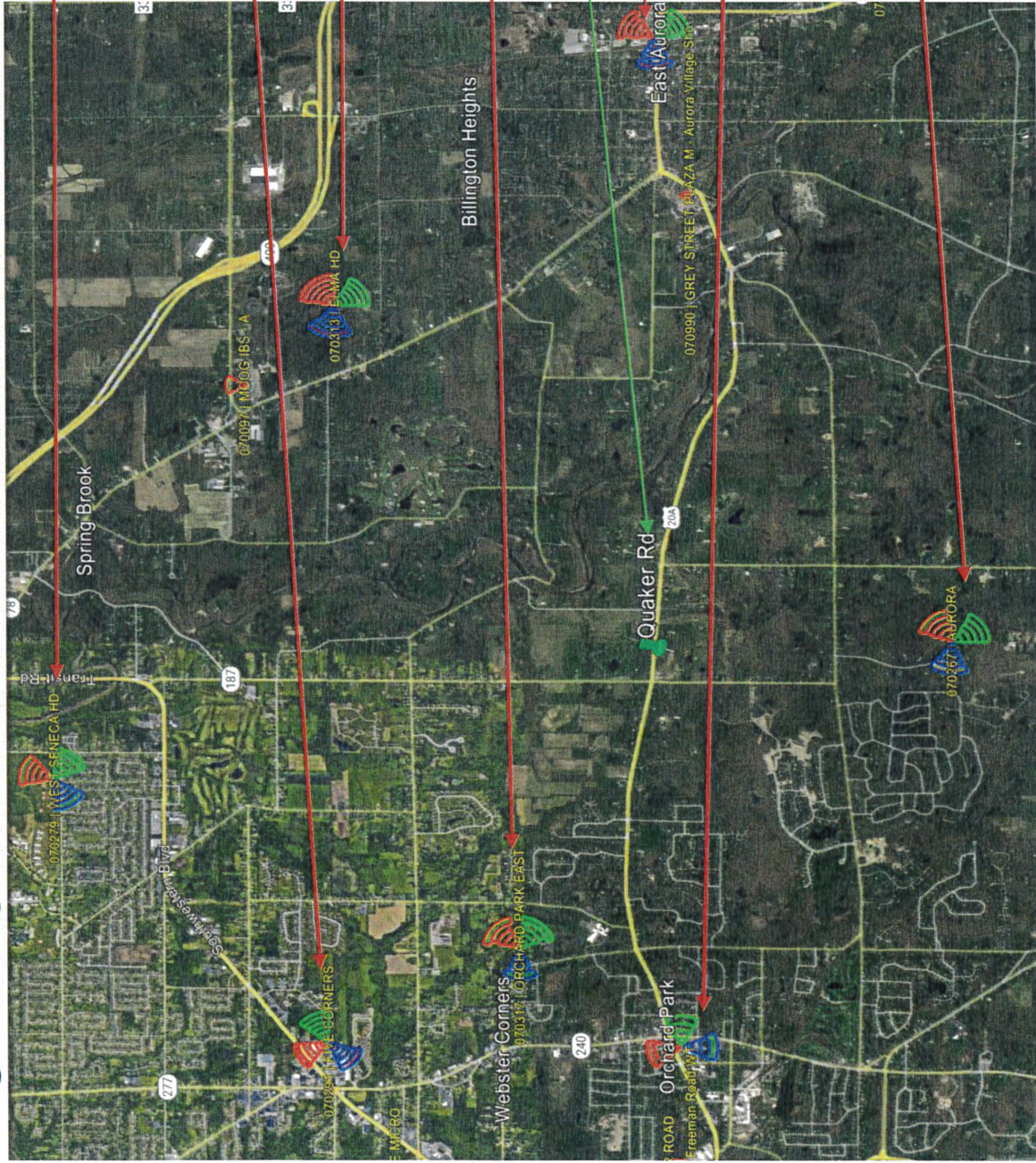


**EXHIBIT G**

**RADIO FREQUENCY ANALYSIS**

# Verizon Wireless Communications Facility Engineering Necessity Case – “Quaker Rd”



West Seneca HD ( Existing )

Five Corners (Existing)

Elma HD (Existing )

Orchard Park East ( Existing )

Quaker Rd ( Proposed )  
East Aurora ( Existing )

Freeman Road WT ( Existing )

Aurora ( Existing )

Project: The project is the installation and operation of a macro wireless telecommunications site in the Town of Aurora (the “Quaker Rd Facility”) in Erie County.



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# Introduction

The purpose of this subsequent analysis is to summarize and communicate the technical radio frequency (RF) information used in the justification of this new site.

Coverage and/or capacity deficiencies are the two main drivers that prompt the need for a new wireless communications facility/site. All sites provide a mixture of both capacity and coverage for the benefit of the end user.

**Coverage** can be defined as the existence of signal of usable strength and quality in an area, including but not limited to in-vehicles or in-buildings.

The need for improved coverage is identified by RF Engineers that are responsible for developing and maintaining the network. RF Engineers utilize both theoretical and empirical data sets (propagation maps and real world coverage measurements). Historically, coverage improvements have been the primary justification of new sites.

**Capacity** can be defined as the amount of traffic (voice and data) a given site can process before significant performance degradation occurs.

When traffic volume exceeds the capacity limits of a site serving a given area, network reliability and user experience degrades. Ultimately this prevents customers from making/receiving calls, applications cease functioning, internet connections time out and data speeds fail. This critical condition is more important than just a simple nuisance for some users. Degradation of network reliability and user experience can affect emergency responders and to persons in a real emergency situation can literally mean life or death.

*\*Note that, while Verizon Wireless provides sufficient evidence to establish the existence of a coverage gap and capacity need in this case, the FCC recently confirmed that federal law does not require a provider to establish the existence of a coverage/capacity gap to establish the need for a site. There are several ways by which an applicant can establish site need. See Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment,” FCC 18-133, 85 FR 51867, at ¶ 37 (October 15, 2018) (confirming that the test for establishing an effective prohibition is whether “a state or local legal requirement materially inhibits a provider’s ability to engage in any of a variety of activities related to its provision of a covered service,” and this test is met “not only when filling a coverage gap but also when densifying a wireless network, introducing new services or otherwise improving service capabilities”) (emphasis added).*

# Project Need Overview

The project area, located in the Agricultural and Rural Residential Zoning Districts portion of the Town of Aurora is primarily served by the Orchard Park East site. This site is overloaded and requires capacity relief. Additionally the project area is subject to foliage and terrain challenges for RF (signal) propagation. These terrain and foliage challenges combined with long distance prevent effective propagation of Verizon's RF signals into the target area compounding the capacity issue with areas of variable mid band coverage creating gaps in coverage.

The main serving site Orchard Park East, located in the Town of Aurora is  $\pm$  2.20 miles north-west of the project area. While this site provides coverage in portions of the project area, it does so with terrain, foliage and distance challenges, making the site not capable of efficiently or effectively providing adequate coverage or capacity within the target area.

Available (mid band AWS) carriers at these and other area sites are not capable of effectively serving /offloading the project area due to inherent propagation losses from challenging in building and foliage coverage losses negatively impacting mid band coverage and capacity offload capabilities. There are other Verizon sites in this general area but due to site orientation, distance and coverage area they do not provide any significant overlapping coverage in the area in question that could allow for increased capacity and improved coverage from other sources.

