

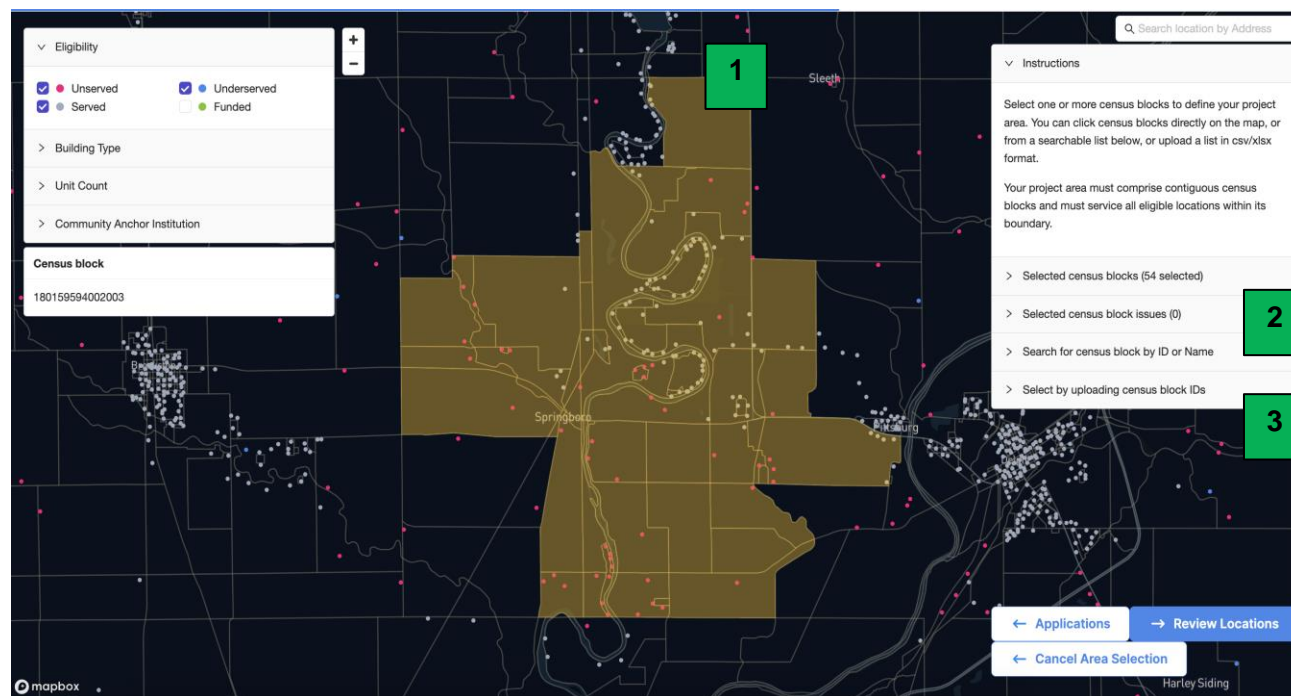
Inclusion of Ineligible Locations in BEAD Project Areas

