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Amherst County Awarded Grant for Broadband Expansion

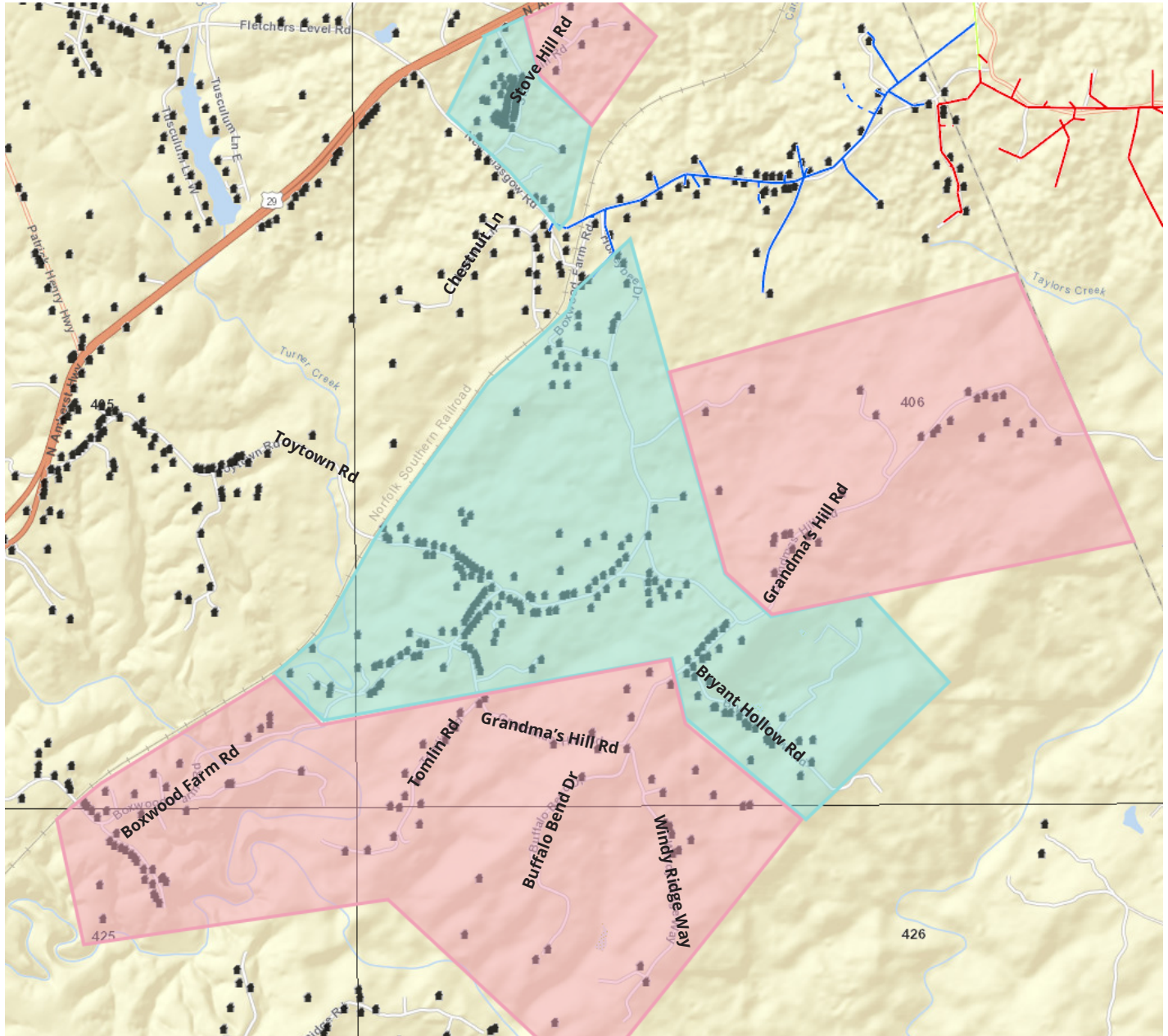
The County has been awarded additional broadband funding pursuant to the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) in the amount of \$1,370,000.