The primary objectives for this project are to increase capacity and improve coverage in the localized high traffic areas and throughout portions of the Town of Aurora more specifically along Rte. 187 / Transit Road, Milestrip Road, Willardshire Road, Rte. 20A / Quaker Road and Jewett Holmwood Road including South Freeman Road as well as the surrounding residential and commercial entities in the Town of Aurora. In order to offload capacity from the serving site of Orchard Park East, a new dominant server must be created. This new dominant coverage will effectively offload the existing overloaded sites/cells as well as provide improved mid band coverage and significantly enhance the customer experience.

Following the search for co-locatable structures to resolve the aforementioned challenges and finding none available, Verizon proposes to attach the necessary antenna(s) to a new 139' tower located at 4399 Transit Road, Orchard Park, NY, 14127. Verizon's antennas will utilize 130' for the ACL (Antenna Center Line) with a top of antenna height of 134'. This solution is at the height necessary to provide the coverage and capacity improvements needed.

# Wireless LTE (Voice and Data) Growth

Wireless smart city solutions are being used to track available parking and minimize pollution and wasted time.

These same solutions are being used to track pedestrian and bike traffic to help planning and minimize accidents.

Smart, wireless connected lighting enables cities to control lighting remotely, saving energy and reducing energy costs by 20%.

4G technology is utilized to track and plan vehicle deliveries to minimize travel, maximize efficiency, and minimize carbon footprint.

4G technology is also used to monitor building power usage down to the circuit level remotely, preventing energy waste and supporting predictive maintenance on machines and equipment.

Wireless sensors placed in shipments are being used to track temperature-sensitive medications, equipment, and food. This is important for preventing the spread of food-borne diseases that kill 3,000 Americans each year.


Source: Verizon Innovation Center, February, 2018

Wireless is a critical component in schools and for today's students.

- 20,000 learning apps are available for iPads. 72% of iTunes top selling educational apps are designed for preschoolers and elementary students.
- 600+ school districts replaced text books with tablets in classrooms.
- 77% of parents think tablets are beneficial to kids.
- 74% of school administrators feel digital content increases student engagement.
- 70% of teens use cellphones to help with homework.

Source: CTIA's Infographics Today's Wireless Family, October, 2017

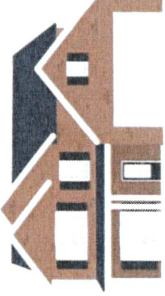
**A wireless network is like a highway system...**



US, mobile data traffic was 1.3 Exabytes per month in 2016, the equivalent of 334 million DVDs each month or 3.687 million text messages each second according to Cisco VNI Mobile Forecast Highlights, 2016-2021, Feb 2017

**Wireless facilities and property values.**

Cell service in and around the home has emerged as a critical factor in home-buying decisions.

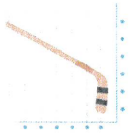


- 75% of prospective home buyers said a good cellular connection was important to them.<sup>1</sup>
- 83% of Millennials (those born between 1982 and 2004) said cell service was the most important factor in purchasing a home.
- 90% of U.S. households use wireless service. Citizens need access to 911 and reverse 911 and wireless may be their only connection.<sup>2</sup>

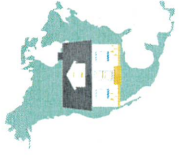
National studies demonstrate that most home buyers value good cell service over many other factors including the proximity of schools when purchasing a home.

Source: 1. Realistics/Move, The Surprising Thing Home Buyers Care About Before an Estate, June 2, 2015  
2. CTIA, June 2015

The average North American smartphone user will consume 48 GB of data per month in 2023, up from just 5.2 GB per month in 2016 and 7.1 GB per month in 2017.<sup>1</sup>



55% Of American homes are wireless only.<sup>2</sup>



In North America, the average household has 13 connected devices with smartphones outnumbering tablets 6 to 1.<sup>3</sup>

With over 80% of 9-1-1 calls now coming from cell phones...<sup>1</sup>

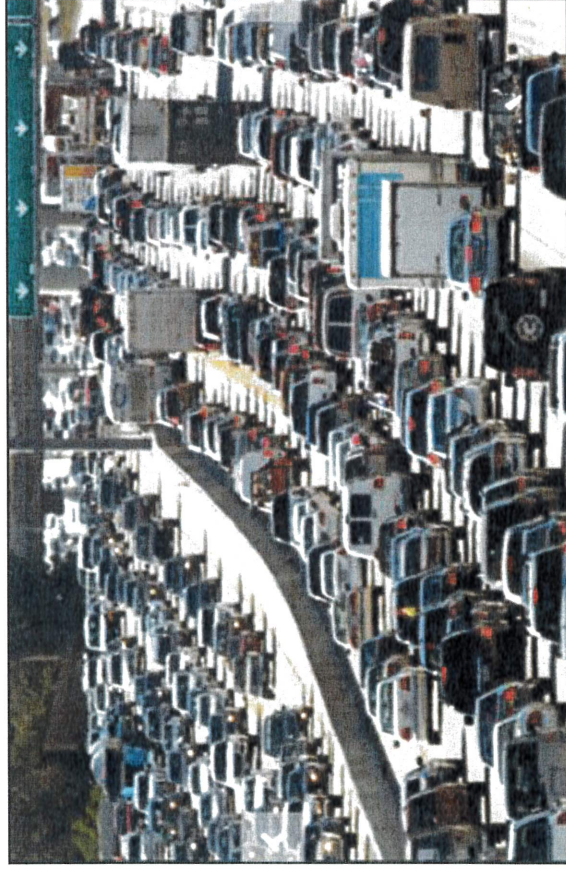


240 million 911 calls are made annually. In many areas, 80% or more are from wireless devices.<sup>1</sup>

1. National Emergency Number Association, Enhancing 9-1-1 Operations With Automated Abandoned Callback & Location Accuracy (October 23, 2018)  
2. CTIA, June 2015



