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

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 USDA Rural Housing programs. Based on the review of the areas within the state of Iowa, using the 2015 American Community Survey data, and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/3550-1chapter05.pdf), the rural eligibility designation has changed for the following areas:

***Iowa***

These seven cities, which are currently ineligible for USDA Rural Development housing programs because they have populations greater than 20,000 residents, or are located too close to a metropolitan area (City of Robins), have annexed additional land making homes located in the annexed areas now ineligible for USDA Rural Development housing programs.

1. Clinton –  annexed areas east and west of the current city limits
2. Coralville – annexed areas west and north of the current city limits
3. Council Bluffs – annexed an area southeast of the current city limits
4. Muscatine – annexed an area northeast of the current city limits
5. Ottumwa – annexed an area west and north of the current city limits
6. Robins – annexed an area west and north of the current city limits
7. West Des Moines – annexed an area south of the current city limits

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.

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