

Dear Rappahannock Electric Cooperative Member-Owner:

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) will soon begin the make-ready construction process in your area served by the Stanardsville substation. REC contractor CW Wright will be preparing the poles and infrastructure for the installation of fiber. As always, REC contractor signs will be placed on contractor trucks.

During this phase of the project, crews will perform necessary make-ready construction to overhead facilities, such as: repositioning transformers, adding anchors to the ground near the poles, and even replacing poles. In areas where the electric facilities are underground, conduit will need to be installed in the ground adjacent to the existing lines. At times, crews may need to de-energize power to a transformer in order to safely make the necessary updates to the poles and hardware. If this is required, member-owners will be notified in advance by phone and email.

Once the preparation of our equipment is complete, fiber construction will begin at which time you will be notified again. It is expected that the first connections to *Firefly Fiber BroadbandSM* for member-owners in your area will begin in early 2023. If you are interested in internet and/or phone service and have not yet pre-registered, you may do so by visiting <https://www.fireflyva.com/> or by calling 833-473-3591.

Firefly Fiber BroadbandSM is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Central Virginia Electric Cooperative (CVEC). Through its Regional Internet Service Expansion (RISE) Project, *Firefly Fiber BroadbandSM* is expanding its service to other local utility customers such as REC to reach the goal of universal broadband access in central Virginia. This project was supported in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Telecommunication Initiative. REC is excited to partner with *Firefly Fiber BroadbandSM* in bringing high speed internet to its member-owners.

Sincerely,
Member Services
Rappahannock Electric Cooperative