# Explanation of Wireless Capacity

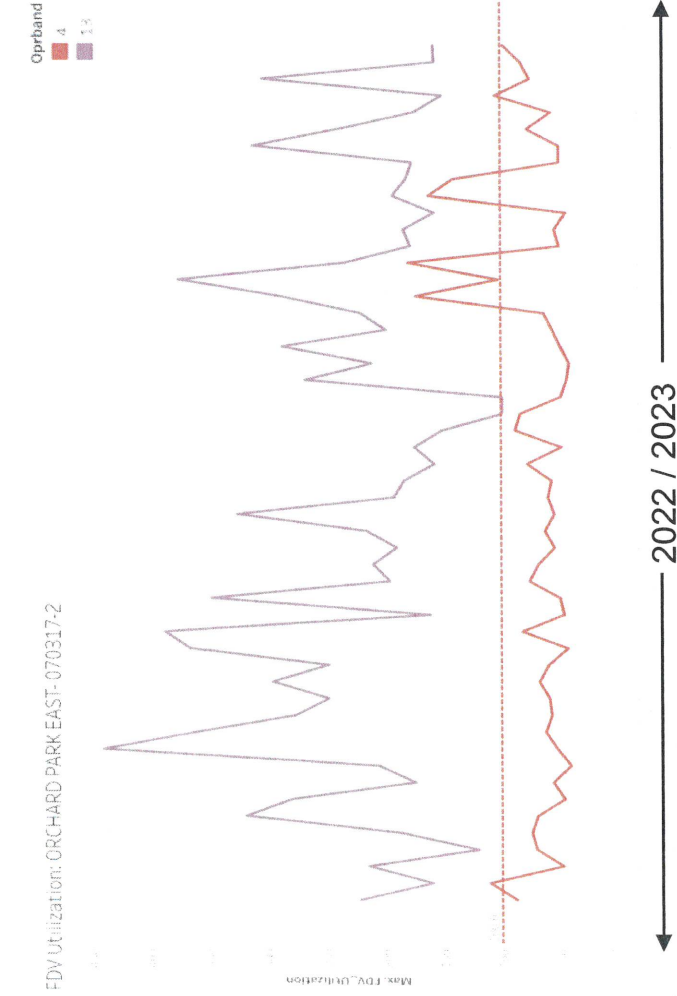


**Capacity** in this analysis is evaluated with up to three metrics further explained below. These metrics assist in determining actual usage for a given site as well as are used to project when a site is expected to run out of capacity (i.e. reach a point of exhaustion where it can no longer process the volume of voice and data requested by local wireless devices, thus no longer providing adequate service).

- Forward Data Volume (“**FDV**”), is a measurement of usage (data throughput) on a particular site over a given period of time.
- Average Schedule Eligible User (“**ASEU**”), is a measurement of the loading of the control channels and systems of a given site.
- Average Active Connections (“**Avg AC**”) is a measurement of the number of devices actively connected to a site in any given time slot.

Verizon Wireless uses proprietary algorithms developed by a task force of engineers and computer programmers to monitor each site in the network and accurately project and identify when sites will approach their capacity limits. Using a rolling two-year window for projected exhaustion dates allows enough time, in most cases, to develop and activate a new site. It is critical that these capacity approaching sectors are identified early and the process gets started and completed in time for new solutions (sites) to be on air before network issues impact the customers.

# Capacity Utilization FDV (Orchard Park East Beta)



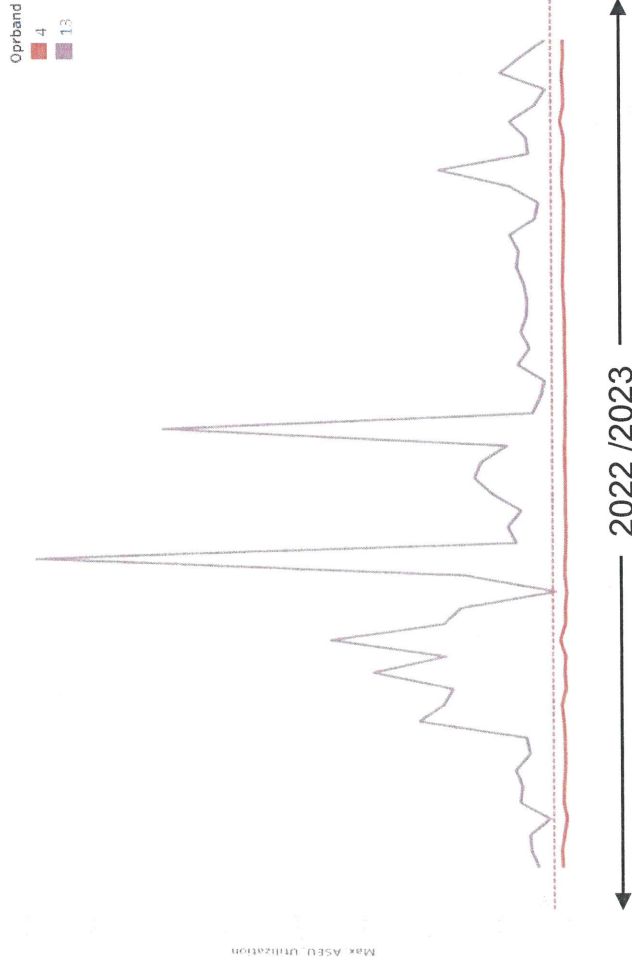
**Summary:** This graph shows FDV (Forward Data Volume) which is a measurement of the customer data usage that this sector currently serves. As this limit is approached, data rates slow to unacceptable levels, potentially causing unreliable service for Verizon Wireless customers.

The purple line represents the daily max busy hour 700MHz utilization and the dark red line is daily max busy hour AWS utilization on the **Beta** sector of the **Orchard Park East** site. The red dashed line is the limit where the sector reaches exhaustion and service starts to significantly degrade. The point in time where we see the purple or dark red lines reach or exceed the red dashed line is when service quickly degrades as usage continues to increase.

**Detail:** The existing **Orchard Park East** sector shown above has exceeded its capability of supporting FDV requirements as shown by the purple line exceeding the max utilization threshold (red dashed line). In order to provide adequate and reliable service to the target areas and the surrounding project area, network densification is required.

# Capacity Utilization ASEU (Orchard Park East Beta)

ASEU Utilization: ORCHARD PARK EAST-070317-2



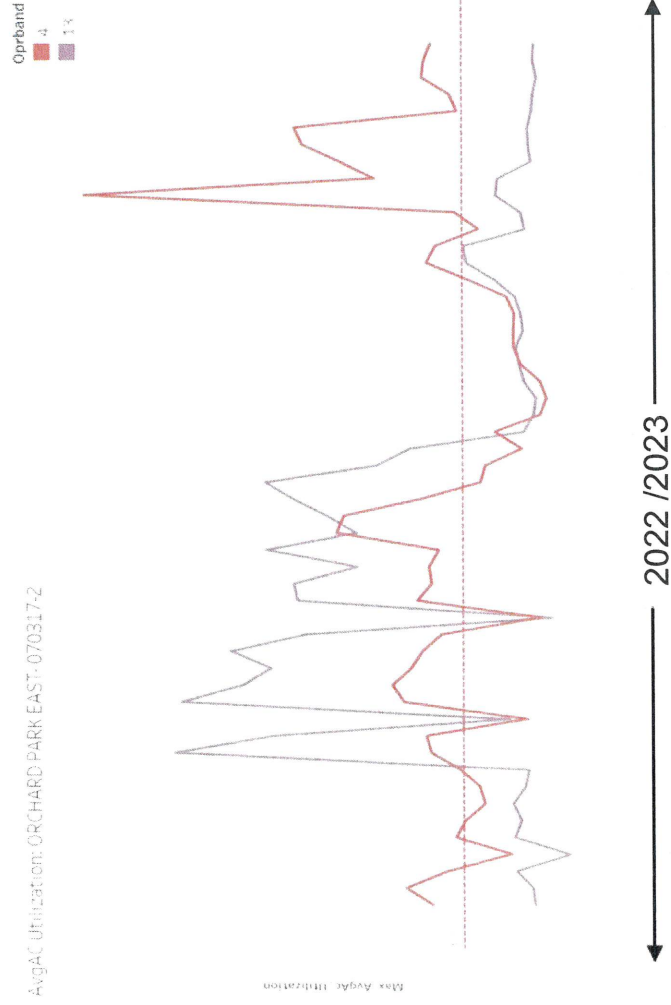
**Summary:** This graph shows ASEU (**Average Schedule Eligible User**). ASEU is a measurement of the loading of the control channels and systems of a given site. The ASEU load is heavily impacted by distant users or those in poor RF conditions.

