PUBLIC WI-FI EXPANSION

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Community Wifi

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Public Wi-Fi Expansion: Update

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Public Wi-Fi Expansion: Project Goals

- Enable Wi-Fi for **underserved areas** of our community
- Enable Wi-Fi at city-owned facilities
- Enable reliable, robust, and secure Wi-Fi
- Enable a consistent user experience for the community and visitors

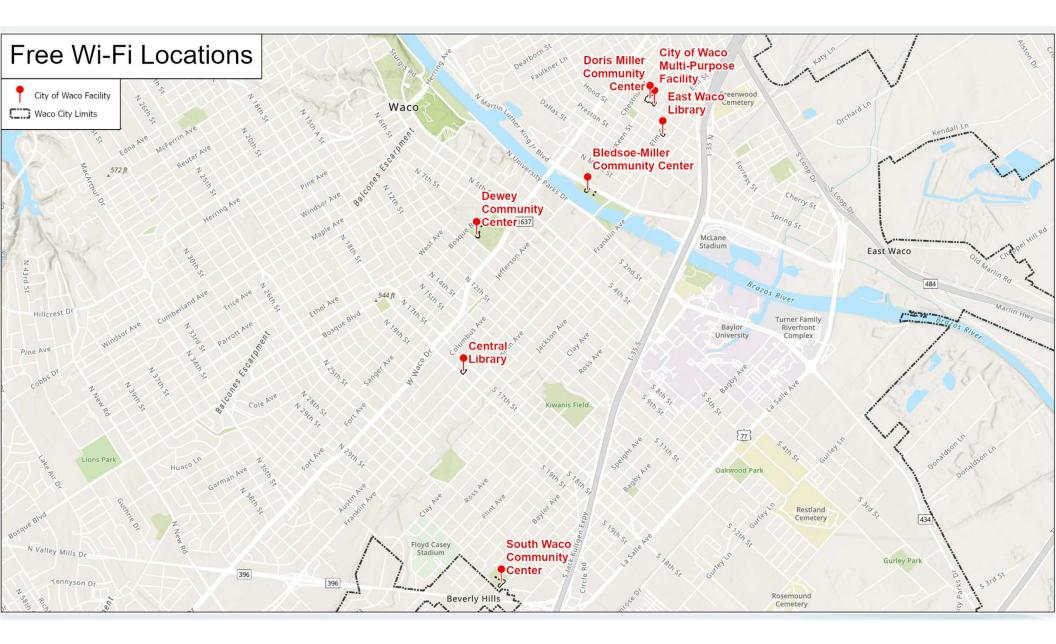
Public Wi-Fi Expansion: Proposal

- Wireless upgrades for 6 City of Waco facilities
- 139 indoor/outdoor wireless access points
- 9 network switches
- 5 firewalls for secure wireless access
- Network cabling and installation
- \$277,693.47 Investment

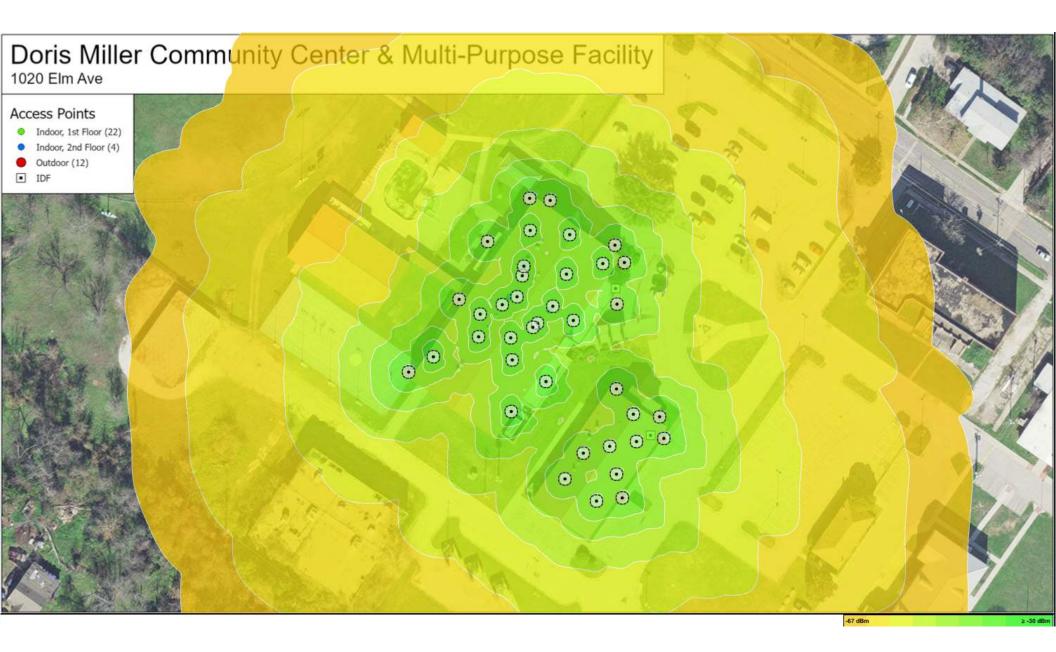
Funding: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Community Development Block Grant funding

