



Rural Development

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TO: Whom it May Concern

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF 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:

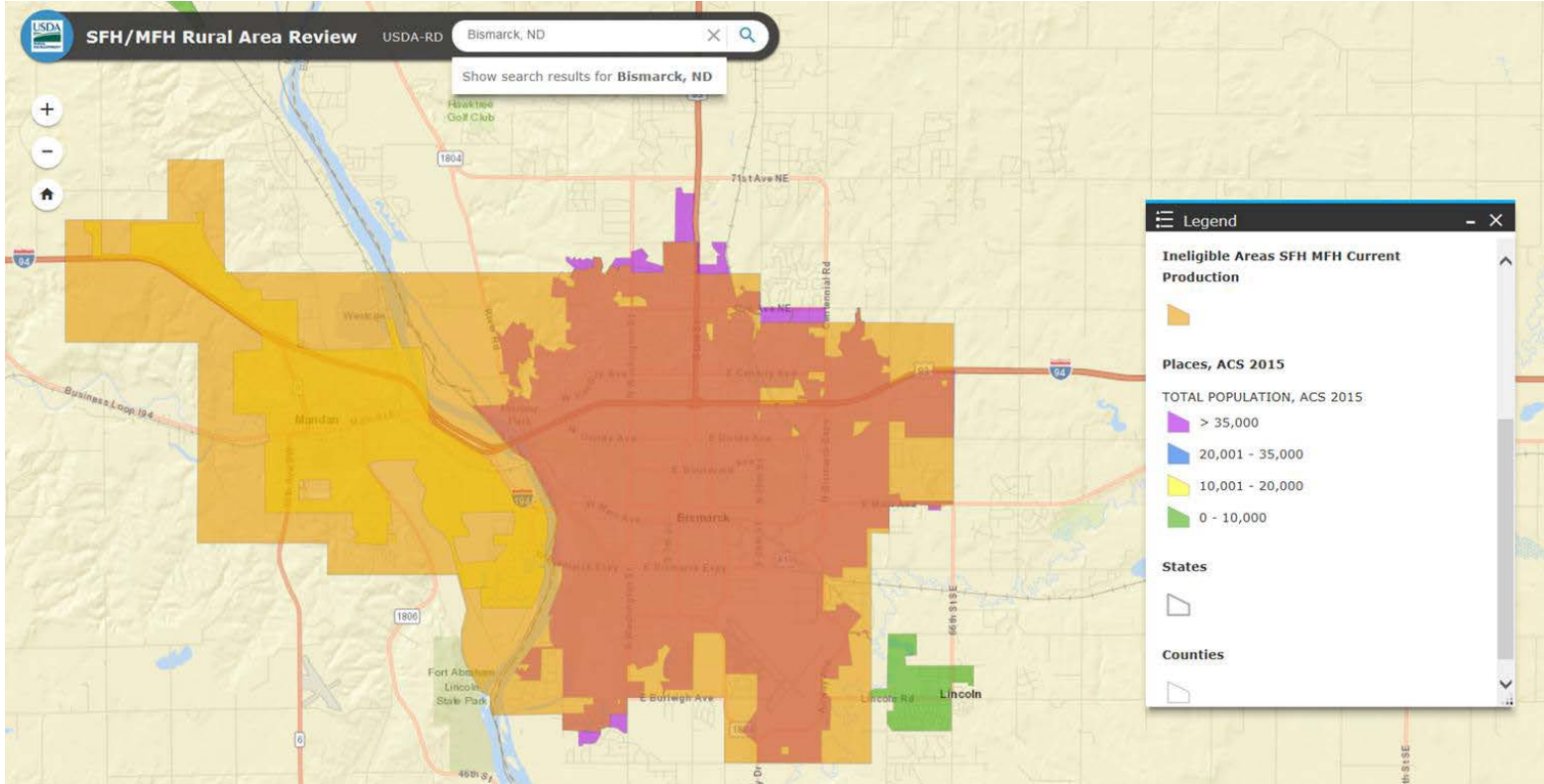
North Dakota

- 1) Bismarck/Mandan MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area)
- 2) Dickinson
- 3) Grand Forks
- 4) Minot
- 5) Williston