This grant will fund three different projects in the Gladstone, Boxwood Farm, and Piney River/Temperance areas and bring high speed broadband to underserved portions of eastern Amherst County. Combined, these projects will bring fiber optic broadband access to 466 homes. The grant requires that the work be completed by December 25, 2020.

The work will be performed by Firefly Fiber Broadband, which was previously awarded a \$500,000 contract for a separate project that will bring broadband access to 251 homes. That project must be completed by December 30, 2020.

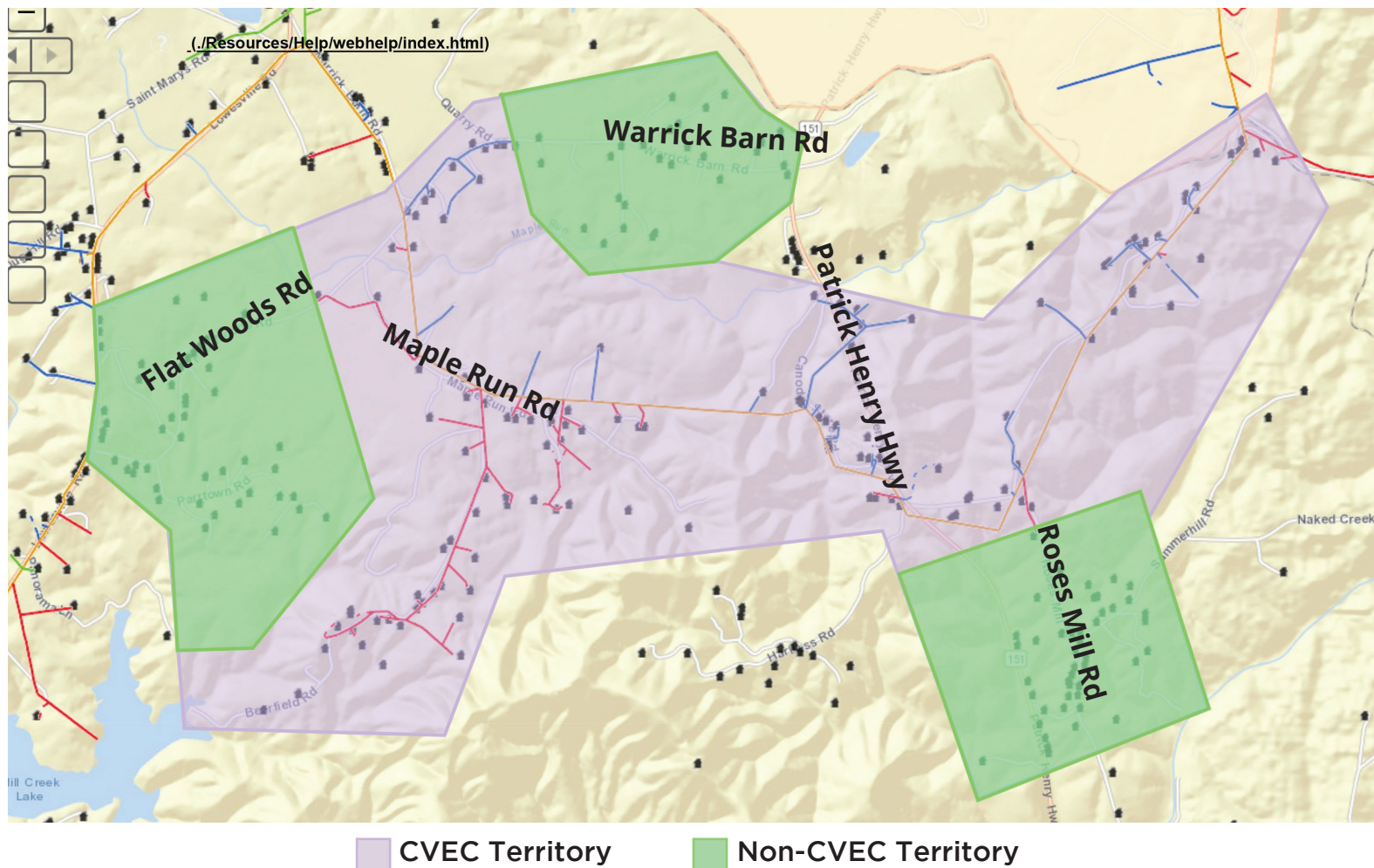
Maps of the three projects funded are provided below.

