



Rural Development

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## **NOTICE OF COMMENTS RECEIVED ON REVIEW OF ELIGIBLE AREA MAPS FOR USDA RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS**

USDA Rural Development has received and reviewed comments on areas being reviewed for continued eligibility under the USDA Rural Housing programs. During the review, all comments were considered.

Below is a summary of the comments received for the rural area review in the state of North Dakota. The state received no written comments and two comments by telephone.

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1. By a phone call, individual sought clarification on: a) those communities in the state wholly ineligible; and b) the Rural in Character (RIC) determinations and the implications for the same on continued eligibility of existing communities.
2. Similar to the other call, another individual inquired about a) those communities in the state wholly ineligible; and b) the Rural in Character (RIC) determinations and the implications for the same on continued eligibility of existing communities.

Based on the review of the areas within the state of North Dakota, using the 2015 American Community Survey data, comments received, and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation is proposed to change for the following areas:

1. Bismarck/Mandan – only change will be to reflect the current corporate city limit boundaries. Real property within city limits remains ineligible.
2. Grand Forks – only change will be to reflect the current corporate city limit boundaries. Real property within city limits remains ineligible.
3. Minot – only change will be to reflect the current corporate city limit boundaries. Real property within city limits remains ineligible.
4. Dickinson – no changes.
5. Williston – no changes.

Areas that will now be considered as no longer being 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.

The proposed changes will become effective on June 4, 2018. For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the North Dakota Rural Development Housing Program Staff at 701-530-2045.

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