

Connecting Madison Pilot Project Update

March 9, 2017

High Level Summary – Data service availability at Darbo is 67%, Allied Drive is at 10% and Brentwood/Kennedy Heights are at 0%. The electronics for Allied Dr. and Brentwood has been received at ResTech. Computer classes and free refurbished computers disbursement scheduled during March for support of the Allied and Brentwood properties. Equipment received this week for Brentwood and Allied Drive is different from Darbo and Kennedy Heights and will have to undergo bench testing prior to installation. Restech continues to work with Brentwood and Allied Drive property owners to sign the Rights of Entry.

Kennedy Heights Apartments – The City of Madison has sent a letter requesting approval to move ahead with the Connecting Madison project at the Kennedy Heights apartments. This letter outlines if the Right of Entry approval is not received, the City will put Kennedy Heights portion of this project on hold. However, DaneNet continues to provide digital literacy training and refurbished PCs.

Brentwood and Allied Drive NRT Area – Installation of backbone/lateral conduit/fiber from city right of way to property line are complete. Restech is in process of working with property owners to sign Right of Entry for each building. The work pending are completing electronic bench testing of electronics, signed Right of Entry, completing fiber lateral construction from property line to building and installation of electronics and power components.

Darbo/Worthington NRT Area – Installation of two of three equipment locations are complete and currently servicing pre-order customers, approximately 67% of the property has data services. Installation of the third equipment location is pending receipt of specialized outside cabinet and power components. This delay is due to change request from property owner to mount electronics outside.

Education Services

DANenet continues to offer free digital literacy workshops at Madison community centers and other anchor institutions which covers basic computer skills, consumer safety, internet privacy, email, cloud storage and basic office software. Additionally, DANenet also includes Device Fix IT clinics which repair and support computers and hardware owned by households without the means to fix them.

DANenet next series of free computer classes for adults will be at the Boys and Girls Club - Allied on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM, starting March 8 and at the Lakeview Library on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 PM, starting March 15.

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Participants in at least two classes that reside in the Allied-Dunn's Marsh and Brentwood neighborhoods will be able to get a free desktop computer at the end of the workshop series. Other participants will be able to purchase a deeply discounted computer for \$75.

Please see the following links for the latest information regarding digital equity class schedule and repair clinic locations

<http://everyoneonmadison.org/>