The purple line represents the daily max busy hour 700MHz utilization and the dark red line is daily max busy hour AWS utilization on the **Beta** sector of the **Orchard Park East** site. The red dashed line is the limit where the sector reaches exhaustion and service starts to significantly degrade. The point in time where we see the purple or dark red lines reach or exceed the red dashed line is when service quickly degrades as usage continues to increase.

**Detail:** The existing **Orchard Park East** sector cannot support the traffic demand throughout the large geographical area it covers. The **Orchard Park East** site is overloaded, as shown by the purple actual use line exceeding the red dashed exhaustion threshold. In order to provide adequate and reliable service in this area in the **Town of Aurora** and the surrounding project area, network densification is required.



# Capacity Projection Avg AC (Orchard Park East Beta)

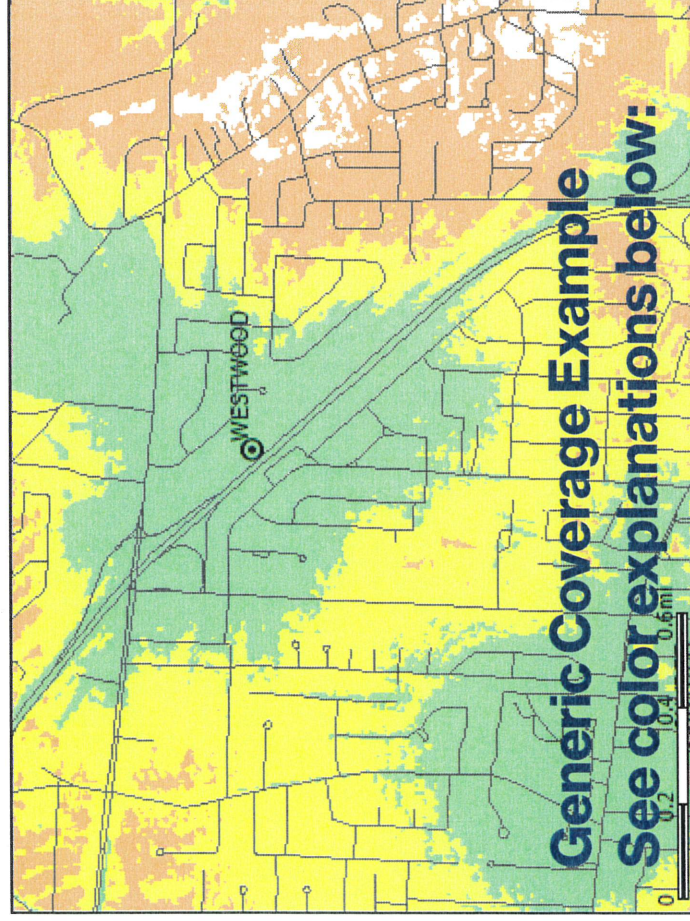


**Summary:** This graph shows ASEU (Average Active Connections). Avg AC is a measurement of the number of devices actively connected to a site in any given time slot. When this limit is reached, no additional devices will be able to connect to the site, resulting in connection failures and dropped calls.

The purple line represents the daily max busy hour 700 MHz utilization on the **Beta** sector of the **Orchard Park East** site. The dark red line is daily max busy hour AWS utilization on the **Beta** sector of the **Orchard Park East** site. The red dashed line is the limit where the sector reaches exhaustion and service starts to significantly degrade. The point in time where we see the purple or dark red lines reach or exceed the red dashed line is when service quickly degrades as usage continues to increase.

**Detail:** The existing **Orchard Park East Beta** sector cannot support the growing number of user “devices” in the area it covers and as a result of overloaded seasonal conditions. As the number of devices connected to the network continues to grow, the service condition will continue to degrade during the year with likely an increase in frequency of the number of days max users are exceeded leading up to consistent exhaustion.

# Explanation of Wireless Coverage



**Coverage** is best shown via coverage maps. RF engineers use computer simulation tools that take into account terrain, vegetation, building types, and site specifics to model the RF environment. This model is used to simulate the real world network and assist engineers to evaluate the impact of a proposed site (along with industry experience and other tools).

Many Verizon Wireless sites provide 3G CDMA at 850 MHz and 4G LTE at 700 MHz. As capacity requirements increase, higher frequency PCS (1900 MHz) and AWS (2100 MHz) carriers are added. In some mountaintop situations the mid band (higher frequency) AWS and PCS carriers are not fully effective due to excessive distance from the user population.

Coverage provided by a given site is affected by the frequencies used. Lower frequencies propagate further distances, and are less attenuated by clutter than higher frequencies. To provide similar coverage levels at higher frequencies, a denser network of sites is required (network densification).

Note the affect of clutter on the predicted coverage footprint above

\*\*Dark Green  $\geq$  -75dBm RSRP, typically serves dense urban areas as well as areas of substantial construction (colleges, hospitals, dense multi family etc.)

Green  $\geq$  -85dBm RSRP, typically serves suburban single family residential and light commercial buildings

Yellow  $\geq$  -95dBm RSRP, typically serves most rural/suburban-residential and in car applications

Orange  $\geq$  -105dBm RSRP, rural highway coverage, subject to variable conditions including fading and seasonality gaps

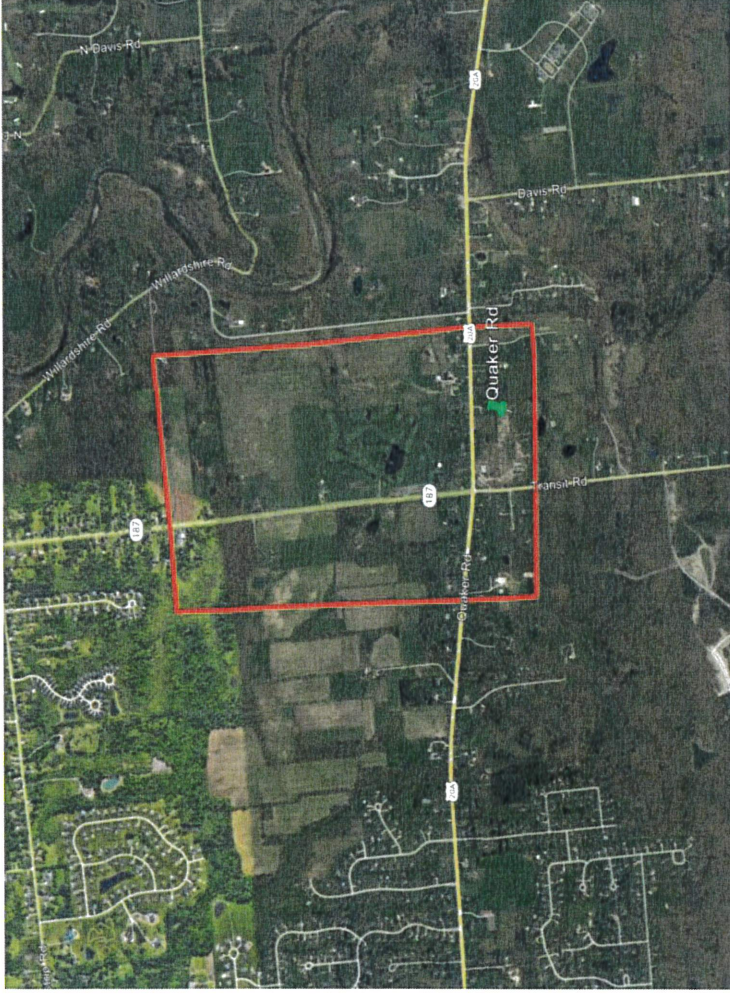
White =  $<$ -105dBm RSRP, variable to no reliable coverage gap area

