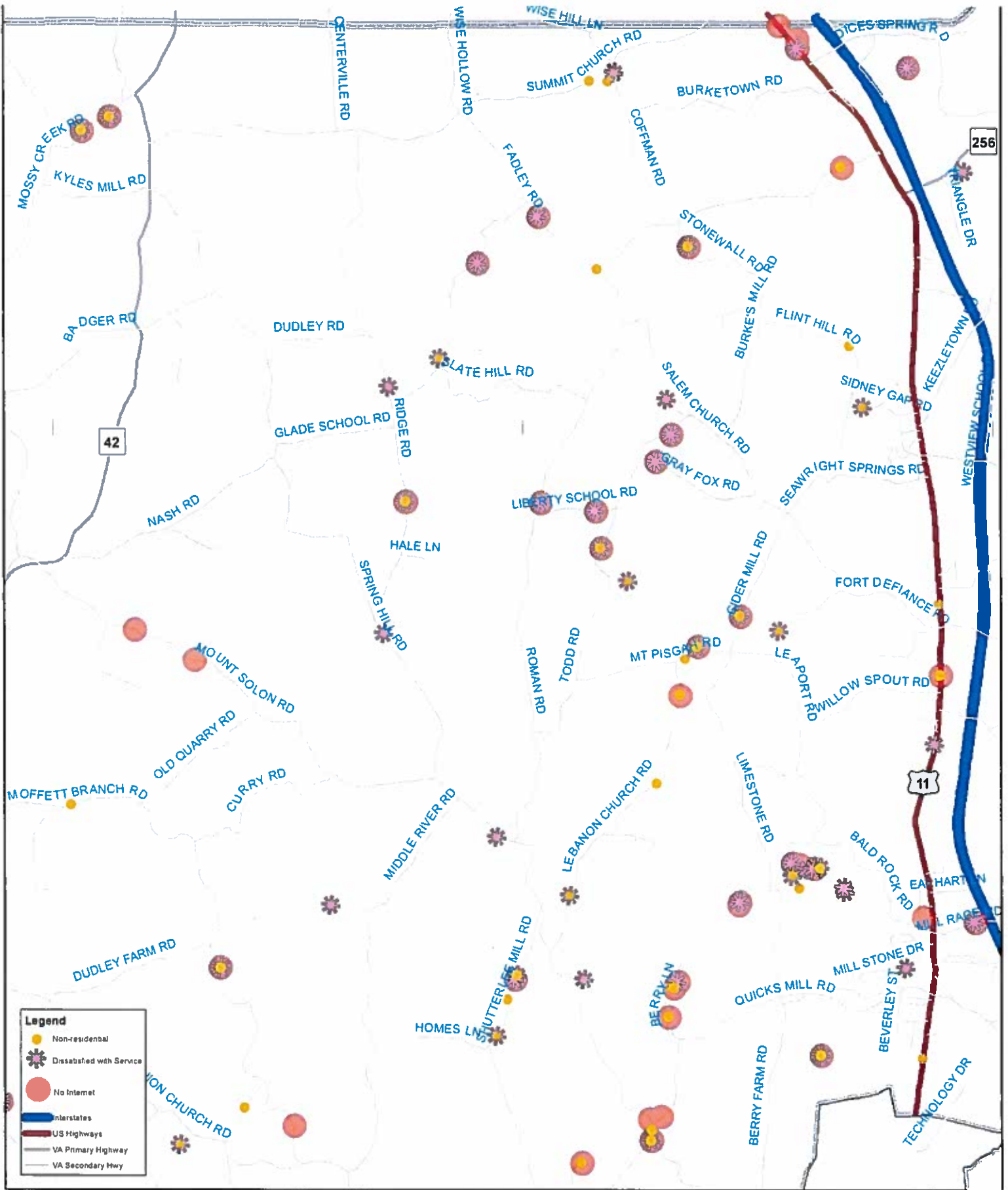


June 11, 2019 Broadband Survey Non-Residential, Dissatisfied, and No Internet responses.



