

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

USDA Rural Development is conducting a review of all areas under its jurisdiction to identify areas that no longer qualify as rural for housing programs. The last rural area reviews were performed in 2012-2013 using the 2010 census data. This review, which is done every five years, will utilize the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data.

Based on the 2015 ACS data and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation is under review for the following areas (please reference the corresponding [map](#) when reviewing the list below):

### **Minnesota**

*The following cities may be considered **ineligible** for Rural Development housing programs beginning in June 2018:*

- 1) Big Lake
- 2) Buffalo
- 3) Faribault
- 4) Monticello
- 5) Otsego
- 6) Owatonna
- 7) Waconia

*The following city may be considered **eligible** for Rural Development housing programs beginning in June 2018:*

- 1) East Grand Forks

The public shall have 90 days from the date of this notice to submit comments regarding possible changes in eligible areas for Rural Development housing programs. Comments are encouraged and should be sent to [GeneralRDMN@rd.usda.gov](mailto:GeneralRDMN@rd.usda.gov) or Housing Program Director, USDA Rural Development, 375 Jackson St., Suite 401, St. Paul, MN 55101. 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.