

IS YOUR CITY BROADBAND-READY?

PREPARING FOR HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT

Utah Communities across the state are preparing for high-speed internet deployment. Is your community ready?

Here's a checklist and key considerations for Community Readiness:



Infrastructure Readiness

- Assess Infrastructure needs, including utility poles
- Address maintenance and upgrade requirements
- Establish railroad or canal company right-of-way contacts and requirements



Utilities

- Clarify whether your community is under a cooperative system or power company partnership



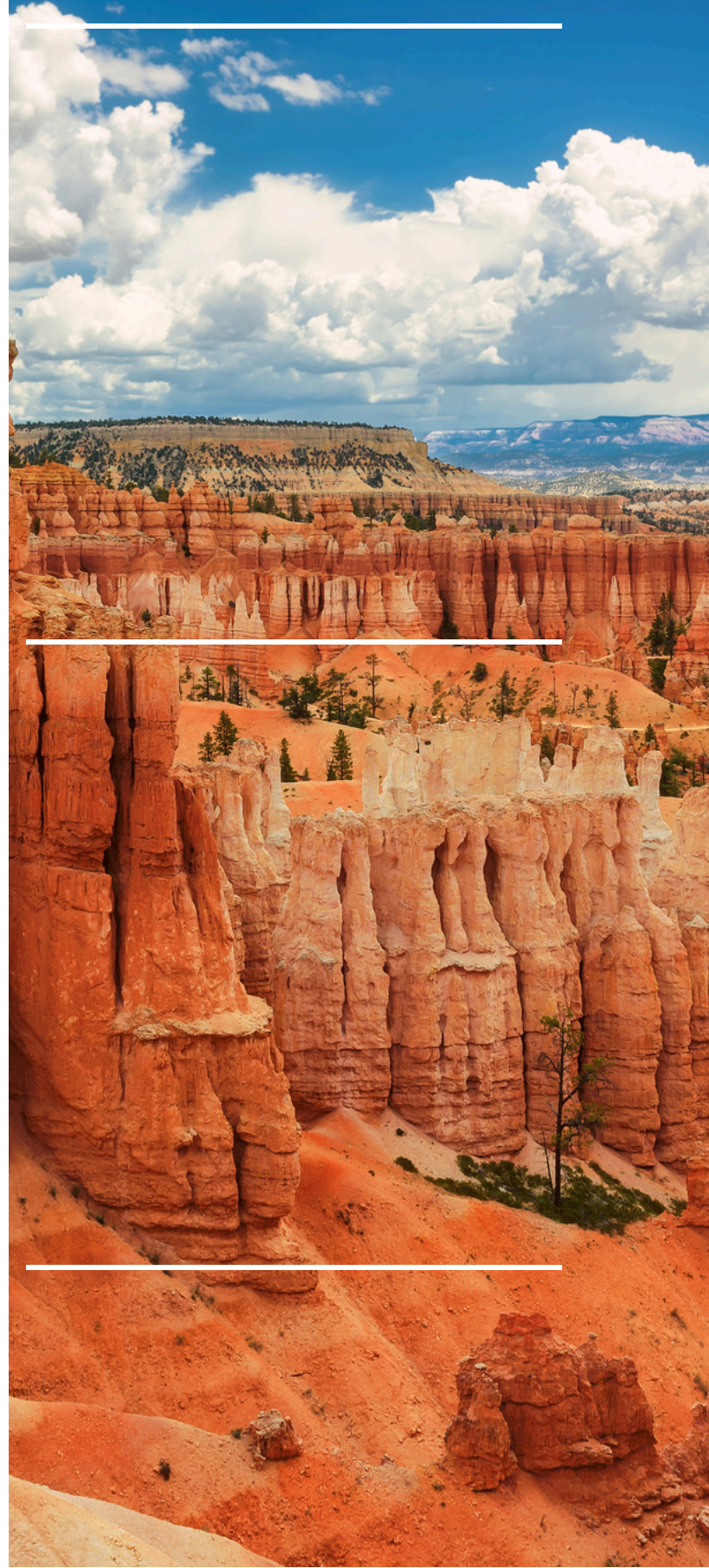
Environmental Processes

- Identify representatives for compliance with regulations
- Waive or decrease costs for permitting
- As needed, establish contact with entities like the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, or Tribal lands



Permitting Process

- Streamline the Permitting Process
- Understand the possibilities of right-of-way obstacles or delays
- Work with entities to establish timely processes for projects



RESOURCES TO PREPARE FOR HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT

Utah Residential Broadband Map

- broadband.ugrc.utah.gov/

Utah Department of Transportation: Utilities & Railroads

- www.udot.utah.gov/connect/business/design/utility-and-railroads/

Utah Department of Natural Resources: Permits & Licenses

- <https://naturalresources.utah.gov/permits-licenses/>

Department of Environmental Quality: Permit Guide

- deq.utah.gov/permits/permit-guide/permit-guide-introduction

Utah Government Resources

- utah.gov/government/cityCounty.html

U.S. Forest Service: Passes and Permits

- fs.usda.gov/visit/passes-permits

Utah's Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) and Digital Access programs are federally funded grants for high-speed internet access and adoption, funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Digital Equity Act. Utah received a \$317.4 million allocation to build infrastructure where needed and to increase adoption. BEAD prioritizes unserved locations with no internet access or access to internet speeds under 25/3 Mbps and underserved locations with access to internet speeds under 100/20 Mbps.

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