

USDA Alabama Rural Development Public Notice

NOTICE OF CHANGES TO ELIGIBLE AREA MAPS FOR USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HOUSING PROGRAMS

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 31, 2023 – USDA Rural Development has completed its 2020 decennial United States census review for all areas under its jurisdiction to identify areas that no longer qualify as rural for USDA Rural Housing programs. Based on the review of the areas within the state of Alabama, using 2020 US census data, and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation has changed for the following areas:

Areas whose rural eligibility designations is changing from ineligible to eligible (these areas now qualify as rural for USDA Housing Programs):

- 1) City of Glencoe – City limits and unincorporated areas in Calhoun and Etowah counties eligible due to population and population density.

Areas whose rural eligibility designations is changing from eligible to ineligible (these areas no longer qualify as rural for USDA Housing Programs):

- 1) City of Huntsville - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 2) City of Madison - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 3) City of Decatur - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 4) City of Florence - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 5) City of Birmingham - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 6) City of Center Point - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 7) City of Mountain Brook - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 8) City of Forestdale - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 9) City of Homewood - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 10) City of Hoover - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 11) City of Alabaster - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 12) City of Tuscaloosa - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 13) City of Northport - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 14) City of Prattville - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.

- 15) City of Millbrook - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 16) City of Montgomery - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 17) City of Auburn - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 18) City of Phenix City - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 19) City of Dothan - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 20) City of Fairhope - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 21) City of Daphne - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.
- 22) City of Tillmans Corner - Expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.

Changes become effective October 1, 2023.

The updated rural area map can now be viewed on our [eligibility website](#). Users will need to click on the program, for example: "Single Family Housing Direct", and then click on "Proposed Eligibility Areas" from the menu options.

For a full list of changes, additional details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the Alabama Rural Development Housing Program Staff at 334-279-3440.