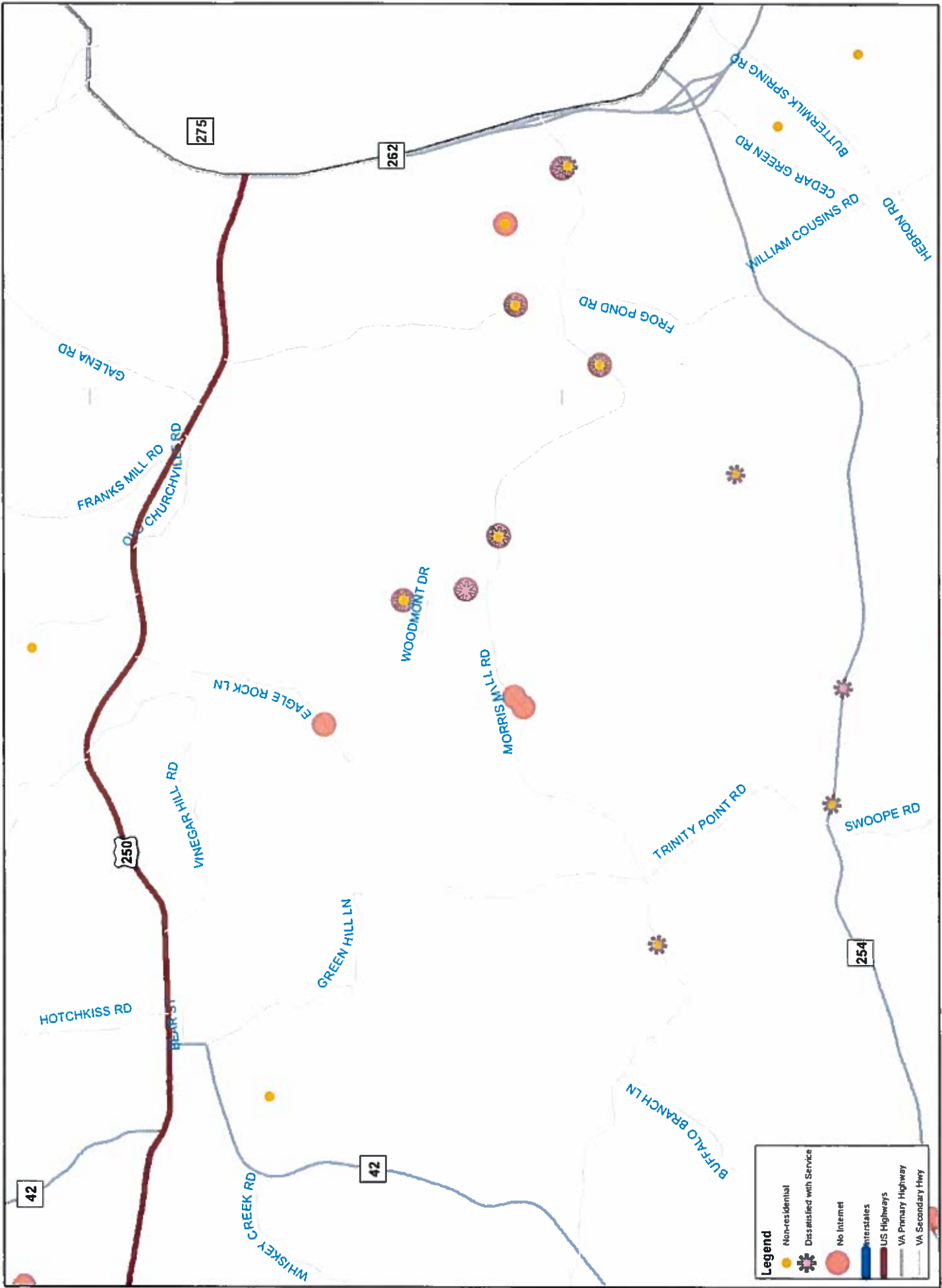
Legend

- Non-residential
- Dissatisfied with Service
- No Internet
- Interstates
- US Highways
- VA Primary Highway



