

Stakeholder Announcement

USDA Announces Proposal to Expand Rural Housing Lending Areas in Montgomery County

January 30, 2014 –USDA is proposing an expansion of Rural Housing Service lending areas in Montgomery County. Prospective and current homeowners in Amsterdam will soon be eligible to apply for USDA funding to purchase, build or repair a home.

Effective March 1, 2014, Amsterdam, NY will become a designated eligible lending area with USDA's Rural Housing Service. According to the released 2010 census data and the county's designation as a Micropolitan Statistical Area, the City of Amsterdam now meets the Agency's definition of rural. This means that all of Montgomery County is eligible to apply for funding through USDA's housing programs.

USDA Rural Development's Single Family Housing programs have been successful by providing decent, safe, and sanitary housing to more than 2600 rural New Yorkers annually. USDA can assist with; building a new house, purchasing or repairing an existing home, improving the energy efficiency or handicap accessibility of a home.

To comment or request more information on the eligible lending area expansion, housing programs available to Montgomery County and how to apply, please contact Ronald Semidey, at (518) 295-8600 x 4 or visit http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/NY_SFH_Home.html to find out more about USDA's housing programs.

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