More detailed, site-specific coverage slides are later in the presentation

\*Signal strength requirements vary as dictated by specific market conditions

\*\* Not displayed in example map, layer not used in all site justifications

# Explanation of this Search Area



## Quaker Rd Search Area

To resolve the coverage and capacity deficiencies previously detailed, Verizon Wireless is seeking to add one new cell facility within this area to improve wireless service capacity and coverage. By providing a new dominant sector to offload traffic from **Orchard Park East** with the proposed site, adequate and reliable service will be restored. The new **Quaker Rd** site will provide dominant and dedicated signal to the identified portions of the **Town of Aurora**. This helps to improve not only the **Quaker Rd** project area but will also indirectly result with significant service improvements in the surrounding areas within the **Quaker Rd** project area .

- A **Search Area** is the geographical area within which a new site is targeted to solve a coverage or capacity deficiency. Three of the factors taken into consideration when defining a search area are topography, user density, and the existing network.
- **Topography** must be considered to minimize the obstacles between the proposed site and the target coverage area. For example, a site at the bottom of a ridge will not be able to cover the other side from a certain height.
- In general, the farther from a site the **User Population** is, the weaker the RF conditions are and the worse their experience is likely to be. These distant users also have an increased impact on the serving site's capacity. In the case of a multi sector site, centralized proximity is essential to allow users to be evenly distributed and allow efficient utilization of the site's resources.
- The existing **Network Conditions** also guide the design of a new site. Sites placed too close together create interference due to overlap and are an inefficient use of resources. Sites that are too tall or not properly integrated with existing sites cause interference and degrade service for existing users.
- Existing co-locatable structures inside the search area as well as within a reasonable distance of the search area are submitted by site acquisition and reviewed by RF Engineering. If possible, RF will make use of existing or nearby structures before proposing to build new towers.

# Existing 700MHz Coverage

This coverage map shows how weak the RF conditions are in and around the Quaker Rd site area. Refer to slide 12 for further explanation of these color thresholds.

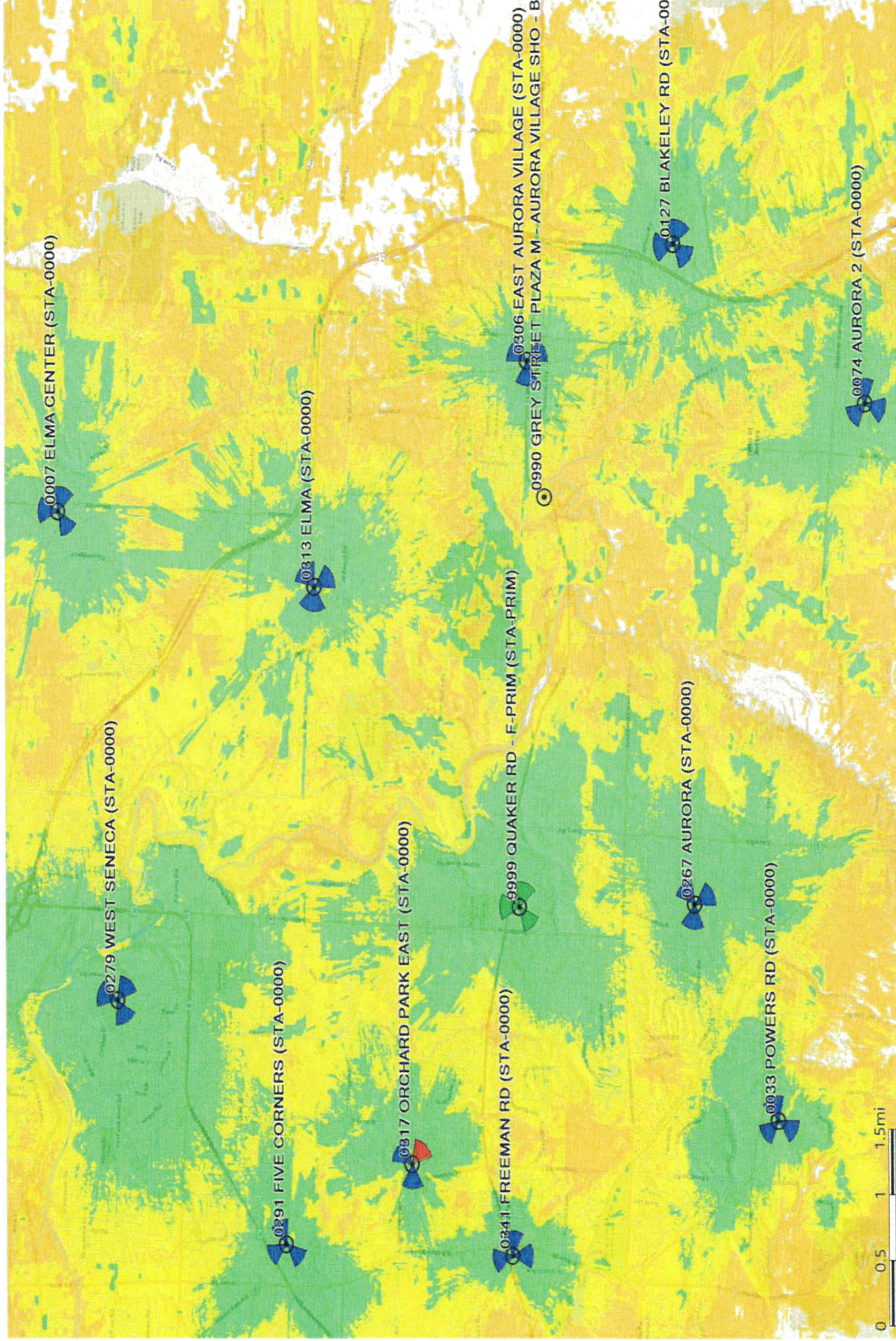
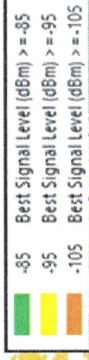
■	-85	Best Signal Level (dBm) >= -85
■	-95	Best Signal Level (dBm) >= -95
■	-105	Best Signal Level (dBm) >= -105



The map above represents coverage from existing sites. This 700MHz signal is weak throughout the target areas which is a contributing factor to the overloaded conditions as explained in the capacity slides especially the ASEU slides on p7 . Additional low band network densification is required to resolve these conditions.

# Proposed 700MHz Coverage

This coverage map shows how improved the RF conditions will be in and around the Quaker Rd site area (at 130'ACL). Refer to slide 12 for further explanation of these color thresholds.



