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## **UCEDA: Ellenville Wireless Broadband**

Board Meeting February 5, 2019



### Recap: The "Problem"

- Original Findings: Many residential and rural areas and don't have access to quality broadband outside of satellite.
- This is a disincentive to business development and residential development.
- Previous exploration of bringing fiber to the area via Crown Castle yielded no financially viable solutions.



## Recap: The "Idea"

- Develop a wireless connection between a county owned uplink site and the Ellenville / Wawarsing area.
- This connection would service the downtown district primarily, allowing for provisioning of a broadband network
- This connection would provision the ability to set up additional downlink sites in the broader, more rural areas.



#### **Core Goals**

- Concept a path for alternative rural broadband via Point-to-Multipoint (PtMP) wireless networking
- Develop a proof of concept service in the form of a wireless network serving the Ellenville business district.



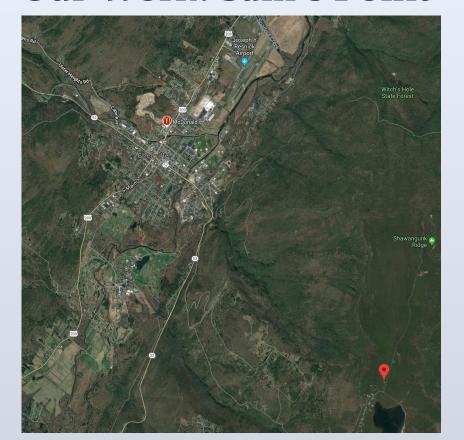
#### Our Work: Sam's Point

• Identified the "Sam's Point" tower on the Shawangunk Ridge as a potential relay location.

New York Communications Co., Inc.	54 West Cedar Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12602	41.68386844 -74.355576926	41°44′1.9″ 74°21″20 <b>″</b>	83 Sager Road	911-22.200	1964/146	No
Goosetown Enterprises	50 N Harrison Ave, Suite 15, Congers NY 10920	41.68361733 -74.35633177	41°44′0.8″ 74°21′22″	79 Sager Road	911-22.300	2969/203	No
NYS DEC	625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233	41.684496 -74.355180	41°41′04.2″ 74°21′18.7″	(no #) Sager Road	911-33	1171/564	No
Palisades Interstate Park	c/o NYS Office of Parks Recreation & Hist Pres, Sandra Burnell, One Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12238	41.685081 -74.355984	41°41′6.2″ 74°21′21″	(no #) Sam's Point Road	Portion of 911-2.200 (lot to the west)	5680/203	Yes (to Clear Channel Broadcasting
Palisades Interstate Park	c/o NYS Office of Parks Recreation & HISt Pres, Sandra Burnell, One Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12238	41.685596 -74.353542	41°41′8″ 74°21′12″	(no #) Sam's Point Road	Portion of 911-2.200 (lot to the east)	5680/203	Yes (to Ulster County)



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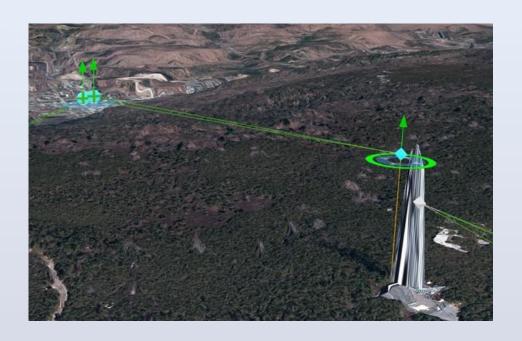




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#### Our Work: Crown Castle

Identified three possible Shawangunk locations with reasonable access to crown castle fiber:

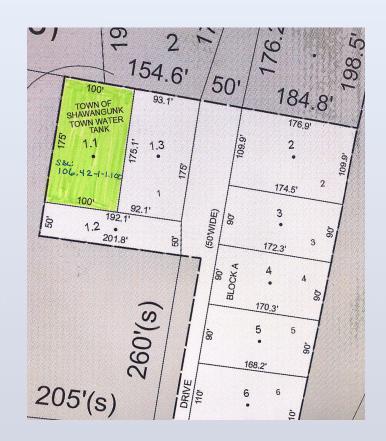
- Watchtower Farms (900 Red Mills Rd, Wallkill, NY, 41.639156, -74.260280)
- Tower Twin Ponds Ln (41.641112, -74.2207220
- Shawangunk Water Tower (215 Valley View Dr, Wallkill, NY, 41.611404, -74.166692)



#### **Our Work: Crown Castle**

## Shawangunk Water Tower (215 Valley View Dr, Wallkill, NY, 41.611404, -74.166692)

- UCEDA began discussion with the town over the use of the water tower
- Existing right of way to the tower for servicing
- Some discussion about additional use
- Crown Castle estimated cost of servicing the water tower with Fiber at 25k 30k





#### **Broadband Network**

Proposed specification for for municipal broadband in Ellenville:

- PtMP Broadcast Point atop the 'Government Building'
- Line of site access to multiple locations in the business district
- Scalable number of access points depending on desired coverage areas

Component	Part	Price	Quantity	Total	Link
Muni Wifi	UAP XG US	\$ 735.00	3	\$ 2,205.00	https://www.ui.com/unifi/unifi-ap-xg/
Muni Wifi	Rocket Prisim AC	\$ 220.00	3	\$ 660.00	https://www.ui.com/airmax/rocket-prism-ac/
Muni Wifi	AP-5AC-90-HD 90° Antenna	\$ 389.00	1	\$ 389.00	https://www.ui.com/airmax/airprism-sector/
Muni Wifi	Cloud Key Gen 2	\$ 199.00	1	\$ 199.00	https://store.ui.com/products/unifi-cloudkey-gen2-p lus-1
Muni Wifi	Nanostation AC	\$ 119.50	3	\$ 358.50	https://www.ui.com/airmax/nanostation-ac/
Muni Wifi	Edgepoint Router EP-R8	\$ 459.00	1	\$ 459.00	https://www.ui.com/edgemax/edgepoint/



#### Recommendation

- The considerable effort in installing and servicing a Fiber connection at the Shawangunk tower is too great a scope for this project.
- Consider using the Sam's Point tower as a 'relay' location for less expensive broadband provisioning.
- Focus shift to provisioning the wireless network using PtMP technology, but using more cost effective broadband resources.
- Pursue local spectrum connection for internet sourcing via Government building or short distance local link.



#### **Recommendation: Stretch Goal**

- Continue work to site Sam's Point location as Ellenville / Wawarsing relay point for Wireless Mesh Network
- This site could serve as a relay point for variable sourcing of broadband from within the Ellenville area. Possible sites include:
  - Boices (Verizon Fiber)
  - UC Bandwidth per Crown Castle / Verizon Backbone
  - Other / residential cooperative



# Thank you!