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Though currently wooded, plans are underway to clear out an additional 100 acres at Seneca Rail Park. The industrial site recently received an AT&T Fiber Ready Certification, the first of its kind in the Upstate.

# Seneca industrial site receives fiber certification

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SENECA — The Seneca Rail Park, home to BorgWarner and Johnson Controls, recently received the Upstate's first AT&T Fiber Ready certification, a distinction a local economic development official hopes will set it apart from other sites

outside Oconee County. "Obviously, it helps the marketability of that site to potential tenants," said Richard Blackwell, executive director of the Oconee Economic Alliance. "To the potential end user, it demonstrates that this site has key components for a successful business." Blackwell said other sites in the county also

have fiber optic internet options, but the partnership with AT&T will bring name recognition from the national brand. As internet reliance becomes a staple of manufacturing, he said this certification will help the site stand out. "With the growth of the

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