

NOTICE OF COMMENTS RECEIVED ON REVIEW OF ELIGIBLE AREA MAPS FOR USDA RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

USDA Rural Development has received and reviewed comments on areas being reviewed for continued eligibility under the USDA Rural Housing programs. During the review, all comments were considered.

Below is a summary of the comments received for the rural area review in the state of Virginia.

Virginia

- 1) Culpeper – Comments received indicated there was a lack of credit available the area is great for first time home buyers, the area is considered rural and that the area should remain eligible.
 - a. Received 133 comments indicating that there was a lack of credit available.
 - b. Received 7 comments indicating that the area is great for first time home buyers.
 - c. Received 2 comments indicating that the area was rural.
 - d. Received 1 comment requesting that the area remain eligible
- 2) Front Royal – Comments received indicated there was a lack of credit available, the area is great for first time home buyers, and the area is considered rural.
 - a. Received 11 comments indicating that there was a lack of credit available
 - b. Received 5 comments indicating that the area is great for first time home buyers.
 - c. Received 2 comments indicating that the area was rural.
- 3) Warren – Comments received indicated there was a lack of credit available, the area is great for first time home buyers, and the area is considered rural.
 - a. Received 6 comments indicating that there was a lack of credit available
 - b. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is great for first time home buyers.
 - c. Received 1 comment indicating that the area was rural.
- 4) Gainesville – Comments received indicated the area is great for first time home buyers, and the area is considered rural.
 - a. Received 2 comment indicating that the area is great for first time home buyers.
 - b. Received 2 comment indicating that the area was rural.
- 5) Haymarket – Comments received indicated the area is great for first time home buyers, and the area is considered rural.
 - a. Received 2 comment indicating that the area is great for first time home buyers.
 - b. Received 2 comment indicating that the area was rural.
- 6) Landsdowne – Comments received indicated and the area is considered rural.
 - a. Received 2 comment indicating that the area was rural.
- 7) Broadlands – Comments received indicated and the area is considered rural.
 - a. Received 2 comment indicating that the area was rural.
- 8) South Riding – Comments received indicated and the area is considered rural.

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- 9) Montgomery – Comments received indicated the area is great for first time home buyers.
 - a. Received 2 comment indicating that the area is great for first time home buyers.
- 10) Linden – The comment received indicated the area is great for first time home buyers.

- a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is great for first time home buyers.
- 11) Nokerville – The comment received indicated the area is great for first time home buyers.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is great for first time home buyers.
- 12) Warrenton – The comment received indicated the area is great for first time home buyers.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is great for first time home buyers.
- 13) Midland – The comment received indicated the area is great for first time home buyers.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is great for first time home buyers.
- 14) Bealton – The comment received indicated the area is great for first time home buyers.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is great for first time home buyers.
- 15) Manassas – The comment received indicated the area is great for first time home buyers.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is great for first time home buyers.
- 16) Frederick – The comment received indicated there is a lack of credit available.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that there is a lack of credit available.
- 17) Brambleton – The comment received indicated that the area is rural.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is rural.
- 18) Radford City – The comments received indicated that the area is great for first time home buyers and the area is rural.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is great for first time home buyers.
 - b. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is rural.
- 19) Radford – The comments received indicated that the area is great for first time home buyers and the area is rural.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is great for first time home buyers.
 - b. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is rural.
- 20) Madison Heights – The comment received indicated that the area is rural.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is rural.
- 21) Amherst – The comment received indicated that the area is rural.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is rural.
- 22) Roanoke County – The comment received indicated that the area is rural.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is rural.
- 23) Botetourt – The comment received indicated that the area is rural.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is rural.
- 24) Waynesboro – The comment received indicated that the area is rural.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is rural.
- 25) Forest – The comment received indicated that the area is rural.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is rural.
- 26) Timberlake – The comment received indicated that the area is rural.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is rural.
- 27) Hollins – The comment received indicated that the area is rural.
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area is rural.

Based on the review of the areas within the state of Virginia, using the 2015 American Community Survey data, comments received, and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation is proposed to change for the following areas:

- 1) Waynesboro – The area is proposed to become ineligible.
- 2) Roanoke County – The area is proposed to become ineligible.
- 3) Botetourt County – The area is proposed to become ineligible.

- 4) Lansdowne – The area is proposed to become ineligible.
- 5) Broadlands – The area is proposed to become ineligible.
- 6) Brambleton – The area is proposed to become ineligible.
- 7) South Riding – The area is proposed to become ineligible.
- 8) Gainesville – The area is proposed to become ineligible.
- 9) Haymarket – The area is proposed to become ineligible.

Areas that will now be considered as no longer being rural or rural in character 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.

The proposed changes will become effective on June 4, 2018. For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the Virginia Rural Development Housing Program Staff at 804-287-1550.

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