

NOTICE OF CHANGES TO ELIGIBLE AREA MAPS FOR USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HOUSING PROGRAMS - REVISED

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.

The public shall have 90 days from December 1, 2017 (the date of this public notice) to submit comments regarding the potential loss of eligibility for Rural Development housing programs. **Comments should be sent to Brad King (brad.king@md.usda.gov). For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the Delaware/Maryland Rural Development Housing Program staff at (301) 797-0500 ext. 4.**

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:

Delaware

1) New Castle County – Middletown Area

- a. Ineligible area to begin at Rt. 301 (Summit Ridge Road/SR-71) and Armstrong Corner Road. Heading west on Armstrong Corner Road to Rt. 15 (Choptank Road). Go south on Rt. 15 (Choptank Road) to Bunker Hill Road. Go west on Bunker Hill Road to the DE/MD state line. Follow the DE/MD state line south to Strawberry Lane. Go east on Strawberry Lane to Levels Road. Follow Levels Road south to Grears Corner Road to the Appoquinimink River (Wiggins Mill Pond). Follow the Appoquinimink River (Wiggins Mill Pond) east to where it intersects with Wiggins Mill Road. Go northwest on Wiggins Mill Road to Green Giant Road. Follow Green Giant Road east to Rt. 71 (Summit Bridge Road). Go north on Rt. 71 (Summit Bridge Road) to Noxontown Road. Follow Noxontown Road east and south to Rt. 1. Follow Rt. 1 north to where it intersects with Rt. 13 (N. DuPont Hwy.). Follow Rt. 13 (N. DuPont Hwy.) to Marl Pit Road. Go west on Marl Pit Road to Rt. 301 (Summit Bridge Road/SR-71) the beginning point.

2) New Castle/Kent County – Smyrna/Clayton Area

- a. ****Please Note the Updated Boundaries in this Area's Description**** - Ineligible area to begin at the intersection of Black Diamond Road and Masseys Church Road. Follow Masseys Church Road south to Vandyke Greenspring Road. Go west on Vandyke Greenspring Road to Rt. 15 (Clayton Greenspring Road). Follow Rt. 15 (Clayton Greenspring Road) south to the Conrail train line. Follow the Conrail train line south to Brenford Road. Go north on Brenford Road to Big Oak Road. Follow Big Oak Road northeast to Smyrna Leipsic Road. Follow Smyrna Leipsic Road northwest to Rt. 1. Follow Rt. 1 north to where it intersects Mill Creek. Follow Mill Creek to where it meets Duck Creek. Follow Duck Creek west to where it intersects Smyrna Landing Road. Go north on Smyrna Landing Road to Brick Store Landing Road. Follow Brick Store Landing Road east to Alabam Road. Follow Alabam Road north to McQuail Road. Take McQuail Road west to Paddock Road. Follow Paddock Road south and west to where it intersects Rt. 13 (N. DuPont Hwy.). Follow Rt. 13 north to where it intersects Black Diamond Road. Go west on Black Diamond Road to Masseys Church Road and the beginning point.

Maryland

1) Calvert County – Lusby Area

- a. Ineligible area to begin at the intersection of Rt. 2/4 (Solomons Island Road South) and Rt. 497 (Cove Point Road). Follow Rt. 497 (Cove Point Road) to the Chesapeake Bay (this area includes the entire Cove Point Subdivision to the property line of the Dominion Gas Terminal). Follow

the Chesapeake Bay shoreline south around Drum Point to where it connects in a vertical line to Rt. 760 (Rousby Hall Road). Follow Rt. 760 (Rousby Hall Road) north to Rt. 2/4 (Solomons Island Road South). Follow Rt. 2/4 (Solomons Island Road South) north to the beginning point.