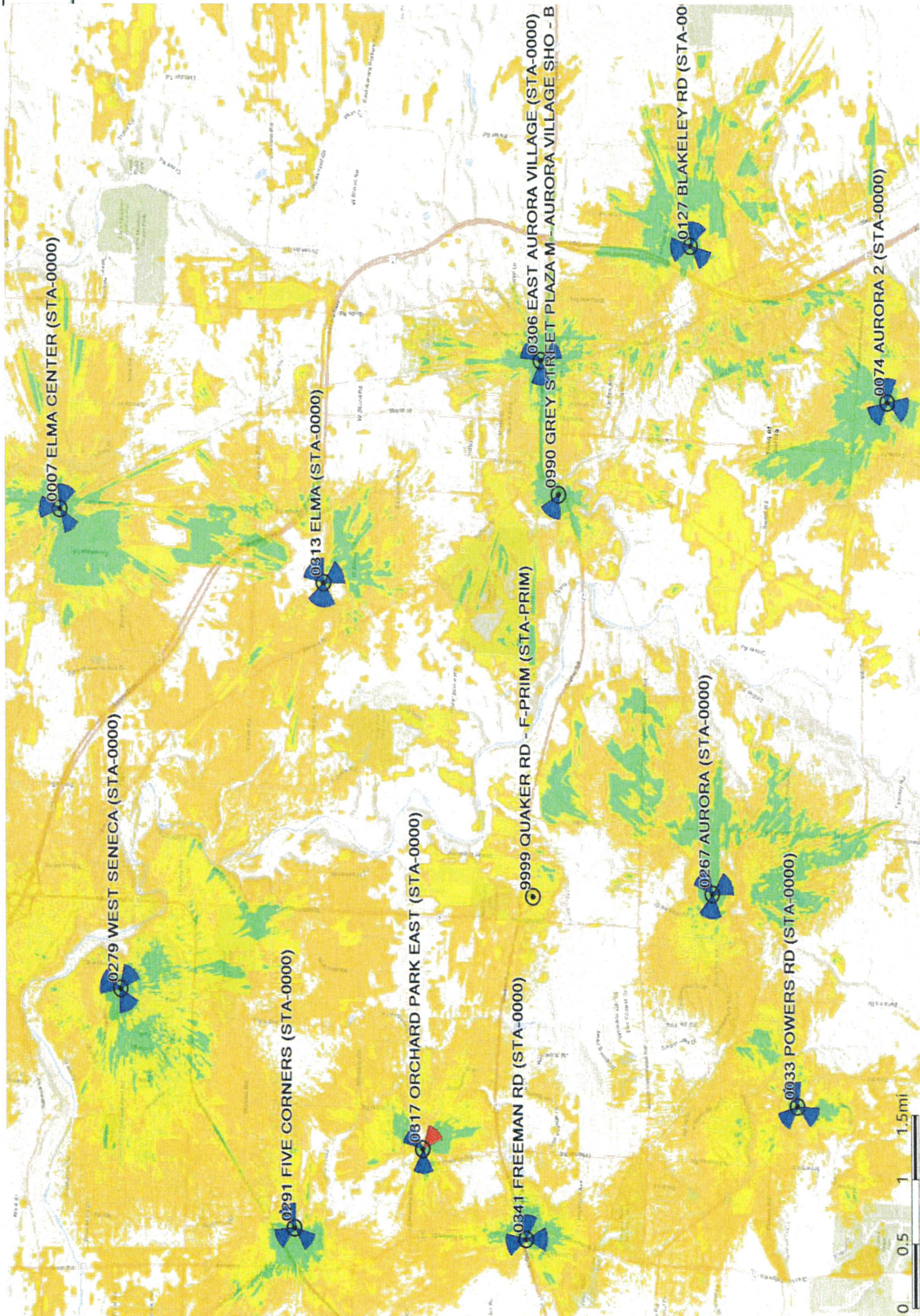
The map above adds the footprint of the proposed Quaker Rd site. The significantly improved signal strength corresponds to improved coverage and capacity throughout the identified significant gap area. This will help to resolve the coverage and capacity issues impacting the Orchard Park East Beta sector.



# Existing 2100MHz Coverage

This coverage map shows the RF conditions in and around the Quaker Rd site area. Refer to slide 8 for further explanation of these color thresholds.

■	-85	Best Signal Level (dBm) >= -85
■	-95	Best Signal Level (dBm) >= -95
■	-105	Best Signal Level (dBm) >= -105



The map above represents mid band coverage from existing sites. This 2100MHz signal is fairly weak throughout the project area. Additional mid band network densification is required to resolve these conditions.



# Proposed 2100MHz Coverage

This coverage map shows how improved the RF conditions will be in and around the Quaker Rd site area (at 130' ACL). Refer to slide 8 for further explanation of these color thresholds

■	-85	Best Signal Level (dBm) > = -85
■	-95	Best Signal Level (dBm) > = -95
■	-105	Best Signal Level (dBm) > = -105



The map above adds the mid band footprint of the proposed Quaker Rd site. The improved signal strength corresponds to improved coverage and capacity throughout the identified significant gap area. This will help to resolve the coverage and capacity issues impacting the neighboring sites.



# Existing 700 MHz Best Server -105dBm RSRP

Best Server plots depict the actual best server or dominant footprint of each sector in question. The following map shows one threshold so the viewer can accurately evaluate where primary offloading will occur as a result of the new site's dominant signal area.

