

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

USDA Rural Development has completed its 2017-2018 periodic review of 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 Arkansas, using the 2015 American Community Survey data, and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation has changed for the following areas:

### **Arkansas**

- 1) Alexander – city limit area lying within Saline County north of I-30 generally bound on the south by South Stephanie Street, on the west by Aaron Drive, and on the east by the city limits of Little Rock to become ineligible. Area lying within Pulaski County to become eligible.
- 2) Benton – city limit boundary changes and donut holes to become ineligible. Urban fringe area lying within Bryant city limits to become ineligible, defined as: an area lying west of Springhill Road bordering city limits of Benton on the south and an area lying west of Springhill Road bordering city limits of Benton on the north.
- 3) Bentonville – city limit boundary changes and donut holes to become ineligible. Urban fringe areas to become ineligible, more specifically defined as: an area bound by East Central Avenue and NE Woods Creek Road to city limits of Bentonville; an area west of NE Kensington Avenue; an area lying west of NE Street to city limits of Bentonville; an area lying along US 71 bound on north by city limits of Bella Vista; area lying along west side of NW Park Hill Road; area generally bound on north by Partridge Road to city limits of Bentonville; area generally bound on west by city limits of Centerton, on north by Kimmel Road to city limits of Bentonville.
- 4) Cabot – city limit boundary to become ineligible, except for: that portion of city limits lying north of Highway 89 beginning just west of Northport Drive running east to Highway 67/167, then lying north of Highway 67/167 running east to the city limit boundary. Urban fringe areas to become ineligible, more specifically defined as: an area generally lying to the west of Lakewood Drive and west and south of Lakewood Circle; an area lying to the south of Rosebud Circle; an area lying east of Cedarwood Drive and Krooked Kreek Circle; an area lying north of Campground Road.
- 5) Cave Springs – portions bound by city limits of Rogers and Bentonville to become ineligible. Urban fringe areas to become ineligible, more specifically defined as: an area generally bound on the west by Sands Road and Bellmara Circle and on the south by Chancery Lane to city limits of Rogers; strip of land lying south of Stratsman Lane to city limits of Rogers; strip of land east of County Road 238 to city limits of Rogers.
- 6) Centerton – Urban fringe area to become ineligible, more specifically defined as: an area generally bound on the west by Oakwood Court and Womack Road, and on the south by Meadowlands Drive and Cottonwood Road travelling east to city limits of Bentonville; an area generally lying east of Hunters Pointe to city limits of Bentonville.
- 7) College Station – to become eligible.
- 8) Conway – city limit boundary changes to become ineligible.

- 9) Elkins – Urban fringe area to become ineligible, more specifically defined as: an area lying along the east side of Jessica Place; an area generally bound on north by Greenbriar Avenue, south by Harris Drive and lying east of Harris Community Road and just east of Pine Oak Street. Portions of city limits to become eligible, more specifically defined as: an area generally lying east of Pine Oak Street and south of Jennifer Lane; a strip of land lying south of Harris Drive and east of South Harris Drive.
- 10) Elm Springs – area bound by city limits of Springdale to become ineligible.
- 11) Fayetteville – city limit boundary changes and donut holes to become ineligible with some fringe areas to become eligible. Urban fringe areas to become ineligible, more specifically defined as: an area generally running along the north and west side of West Yellow Brick Road and running along North 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue to city limits of Fayetteville; an area running along Wilmoth Road bound on three sides by city limits of Fayetteville.
- 12) Fort Smith – city limit boundary changes and donut holes to become ineligible.
- 13) Gibson – area bound by city limits of North Little Rock to become ineligible.
- 14) Greenland – to become eligible.
- 15) Hot Springs – city limit boundary changes to become ineligible.
- 16) Jacksonville – city limit boundary changes to become ineligible.
- 17) Johnson – area lying generally to the west of Arkansas and Missouri Railroad and an area lying generally to the south of Foxwood Drive and west of White Tail Way to become eligible.
- 18) Jonesboro – city limit boundary changes to become ineligible with some fringe areas to become eligible. Urban fringe area to become ineligible, more specifically defined as: an area south of Southwest Drive and east of Craighead 439 Road bound on three sides by city limits of Jonesboro.
- 19) Little Rock – city limit boundary changes to become ineligible with some fringe areas to become eligible. An area lying south of Highway 10 and generally bound on the west and south by Chalamont Drive to become ineligible.
- 20) Lowell – Area lying east of I-49 to become ineligible. Majority of area lying west of I-49 and north of Highway 264 to city limits of Rogers to become eligible.
- 21) Maumelle – city limit boundary changes to become ineligible with some fringe areas to become eligible.
- 22) McAlmont – to become eligible, except for: an area generally bound by Pentel Lane, White Oak Way and city limits of Sherwood; an area generally lying west of Calm Lane and north of I-40 bound by North Little Rock city limits.
- 23) North Little Rock – city limit boundary changes and donut holes to become ineligible with some fringe areas to become eligible.
- 24) Pine Bluff – city limit boundary changes to become ineligible with some fringe areas to become eligible.
- 25) Rogers – city limit boundary changes to become ineligible with some fringe areas to become eligible. Urban fringe area to become ineligible, more specifically defined as: an area bound on three sides by city limits of Rogers and bound on south by County Road 46; donut hole lying along Arkansas and Missouri railroad between city limits of Rogers and Bentonville. Urban fringe area lying within Little Flock to become ineligible, defined as: area bound by city limits of Rogers.

