

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

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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 housing programs. Based on the review of areas within the state of Texas, using the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data, and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation has changed for the following Texas areas:

**Currently Ineligible Cities/Places with Population over 35,000** - Areas annexed to the city will become ineligible. Contiguous densely populated areas were also reviewed.

- Amarillo, Lubbock, Round Rock, Georgetown, San Marcos, Austin, Cedar Park, Pflugerville, Missouri City, Angleton, Victoria, Rockwall, Sherman, Fort Worth, Frisco, Denton, McKinney, Mesquite, Lancaster, Grand Prairie, Cedar Hill, Dallas, Denison, Wichita Falls, Mansfield, Burleson, Tyler, Texarkana, Burleson, Mansfield, Waco, Temple, Killeen, College Station, Bryan, Grand Prairie, Cedar Hill, Houston, Baytown, Lufkin, Conroe, Huntsville, Texas City, Sugarland, Galveston, Friendswood, League City, Pasadena, Channelview, Atascocita, The Woodlands, Beaumont, Port Arthur Schertz, New Braunfels, San Antonio, McAllen, San Juan, Mission, Weslaco, Edinburg, Harlingen, Del Rio, Laredo, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Pharr, El Paso, Odessa, Midland, Abilene, San Angelo

**Currently Eligible But Population has increased to over 35,000** – City limits will become ineligible. Contiguous densely populated areas were also reviewed.

- Hutto, Leander, Buda, Kyle, Freeport, Lake Jackson, Alvin, Sante Fe, Dickinson, La Marque, Fresno, Rosenberg, Katy, Denison, Prosper, Little Elm, Southlake, Trophy Club, Highland Village, Greenville, Terrell, Seagoville, Paris, Cleburne, Robinson, Hewitt, Bellmead, Copperas Cove, Belton, Harker Heights, Copperas Cove, Ennis, Midlothian, Glenn Heights, Waxahachie, Red Oak, Katy, Tomball, Seabrook, Nacogdoches, Cibolo, Seguin, Timberwood, Alton, La Homa, Hidalgo, Donna, Mercedes, San Benito, Portland, Socorro, West Odessa

**Rural in Character Review:** Includes cities and parts of cities outside of a current ineligible area that have a population density of 1,000 people per square mile, located in a MSA, and have a population greater than 10,000. Contiguous densely populated areas were also reviewed.

- Hutto, Leander, Kyle, Buda, Lakeway, Leander, Alvin, Angleton, Dickinson, La Marque, Rosenberg, Katy, Fresno, Little Elm, Southlake, Trophy Club, Forney, Henderson, Gatesville, Belton, Glenn Heights, Katy, La Port, Seabrook, Cibolo, Boerne, Converse, Live Oak, Alton, Hidalgo, Alamo, Donna, Mercedes, La Homa, San Benito, Portland, Horizon City, Socorro

The changes will become effective on June 4, 2018. 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 "Proposed Ineligible Areas" tab.

For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the Texas State Office Rural Development Housing Program Staff at 254-742-9770.