2) Carroll County – Westminster City Area

- a. Extends the ineligible line north on Rt. 97 (Littlestown Pike) to Rt. 496 (Bachmans Valley Road). Follow Rt. 496 (Bachmans Valley Road) to where it intersects the Bear Branch stream. Follow the Bear Branch stream south to the Westminster city limit line. Follow the Westminster city line south to where it meets Old Bachmans Valley Road (the original ineligible area line).

3) Cecil County – Elkton Area

- a. Extends the ineligible line on the north end of the city west on I-95 to where it intersects Little Elk Creek. Follow Little Elk Creek south and east to Rt. 279 (Elkton Road). Go south on Elkton Road to US 40 (West Pulaski Highway) to Old Elk Neck Road. Follow Old Elk Neck Road south to Jones Chapel Road. Go east on Jones Chapel Road to Old Field Point Road. Follow Old Field Point Road south to Brownies Shore Lane. Follow Brownies Shore Lane east to the Elk River Park boundary then to the Elk River. Follow the Elk River shoreline south to the head waters of Perch Creek. Follow Perch Creek for a short distance to where it connects to W. Lewis Shore Road. Follow W. Lewis Shore Road east to Rt. 213 (Augustine Herman Highway). Go north on Rt. 213 (Augustine Herman Highway) to Frenchtown Road. Follow Frenchtown Road east to the MD/DE state line and the original ineligible area.

4) Dorchester County – Cambridge Area

- a. Ineligible line begins at the Shore of the Choptank River on the north eastern side of Cambridge and follows the Cambridge city limit line south then west to where it intersects with Bucktown Road. Follow Bucktown Road south and west to Greenbriar Road. Follow Greenbriar Road to Maple Dam Road. Go south on Maple Dam Road to Key Wallace Road. Take Key Wallace Road west to Key Wallace Drive. Follow Key Wallace Drive to Golden Hill Road (Rt. 355). Take Golden Hill Road north to Church Creek Road (Rt. 16). Go north on Church Creek Road to Pig Neck Road. Follow Pig Neck Road west to School House Lane. Go north on School House Lane to Dailsville Road. Follow Dailsville Road west and north to Town Point Road. Go north on Town Point Road to Hudson Road (Rt. 343). Follow Hudson Road (Rt. 343) east to Horns Point Road then follow northwest to the Choptank River/Lecompte Bay on the north western side of Cambridge.

5) Frederick County – Urbana & Frederick City Areas

- a. *Frederick City Area* – Extends the ineligible area line east and south from the CSX rail line to the Monocacy River to where it intersects Rt. 80 (Fingerboard Road). Follow Rt. 80 (Fingerboard Road) west to Rt. 85 (Buckeystown Pike). Go north on Rt. 85 (Buckeystown Pike) to where it meets the CSX rail line and the original ineligible area line.
- b. *Urbana Area* – Ineligible area will begin at I-270 and the Tabler Run stream intersect. Following Tabler Run stream north to where it intersects Tabler Run Road. Follow Tabler Run Road east and north to Ball Road. Go east on Ball Road to Ijamsville Road. Take Ijamsville Road south to Big Woods Road. Follow Big Woods Road south to Rt. 355 (Urbana Pike). Continue south on Rt. 355 (Urbana Pike) to the Montgomery County line. Follow the Montgomery County line southwest to I-270 then Follow I-270 north to the beginning point.

6) Harford County – Aberdeen Area

- a. Extends the ineligible area from I-95 northwest on Rt. 22 (Churchville Road) to Aldino Stepney Road. Go north on Aldino Stepney Road to Gilbert Road. Follow Gilbert Road east and south to Maxa Road where it intersects with I-95 and connects back to the original ineligible area line.

7) Montgomery County – Clarksburg Area

- a. Extends the ineligible area line north on I-270 from the intersection of Rt. 121 (Clarksburg Road) to the Montgomery County line. Go northeast on the Montgomery County Line to east on Rt. 123 (Lewisdale Road). Follow Rt. 123 (Lewisdale Road) east to Prices Distillery Road. Go southeast on Prices Distillery Road to Burnt Hill Road and the original ineligible area line.