Public Wi-Fi Expansion: Expansion Locations

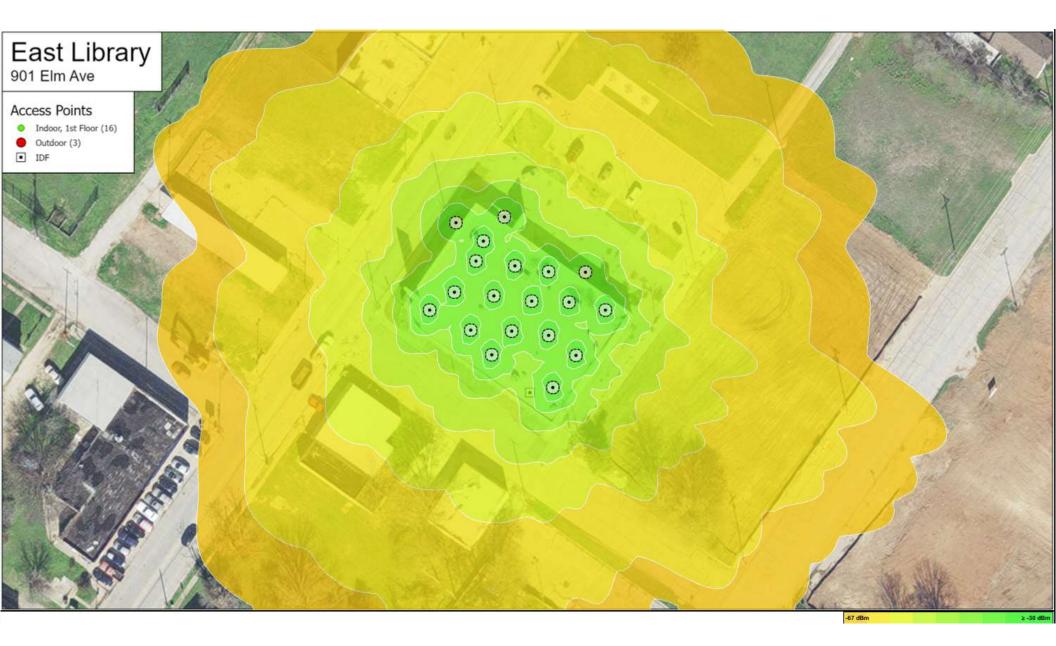
- Doris Miller Community Center & Multipurpose Center
- East Waco Library
- Bledsoe Miller Community Center
- South Waco Community Center
- Central Library