Document Overview

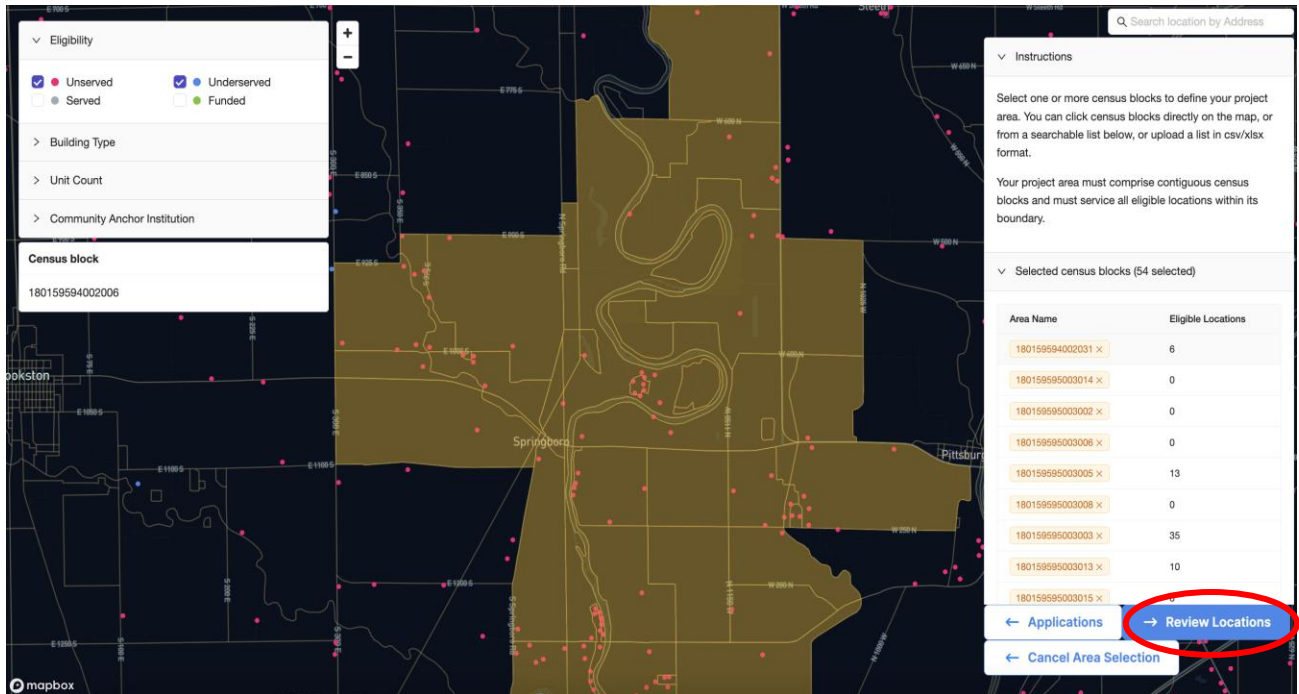
The Indiana Broadband Office (IBO), per the BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity, allows Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to optionally include ineligible locations in their project areas, up to 20% of the total locations in the project area. This allowance lends greater flexibility to ISPs in project area selection and encourages comprehensive, sustainable broadband deployment.

Instructions for Adding up to 20% Ineligible Locations in Ready.net Portal:

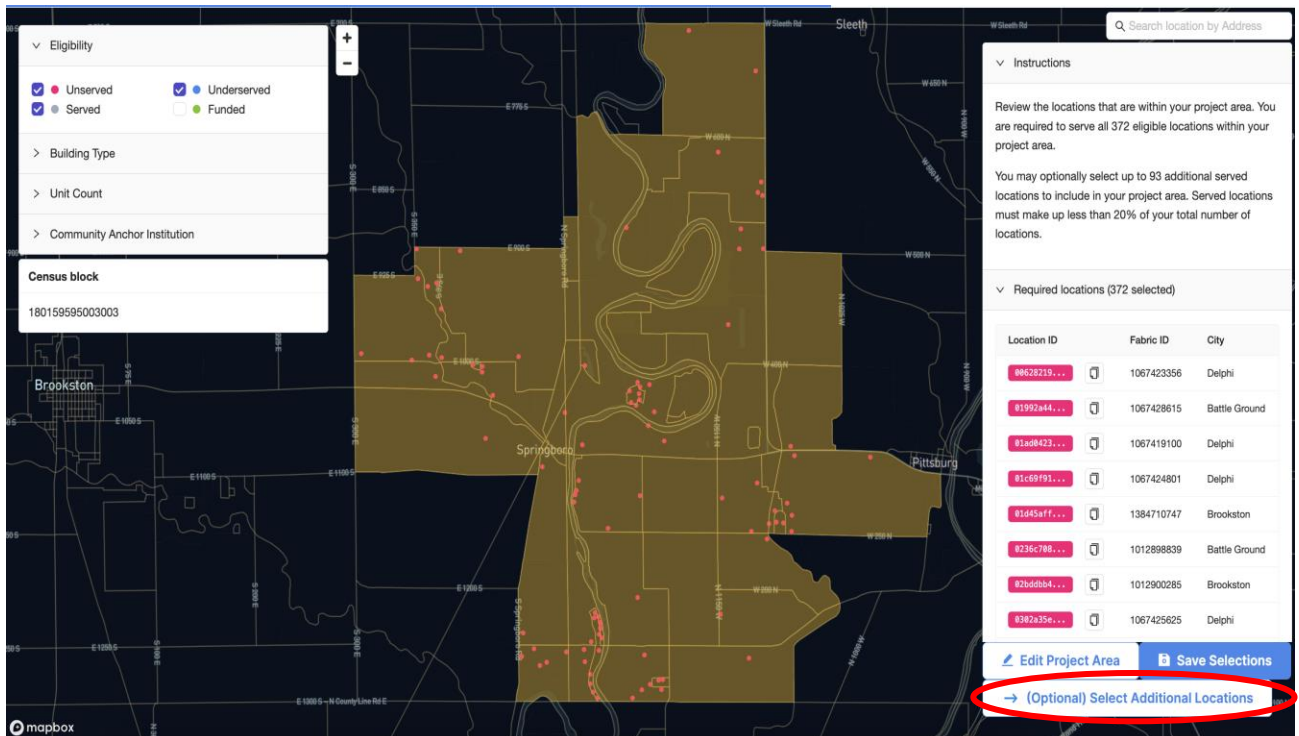
1. Log into the Ready.net portal using your credentials and navigate to the “BEAD Application” window. Begin a new application or continue with a previously created application and navigate to the “Project Selection” section.
2. To create a project area, begin by selecting one or more contiguous census blocks (CB) that define your proposed service area. You may directly click CBs on the map or utilize the right-hand sidebar to select CBs from a searchable list or upload a list of CBs in CSV/xlsx format.