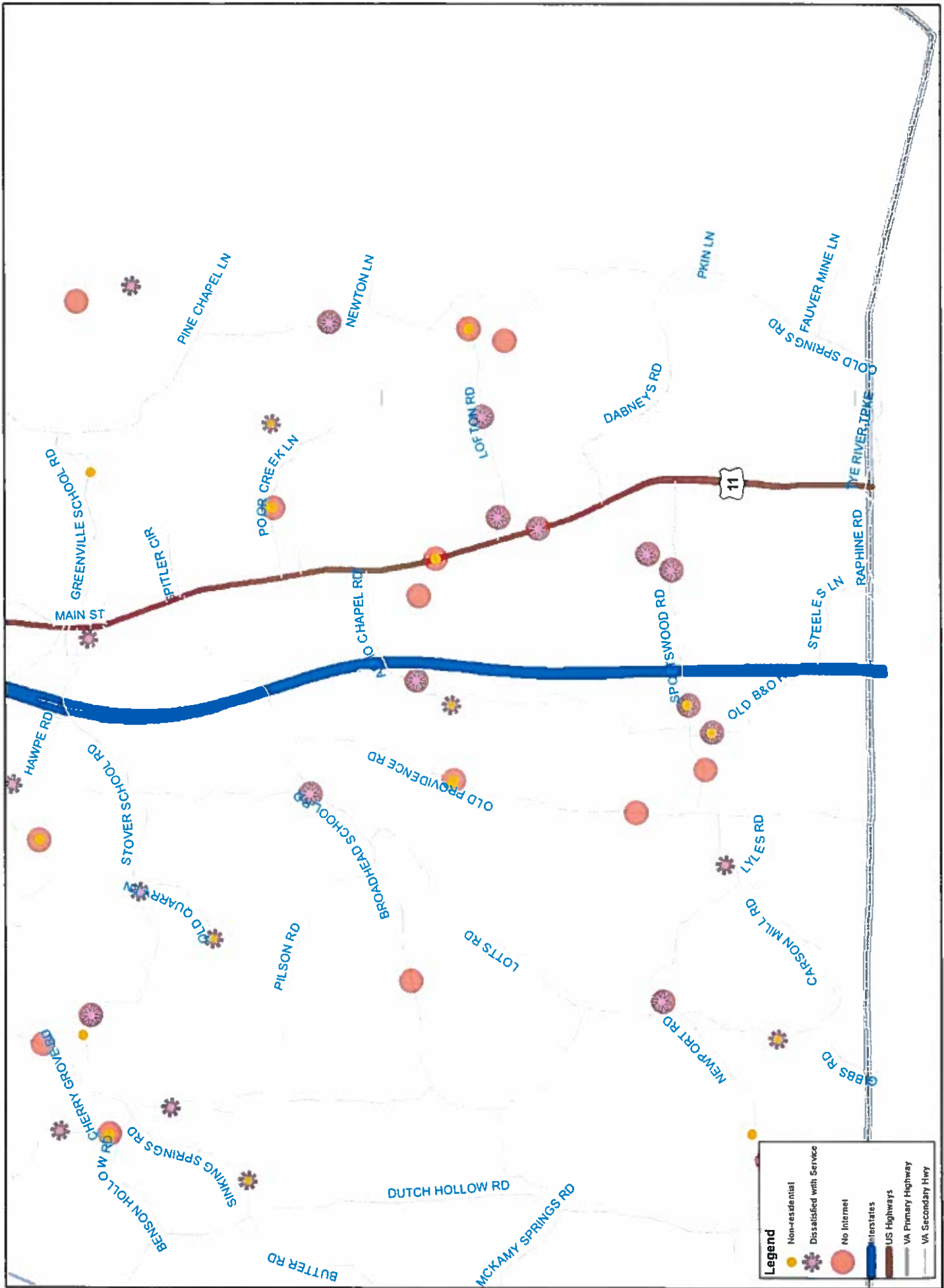
June 11, 2019 Broadband Survey (AREA 1)
 Non-Residential, Dissatisfied, and No Internet responses.