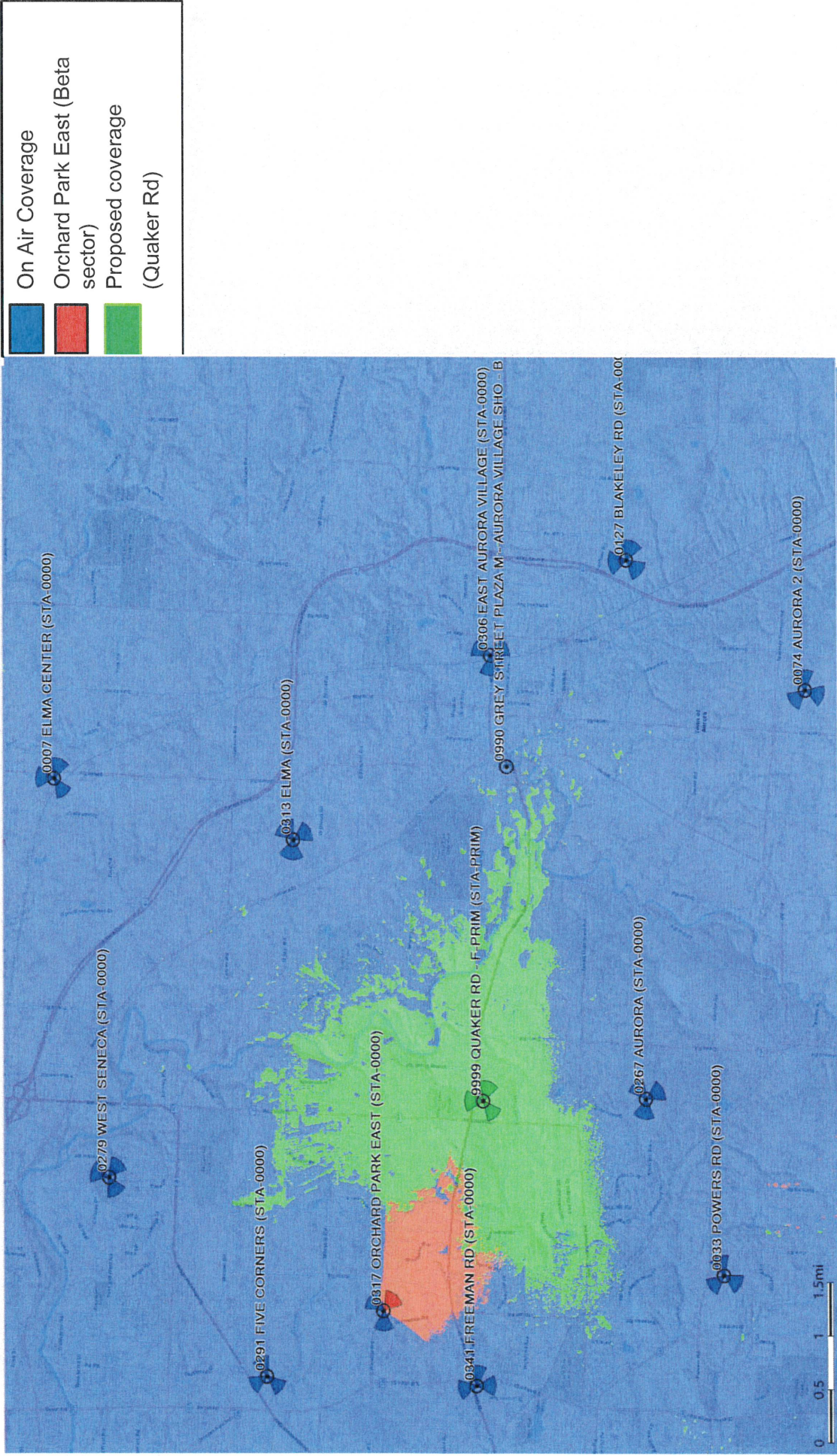


The map above represents coverage from existing sites/cells. The blue coverage is from all on air sites/sectors. The red coverage is the "Orchard Park East" Beta sector in need of capacity relief.



# Proposed 700 MHz Best Server -105dBm RSRP

Best Server plots depict the actual best server or dominant footprint of each sector in question. The following map shows one threshold so the viewer can accurately evaluate where primary offloading will occur as a result of the new site's dominant signal area (at 130' ACL).



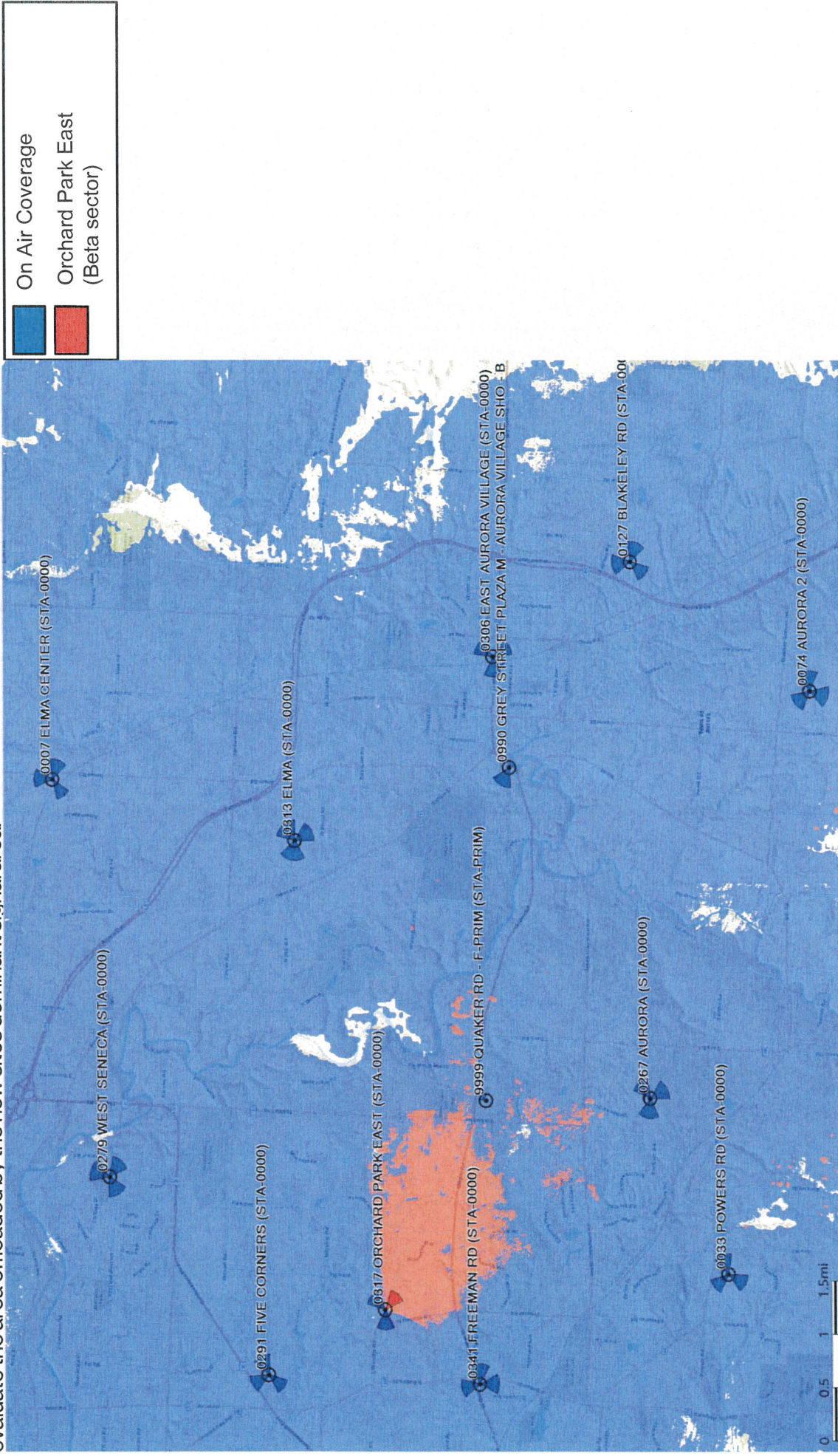
- On Air Coverage
- Orchard Park East (Beta sector)
- Proposed coverage (Quaker Rd)

The map above adds the footprint of the proposed "Quaker Rd" site in green and the red is the "Orchard Park East" Beta sector with the coverage optimized and pulled into better server the surrounding target area. The green best server footprint from the proposed "Quaker Rd" site overlaps the blue coverage from the existing and serving "Orchard Park East" cell and provides improved capacity and coverage in the Town of Aurora. This helps offload weak and distant users and improves overall capacity issues impacting the "Orchard Park East" site.



# Existing 2100MHz Best Server -105dBm RSRP

Best Server plots depict the actual footprint of each sector in question at one threshold so the viewer can accurately evaluate the area offloaded by the new sites dominant signal area.