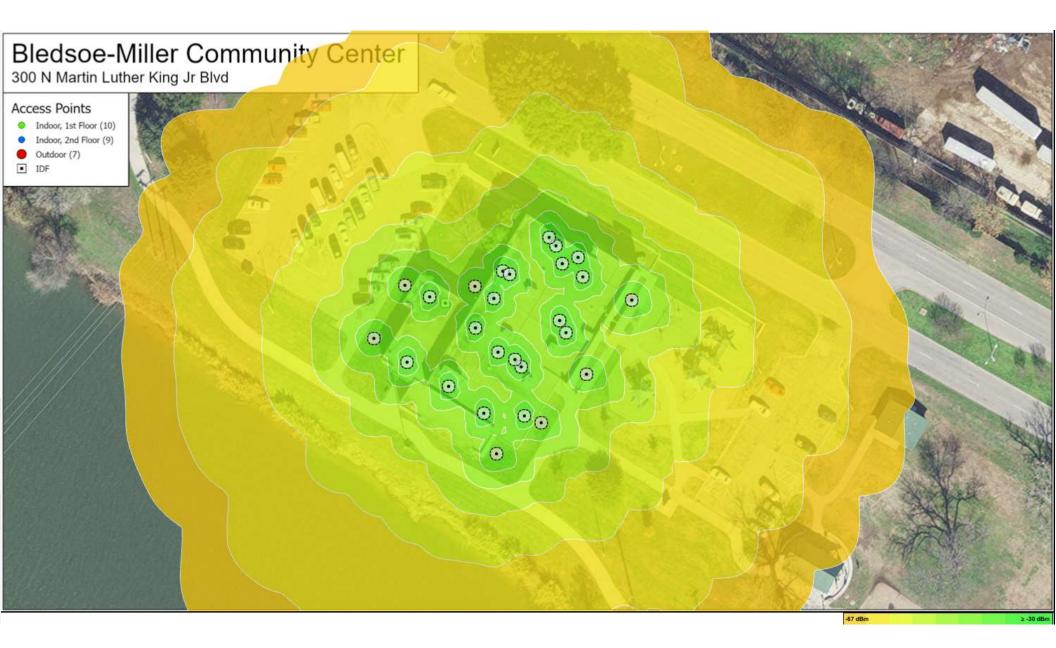




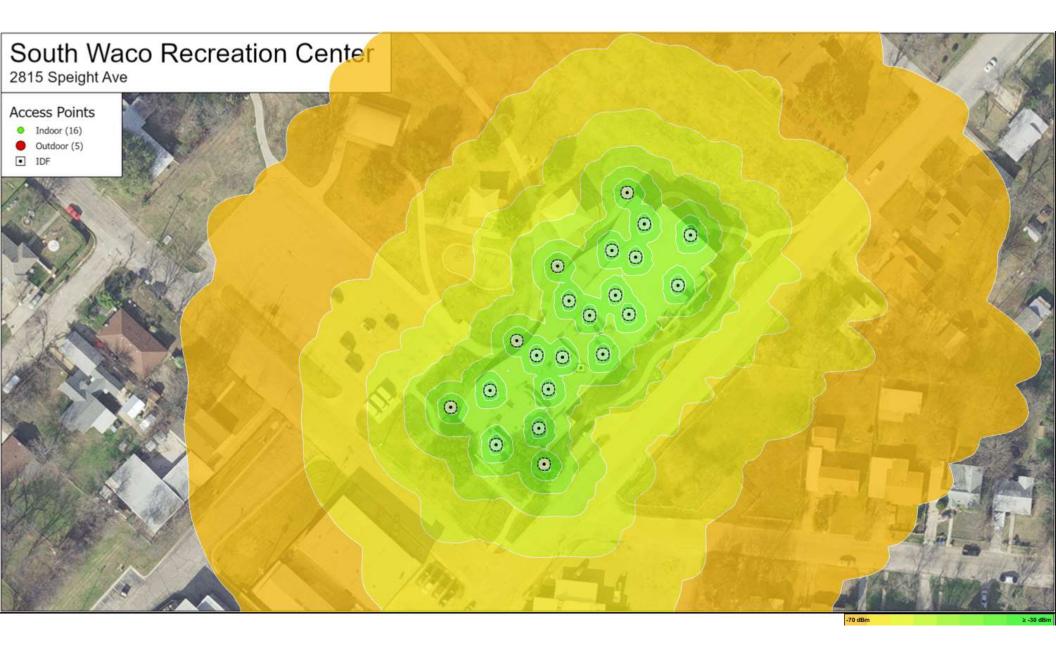


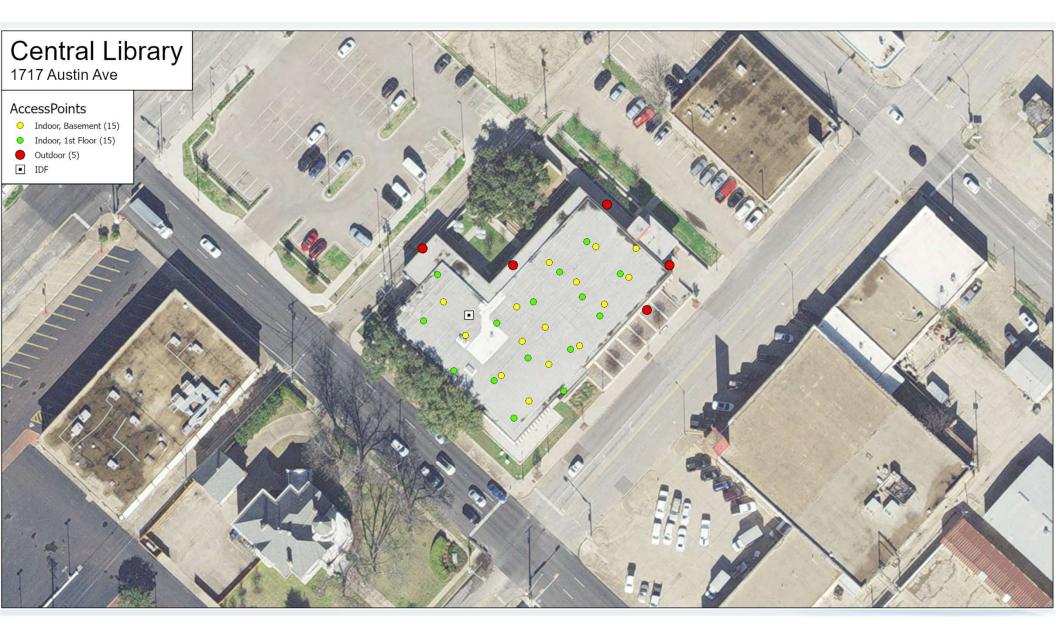


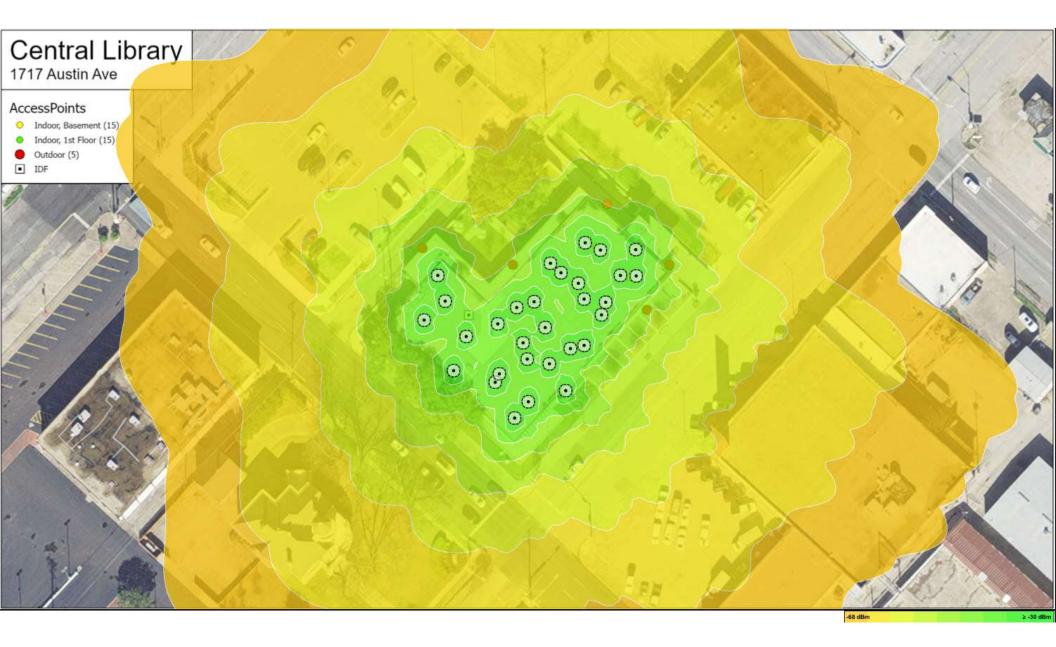












Public Wi-Fi Expansion: Strategy

- Develop Technical Support systems and FAQs
- Awareness campaigns for our community
- Explore additional **City of Waco owned** facilities
- Develop a Fiber-optic strategy to improve bandwidth and access to key areas of the city
- Solar Solutions to support Wi-Fi connectivity

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Questions