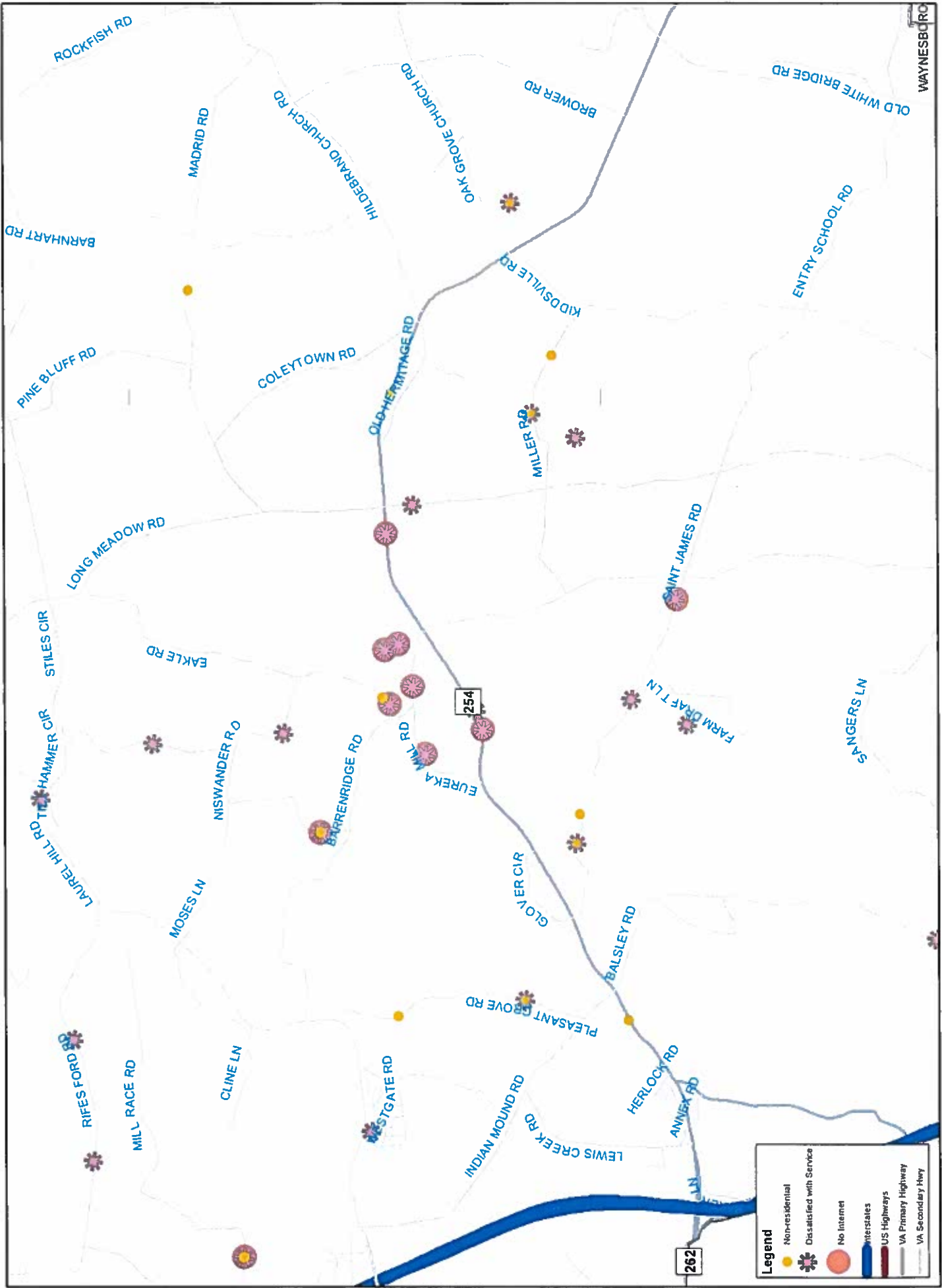
June 11, 2019 Broadband Survey (AREA 2)
 Non-Residential, Dissatisfied, and No Internet responses.





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 Non-Residential, Dissatisfied, and No Internet responses.





June 11, 2019 Broadband Survey (AREA 4)
 Non-Residential, Dissatisfied, and No Internet responses.