Proposed CARES Funding Amherst County Boxwood Farm Expansion

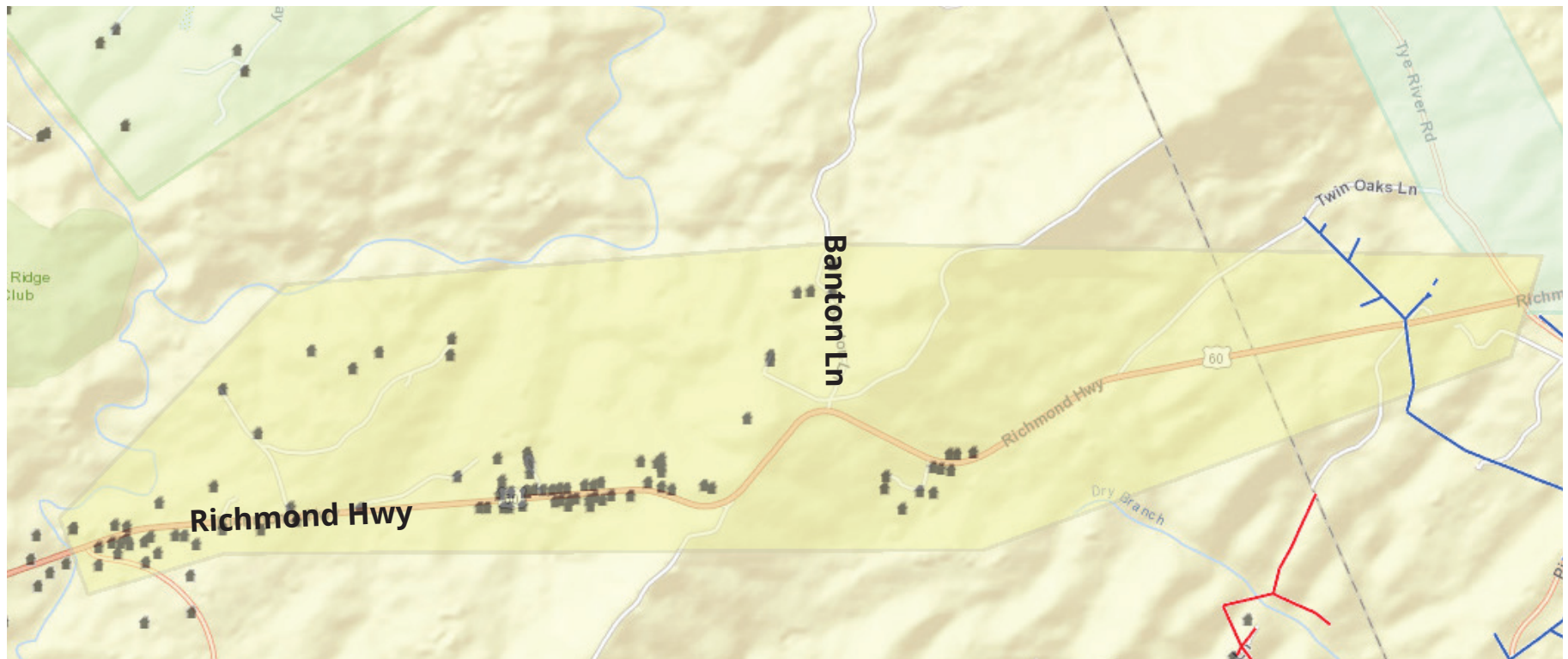


- Proposed Amherst County Expansion Project
- Amherst County Funded CARES Project

Proposed CARES Funding Amherst County Piney River / Temperance Extension



Proposed CARES Funding Amherst County Gladstone Expansion



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