- 26) Sherwood – city limit boundary changes to become ineligible with some fringe area to become eligible. Donut holes lying between city limits of North Little Rock and city limits of Sherwood to become ineligible.
- 27) Siloam Springs – city limit boundary to become ineligible, except for outer bands of city limits generally described as the area beginning at the defined streets and running out to city limits: beginning at the Arkansas/Oklahoma state line and travelling east along West University Street to North Dogwood Street, then travelling north along said street to West Garland Street, then travelling east along said street to North Carl Street, then travelling north along said street to Cheri Whitlock Parkway, then travel east along Cheri Whitlock Parkway to North Lincoln Street, then travelling south along said street to East Tahlequah Street, then travelling east along said street to North Progress Avenue, then travel south along North Progress Street to U.S. Highway 412, then west along said highway to South Lincoln Street, then travel south along South Lincoln Street to East Lake Francis Drive, then travelling west along said drive to Roselawn Street and travel south along said road to Aspen, then travel east along Aspen to Kansas City Southern rail line and follow said rail line south to city limits.
- 28) Springdale – city limit boundary changes and donut holes to become ineligible with some fringe areas to become eligible.
- 29) Sweet Home – to become eligible.
- 30) Texarkana – city limit boundary changes to become ineligible with some fringe areas to become eligible.
- 31) Van Buren – city limit boundary and donut holes to become ineligible, except for that area generally lying west of Lee Creek and west of Pevehouse Road; that area generally described as lying between Broken Hill Drive and Quarry Drive beginning just north of Sandstone Drive to city limits; that area described as a section of land beginning at northern end of Quarry Drive and running north to city limits and east to city limits; that area lying north of I-40 beginning at Fayetteville Road and running east along said interstate to city limits; that area lying east of I-540 beginning at I-40 and running south to US Highway 64; that area lying east of South 28<sup>th</sup> Street from city limits running north to Union Pacific rail line, then running east along said rail line to city limits.
- 32) West Memphis – city limit boundary changes and donut holes to become ineligible with some fringe areas to become eligible. Area along South Loop road that is bound on all sides by city limits of West Memphis to become ineligible.
- 33) White Hall – to become eligible except for an area generally bound by Barney Lane to city limits of Pine Bluff.

The changes will become effective on June 4, 2018. Areas that are no longer considered rural or rural in character and that will not be eligible for the USDA Rural Housing Programs can be viewed at <https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do> by clicking on either "Single Family Housing Guaranteed", "Single Family Housing Direct" or Multi-Family Housing" and then selecting "Proposed Ineligible Areas" tab.

For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the Arkansas Rural Development Housing Program staff, Pam Fleharty, Lead Specialist, at (501)301-3241.

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