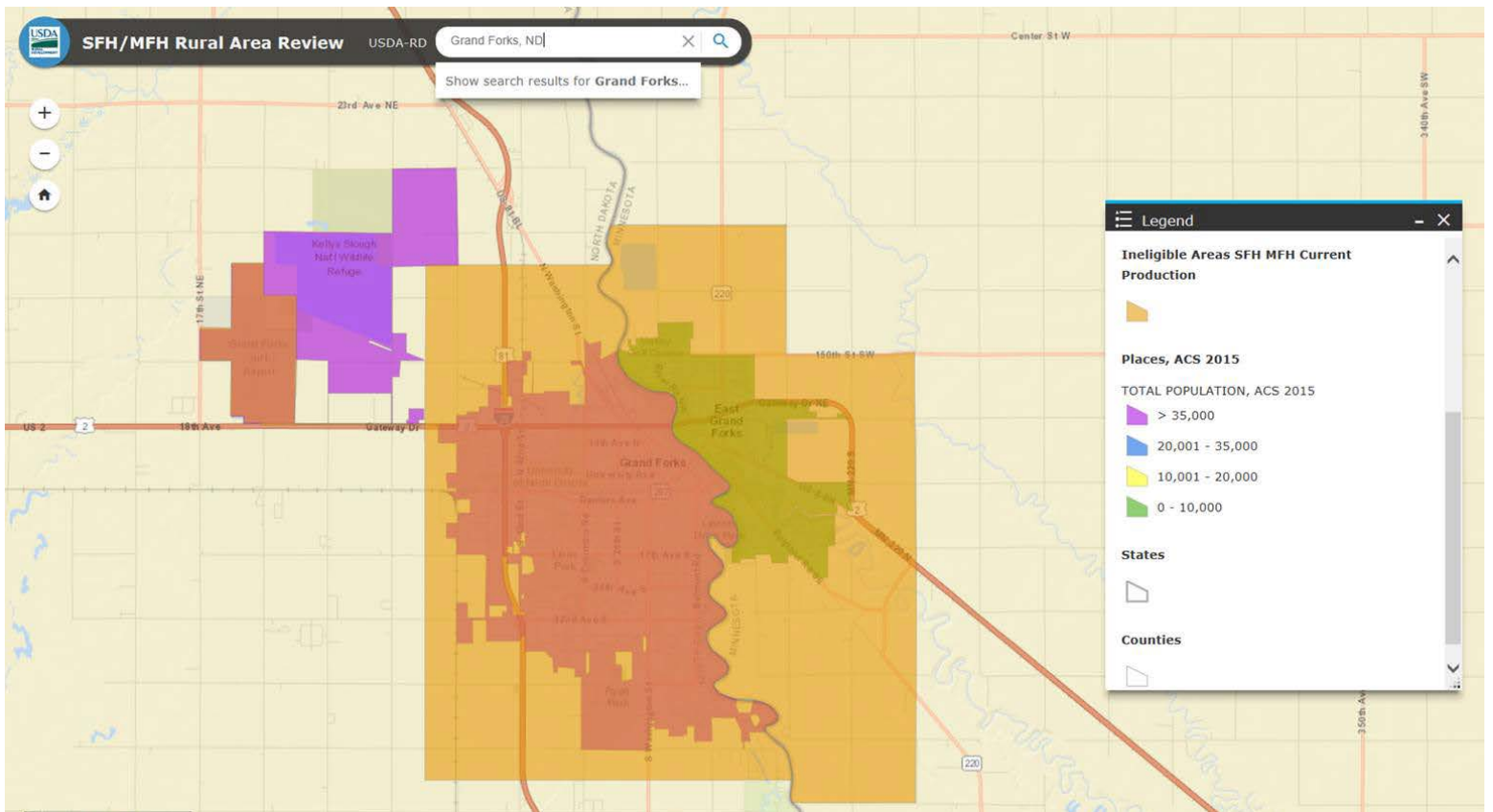
Found on the following pages, the areas shaded purple (showing over 35,000 in population) on the Bismarck, Grand Forks and Minot maps are proposed for ineligibility.

The public shall have 90 days from 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 Mailbox@wdc.usda.gov. For details or questions about specific changes, please contact Bill Schafer for single family housing at (701) 530-2045 or Steve Lervik for multi-family housing at (701) 225-9168 ext.4

BISMARCK/MANDAN MAP



GRAND FORKS MAP



MINOT MAP