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8) St. Mary's County – Lexington Park Area

- a. Extends the ineligible area beginning at the boundary of the Patuxent Naval Air Station and the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay. Follow the Chesapeake Bay shoreline south to Massume Eyrie Road. Go west on Massume Eyrie Road to Poplar Ridge Road. Follow Poplar Ridge Road north to Rt. 235 (Three Notch Road). Follow Rt. 235 (Three Notch Road) north to Hermanville Road. Go southwest and then south on Hermanville Road to Rt. 5 (Point Lookout Road). Follow Rt. 5 (Point Lookout Road) west to Rt. 246 (Great Mills Road). Go north on Rt. 246 (Great Mills Road) to Rt. 237 (Chancellors Run Road). Follow Rt. 237 (Chancellors Run Road) north to Buck Hewitt Road which is part of the original ineligible area.

9) Talbot County – Easton Area

- a. Ineligible area will begin from US 50 (Ocean Gateway) and follow the Easton city limits west to Hiners Lane. Follow Hiners Lane south to Rt. 662 (Longwoods Road). Go north on Rt. 662 (Longwoods Road) to Hailem School Road. Follow Hailem School Road south to Goldsborough Neck Road. Follow Goldsborough Neck Road south to Glebe Road. Go east on Glebe Road to the Easton city limit line. Follow the city limit line south to Rt. 33 (St. Michaels Road). Follow Rt. 33 (St. Michaels Road) west to Leehaven Road to Dixon Creek. Pick up the Easton city limit line on the east side of Dixon Creek to the Tred Avon River. Follow the Tred Avon River north to the Easton city limit line then follow the Easton city limit line to the opposite shore of the Tred Avon River then pick up the Easton city limit line and follow it south to Jacks Creek. Follow Jacks Creek to where it intersects with Woodland Circle. Follow Woodland Circle south to Woodland Court/Woodland Drive then go east/southeast to Waverly Road. Follow Waverly Road southeast to Rt. 333 (Oxford Road). Go south on Rt. 333 (Oxford Road) to Landaff Road. Follow Llandaff Road east to US Rt. 565 (Easton Trappe Road). Go north on Rt. 50 (Ocean Highway) to Schwainger Road then east and south to Manadier Road. Follow Manadier Road north to Dover Neck Road. Continue on Dover Neck Road north to Rt. 331 (Dover Road). Go east on Rt. 331 (Dover Road) to Black Dog Aly. Follow Black Dog Aly north to Rt. 309 (Cordova Road). Follow Rt. 309 (Cordova Road) northeast to Old Cordova Road. Take Old Cordova Road north to Rabbit Hill Road then east on Rabbit Hill Road to Rt. 50 (Ocean Gateway). Follow Rt. 50 (Ocean Gateway) south to the beginning point.

10) Washington County – Hagerstown/Halfway Area

- a. Extend the ineligible area line beginning at the CSX rail line west to Hopewell Road. Go south on Hopewell Road to I-70. Follow I-70 east to I-81. Follow I-81 south to Rt. 68 (Lappans Road). Follow Rt. 68 (Lappans Road) east to where it intersects the Winchester & Western rail line. Follow the Winchester & Western rail line north to where it intersects Sterling Road. Go east on Sterling Road to Bower Avenue. Follow Bower Avenue north to the original ineligible line where it intersects at I-70.

11) Worcester County – Ocean Pines Area

- a. Extends the ineligible area from the Isle of Wright Bay down Turville Creek by following Turville Creek west to Racetrack Road (Rt. 589). Follow Racetrack Road (Rt. 589) north thru Taylorville to Windmill Creek. Follow Windmill Creek north to the St. Martin River and its tributaries. Follow the St. Martin River east and southeast to the beginning point at the Isle of Wright Bay/Turville Creek.