

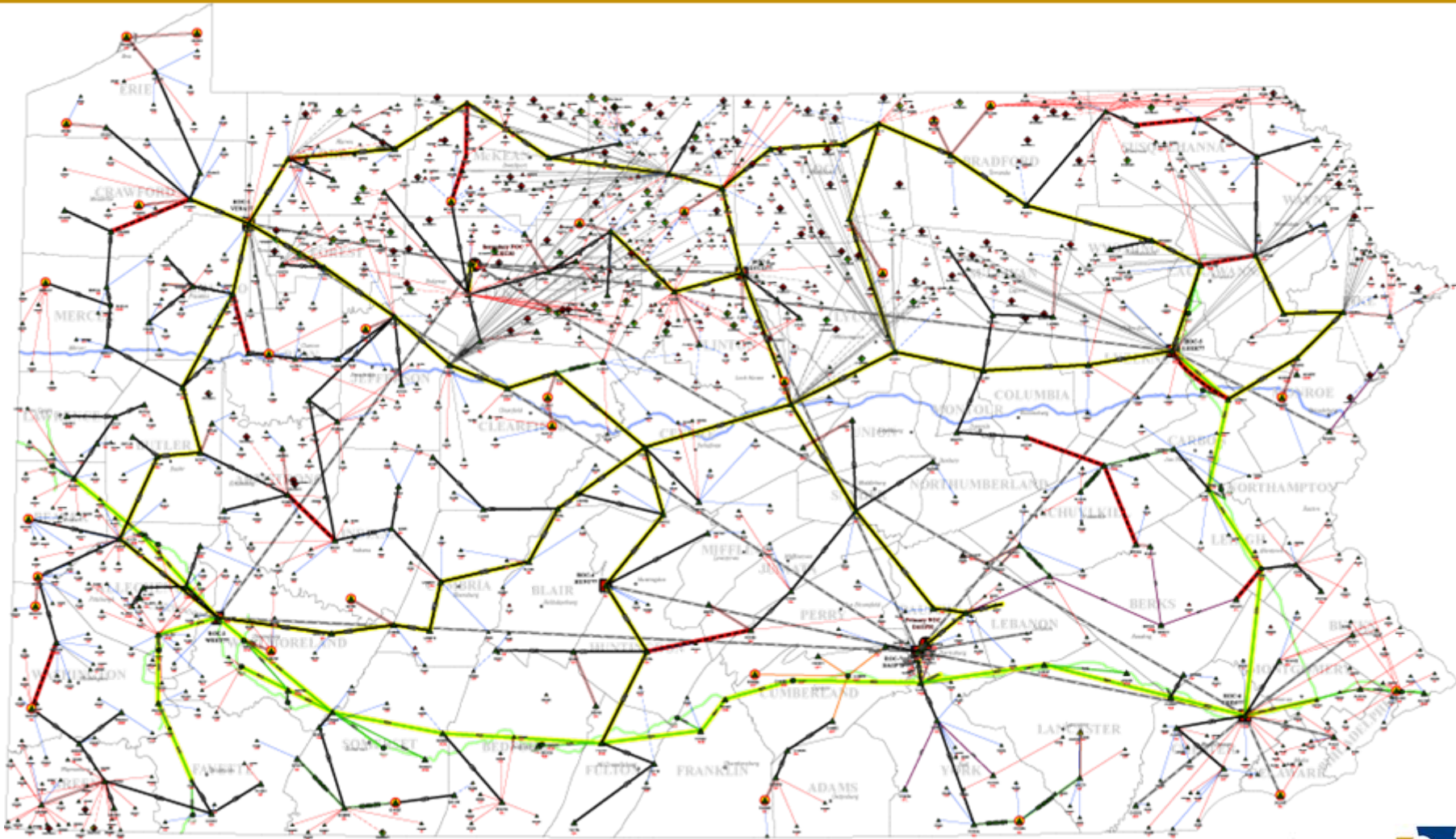


PSHSB Broadband Workshop

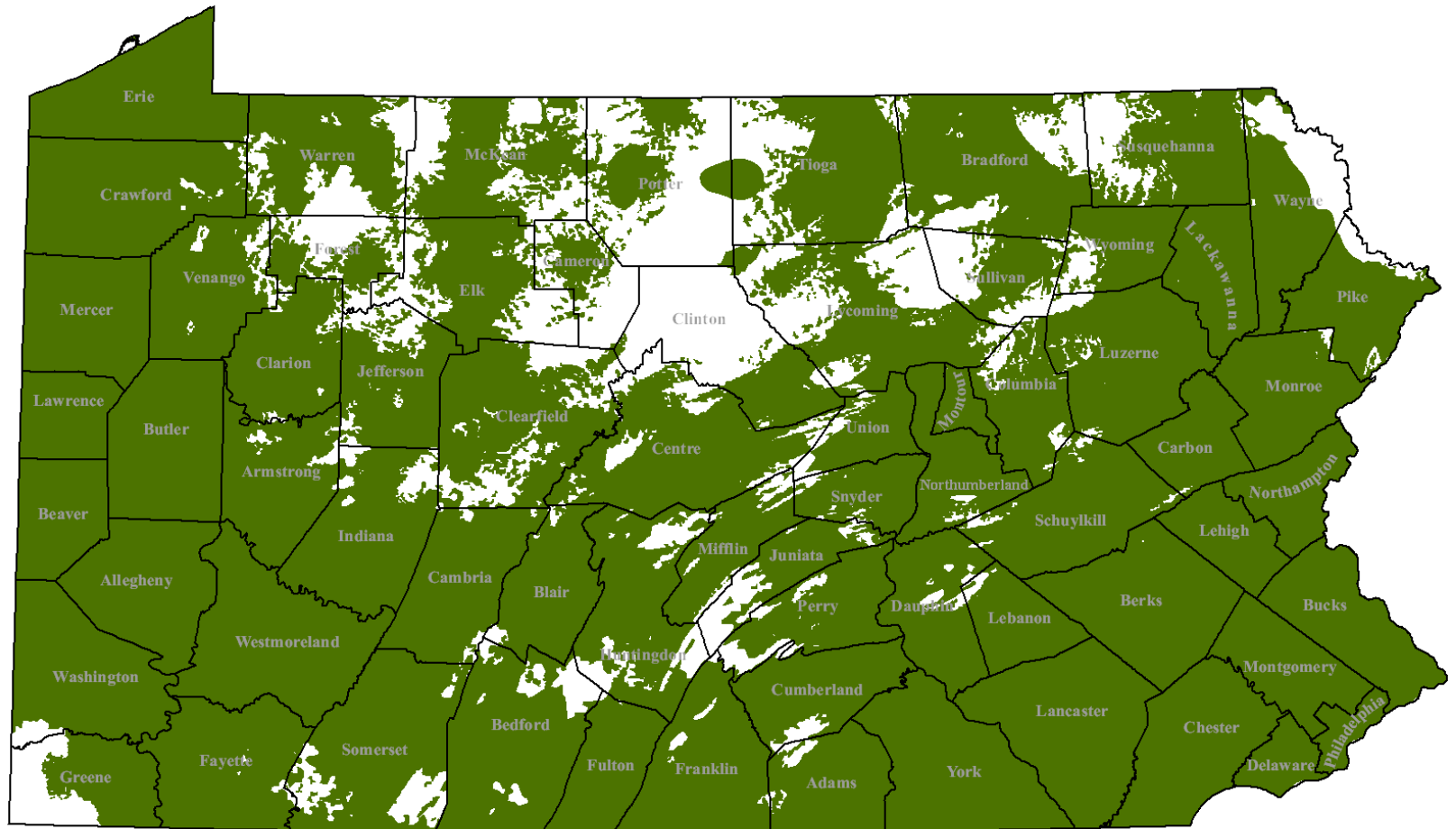
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PA Composite Commercial Carrier Wireless Data Coverage



Broadband for Public Safety

- Concentration on wireless broadband to the first responder vehicles in those instances when it is most needed
- Ability to create broadband 'hot spots' for situational needs rather than ubiquitous broadband availability
- Commercial carriers costs may put broadband out of reach for rural first responders
- When viable, state networks can be used to complement broadband service providers or offer services directly to public safety users
- Grant monies should be focused at state level rather than local level to assist in providing broadband services to public safety
- Block grants based upon objective criteria rather than competitive grants
- Development of both applications and equipment necessary to take advantage of public safety broadband requirements
- Greater focus on the benefits of data interoperability