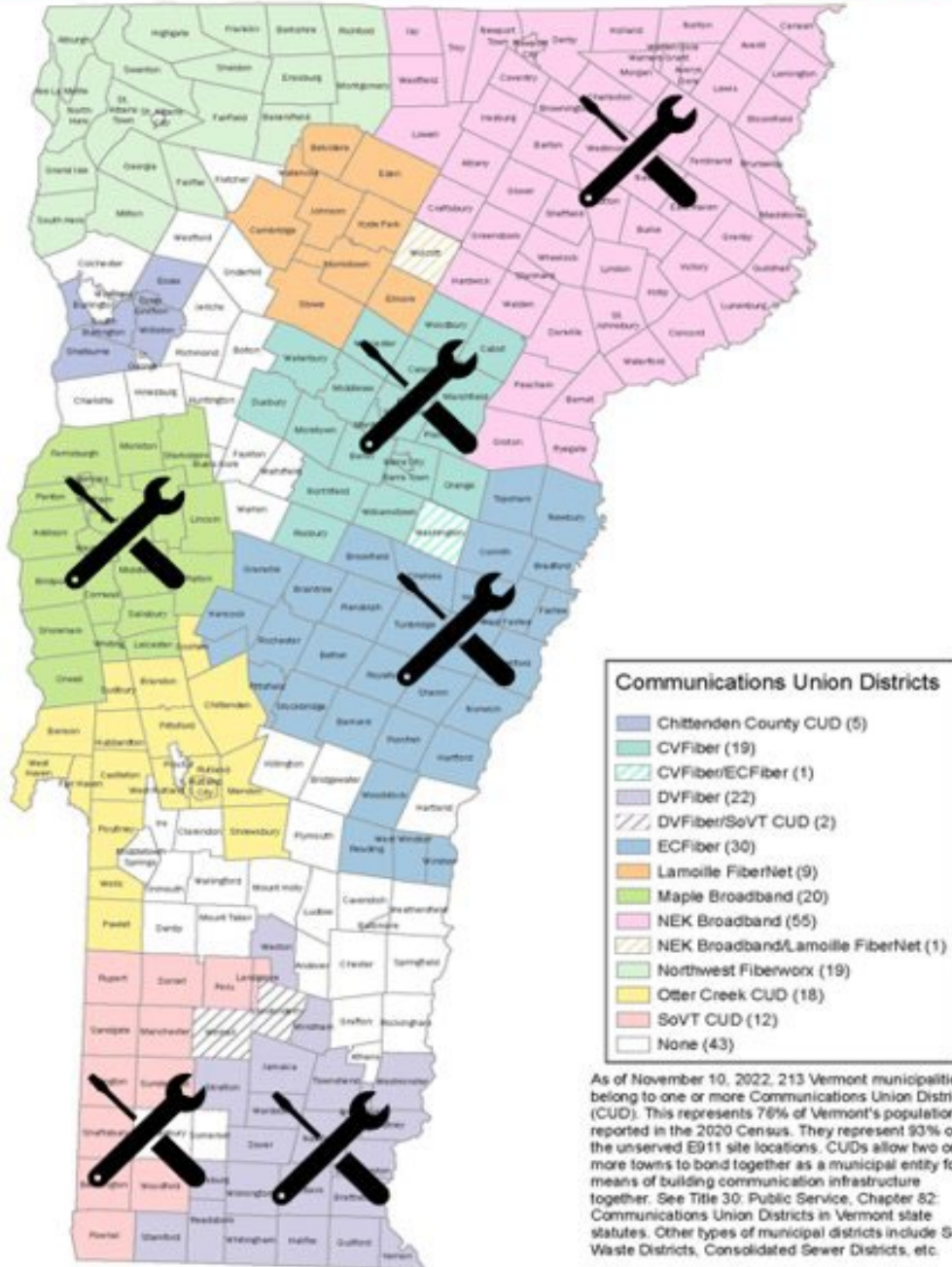


Communications Union Districts (CUDs)

Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB)



Progress toward meeting Vermont's goal of 100/100 mbps broadband service at every E-911 location:

