

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 North Carolina, 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:

1. **Piney Green Area, Jacksonville, NC** – Will become eligible for Single Family Housing and Multi-Family Housing programs - Area is rural in character.
2. **Murraysville Area, Wilmington, NC** – Will become eligible for Single Family Housing and Multi-Family Housing programs - Area is rural in character.
3. **Newton, NC** – Will become eligible for Single Family Housing and Multi-Family Housing programs - Area is rural in character.

The changes will become effective on April 6, 2019. 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 "Property Eligibility" tab.

For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the State Office Rural Development Housing Program Staff at 919-873-2051.

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