

## NOTICE OF FINAL CHANGES TO ELIGIBLE AREA MAPS FOR USDA RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS IN MINNESOTA

USDA Rural Development has completed its final 2017-2018 review of all areas under its jurisdiction to identify areas that no longer qualify as rural for housing programs.

Based on review of the areas for the state of Minnesota, using the 2015 American Community Survey data, public comments received, and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation has changed for the following areas:

### ***Minnesota***

- 1) Otsego – ***Ineligible***
- 2) East Grand Forks - ***Eligible***

Areas no longer considered “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.

**These changes will become effective on June 4, 2018.** For questions or more information, stakeholders in affected communities are advised to contact the [Area Director](#) at the local Rural Development office responsible for serving the community.