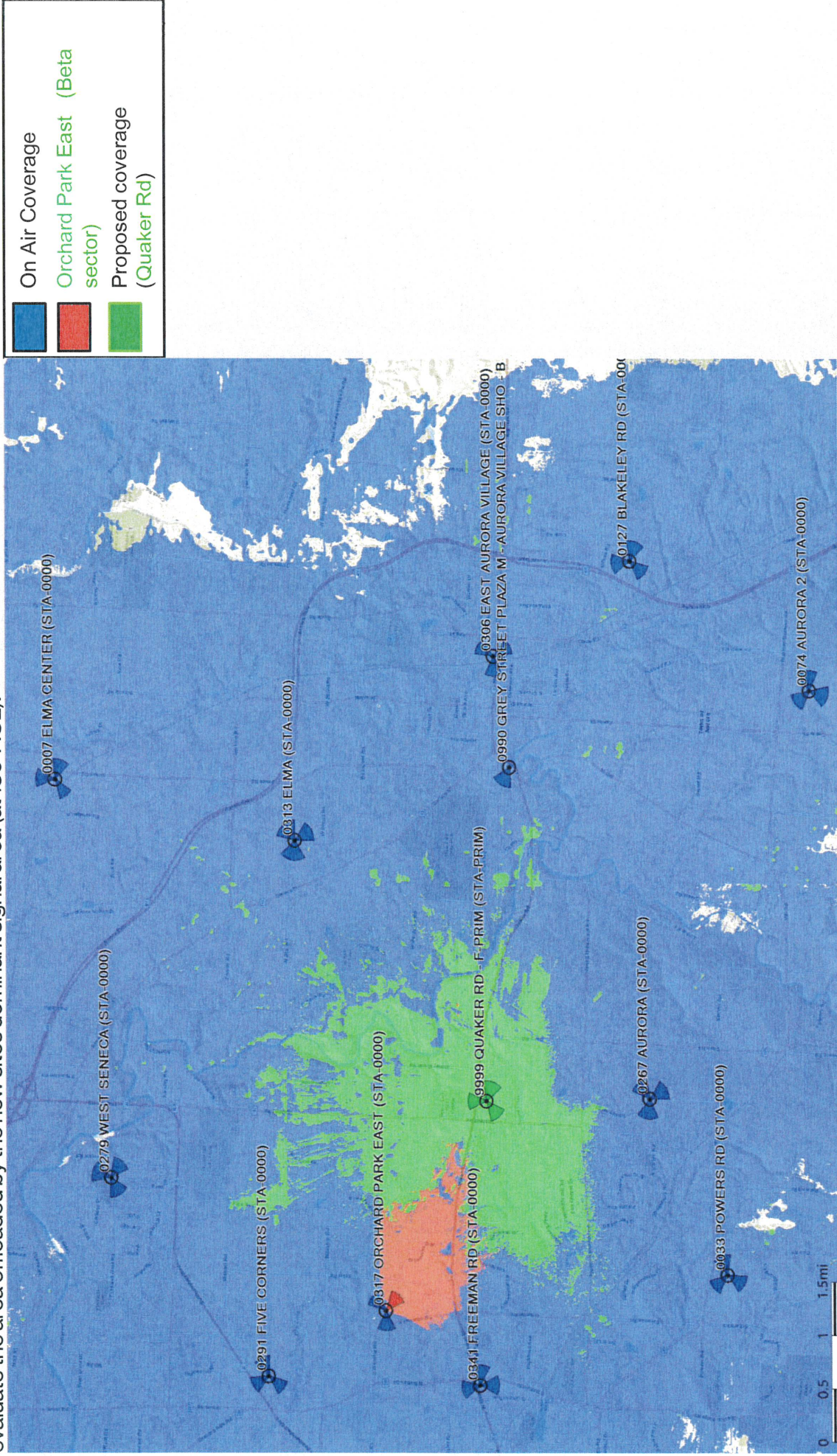


The map above represents mid band coverage from existing sites, with the sites in need of capacity offload detailed in the legend above. Blue coverage is from other on air sites.



# Proposed 2100MHz Best Server -105dBm RSRP

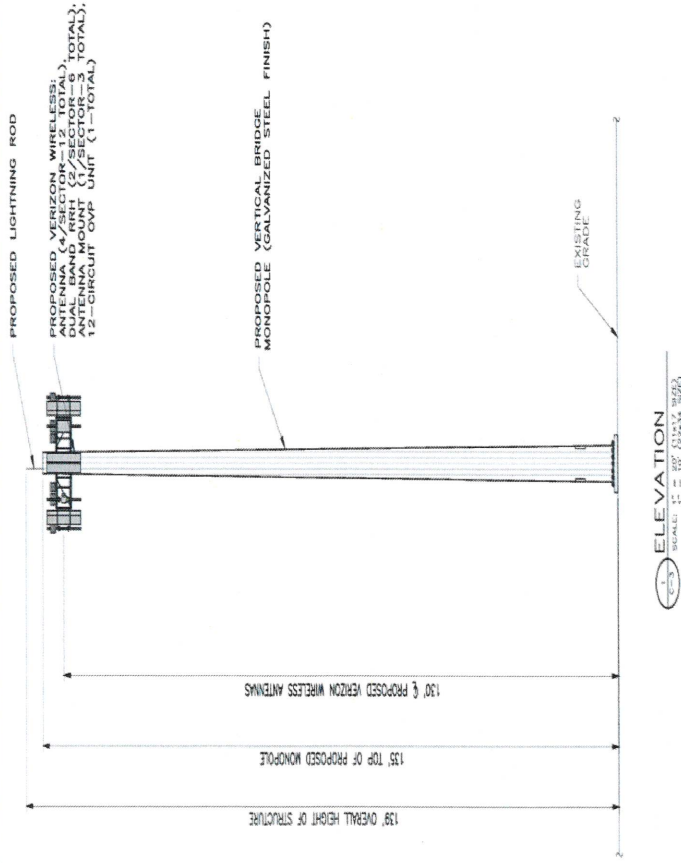
Best Server plots depict the actual footprint of each sector in question at one threshold so the viewer can accurately evaluate the area offloaded by the new sites dominant signal area (at 130' ACL).



The map above adds the mid band footprint of the proposed Quaker Rd site in green. The green best server footprint provides improved coverage and capacity throughout the identified significant gap area. This will help to resolve the coverage and capacity issues impacting the neighboring sites



# RF Justification Summary



The proposed site at 130' ACL resolves the substantial and significant gaps in coverage and capacity impacting the Quaker Rd project area.

The network was analyzed to determine whether there is sufficient **RF coverage and capacity** in the **Town of Aurora**. It was determined that there are significant gaps and inadequate LTE service for Verizon Wireless in the 700 and 2100MHz frequency bands. In addition to the coverage deficiencies, Verizon Wireless' network does not have sufficient capacity (low band or mid band) to handle the existing and projected LTE voice and data traffic in the area near and neighboring the proposed **Quaker Rd** facility ("targeted service improvement area"). Based on the need for additional coverage and capacity while considering the topography and specific area requiring service, any further addition of capacity to distant existing sites does not remedy Verizon's significant gap in reliable service. Therefore, the proposed facility is also needed to provide "**capacity relief**" to the existing nearby Verizon Wireless sites, allowing the proposed facility and those neighboring sites to adequately serve the existing and projected capacity demand in this area.

With the existing network configuration there are significant gaps in service which restricts Verizon Wireless customers from originating, maintaining or receiving reliable calls and network access. It is our expert opinion that the proposed height will satisfy the coverage and capacity needs of Verizon Wireless and its subscribers in this portion of the **Town of Aurora** and the **Quaker Rd** project area. The proposed location depicted herein satisfies the identified service gaps and is proposed at the minimum height necessary for adequate service.

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