- 10 Districts
- 216 Member Towns
- 428 Volunteer Board Representatives & Alternates
- More than 76% the state's population
- 93% of premises statewide without access to 25/3
- 76% of all serviceable addresses

About the Communications Union Districts

- Each CUD organized as a result of *Town Meeting vote to join a CUD.*
- Each *town* appoints *representatives* to *participate directly in the CUD governance* and transparent administration.
- *A CUD is a multi-town municipality.* (with revenue bond authority, but not taxing authority)
- *Committed to universal service* - will reach to every on-grid address starting with the currently unserved and underserved.
- *Accountable and Transparent* - Town representation in governance assures grassroots involvement, transparency, and accountability.
- *Public Ownership* - All assets funded by the CUD are owned by the CUD municipality.
- *Private Partnership* - CUDs typically use a traditional RFP to select a commercial partner to operate the CUD infrastructure.

Communications union districts (CUDs) were created ... to coordinate and implement creative and innovative solutions in their respective territories, particularly where existing providers are not providing adequate service that meets the needs of their residents and businesses ...

Vermont Act 71 2021
Findings and Intent (13)

Some variation on public/private partnerships, but core principles are consistent.

Vermont Communications Union Districts

Developed under the direction of hundreds of community volunteers.



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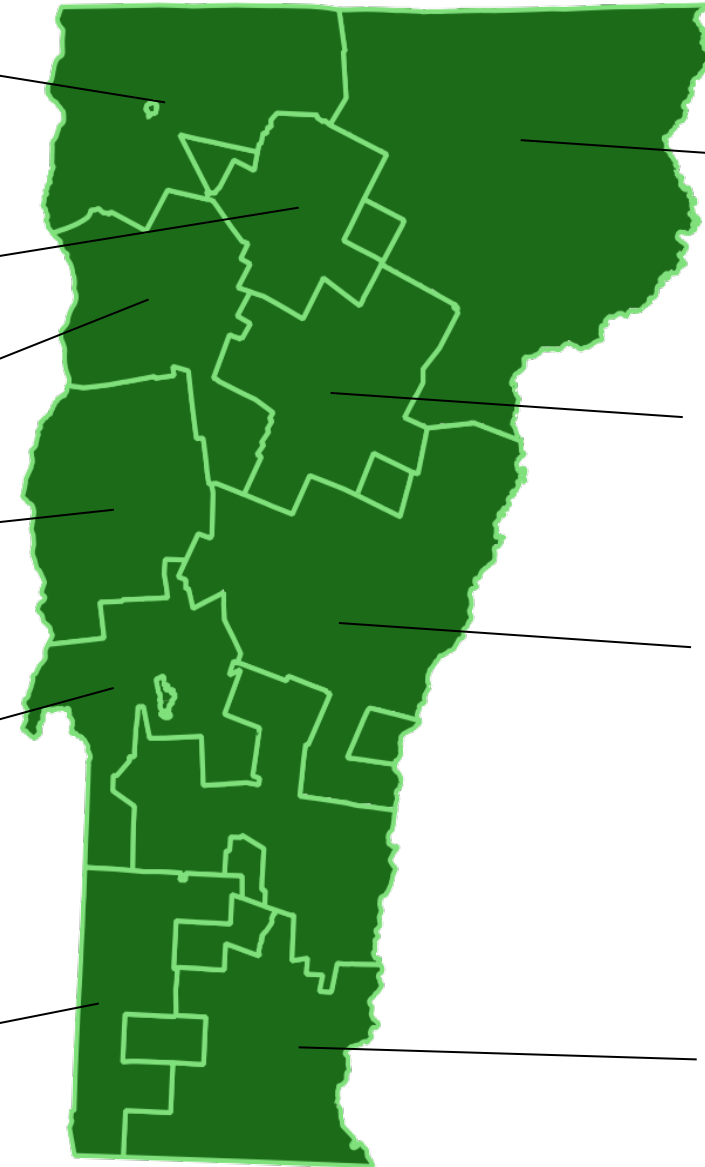
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Vermonters Benefit from Broadband



- Public Safety
- Climate
- Health
- Workforce
- Economy
- Education
- Farming
- Social Connections and More...