

# Clallam County Broadband Expansion

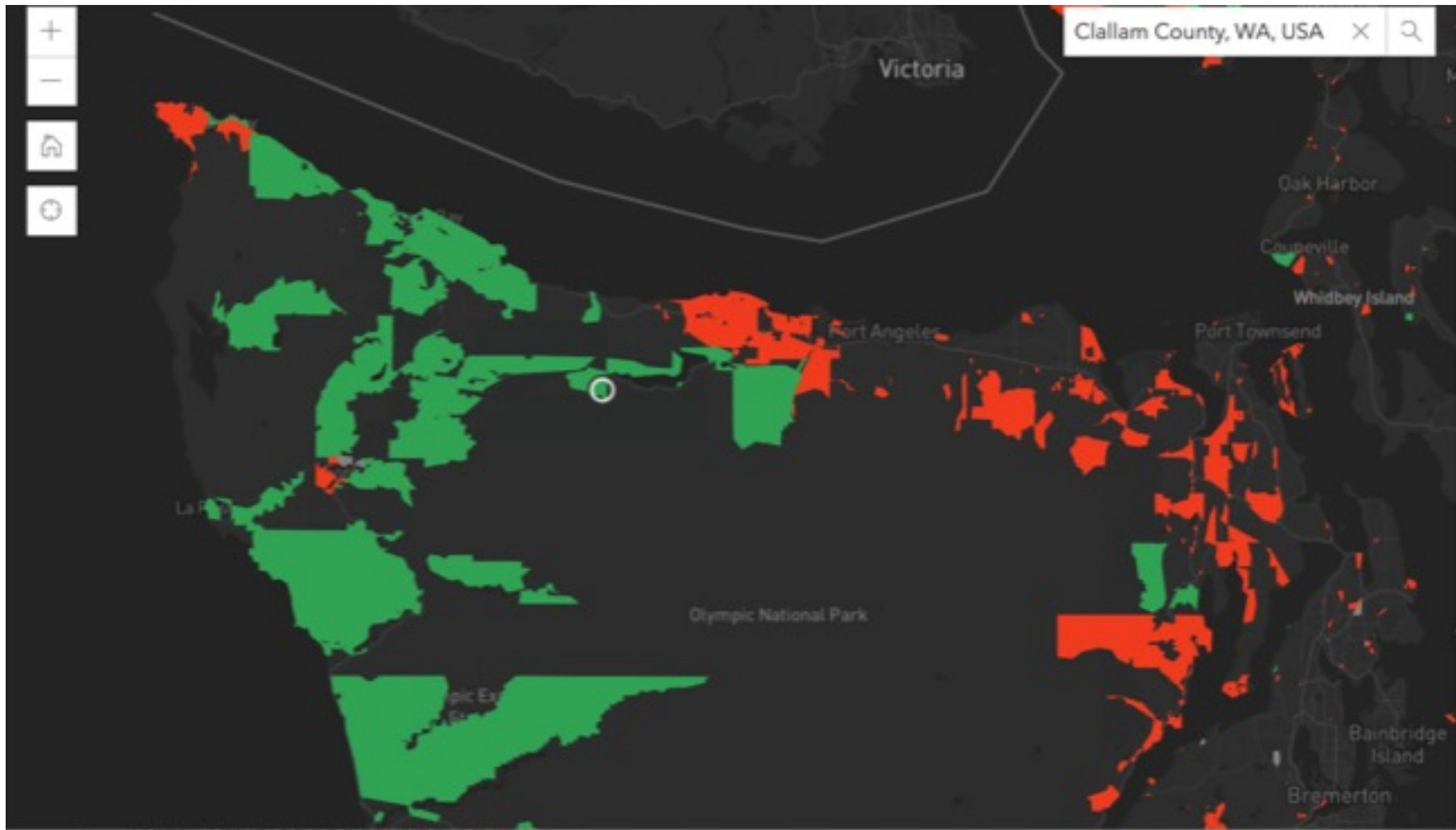
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# Broadband Planning

- 2019 Regional Broadband Symposium – 2 day event, resulted in Broadband Action Teams
- With funding from Port of Port Angeles, NODC worked with Clallam Broadband Committee to coordinate a **broadband planning and feasibility project in Clallam County** completed in April 2021 – available on NODC website.
- NODC coordinates the **Clallam Broadband Committee**, which includes Clallam County, Port Angeles, Sequim, Forks, Port of Port Angeles, Clallam PUD, Port Angeles School District, Peninsula College, North Olympic Library Services, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, Lower Elwha Tribe and others.
- Clallam County Broadband Team worked with consultants to identify potential projects that meet funding requirements and serve the highest number of unserved households.

# Broadband Grant Application Requirements

- No funding for projects in areas that have already received federal funding
- Projects must serve unserved or underserved areas
- Projects are scored on criteria such as number of low-income households served, total number of households served, etc.



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# Clallam County Broadband Project

- Clallam County Broadband Team selected Clallam County to apply for project funding
- Consultants assisted with identifying a project area that would serve the most households while meeting all grant requirements
- The County was awarded \$4.5 million from the Washington Public Works Board and \$16.07 million from the State Broadband Office
- 1600 households will be served, west of the Elwha River
- Project will be dark fiber with service provided by several ISPs

# Next Steps

- County is in the works to sign both grant contracts from the funding agencies
- County will contract with a project manager to assist the Public Works Department
- County will issue a Request for Proposals for project development
- Estimated time to completion is 2 – 3 years
- Broadband Action Team will continue to seek funding for other project areas