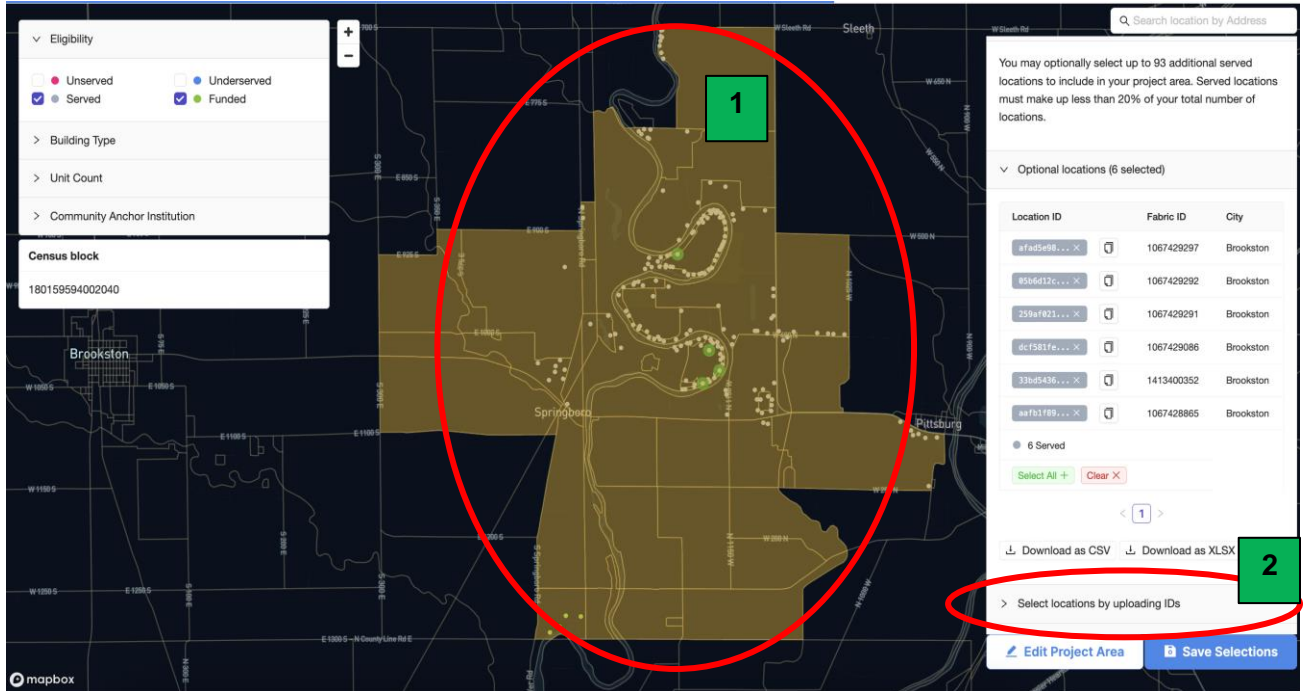
3. Once you have finished selecting the project area, click the “Review Locations” button in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen. When you click this button, the screen will auto-populate with all eligible locations you are committing to serve based on the CB selections.



4. Once you've reviewed the eligible locations in your project area, click the "(Optional) Select Additional Locations" button in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen if you wish to add any ineligible locations to your project area. If not, you may continue in the application by clicking "Save Selection."



5. Applicants may then add ineligible locations to the project area by clicking on each location individually or by uploading location IDs.



6. Once you have finished adding any ineligible locations click “Save Selections,” review all locations, and continue with the application process.

Pro tip: Utilize the “Download” buttons to obtain a complete list of your selected locations and/or CBs as listed in the portal for your records!

