

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 Pennsylvania.

No Comments Received

Based on the review of the areas within the state of Pennsylvania, 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) Erie, PA – An area of Summit Township south of Interstate 90 has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 2) Hermitage, PA – The ineligible area was expanded to include the entirety of the town boundaries, which included expanding that area out to the eastern border.
- 3) New Castle, PA – The ineligible area was expanded to include the entirety of the town boundaries, which included expanding that area to the southwest and to the east.
- 4) Butler, PA – An area north of town in Center township has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 5) Murrysville, PA – This area was reviewed and will remain program eligible.
- 6) Plum, PA – This area was reviewed and will remain program eligible.
- 7) Sewickley, PA – The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 8) Edgeworth, PA – The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 9) Ambridge, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 10) Baden, PA – The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 11) Conway, PA – The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 12) Monaca, PA – The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 13) Rochester, PA – The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 14) Beaver, PA – The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 15) New Brighton, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.

- 16) Patterson Township, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 17) Beaver Falls, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 18) West Mayfield, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 19) Lincoln, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 20) Greensburg, PA – The ineligible area is being expanded to include small areas to the north, east, and south of the previously defined area.
- 21) Washington, PA – The ineligible area is being expanded to include the entirety of the town boundaries, which included expanding that area slightly to the south and north. An area east of the town border is being converted to program eligible status.
- 22) Uniontown, PA - This area was reviewed and will remain program eligible.
- 23) Johnstown, PA – The ineligible area is being expanded to include the entirety of the town boundaries, which included expanding that area slightly to the north.
- 24) Hollidaysburg, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 25) Duncansville, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 26) State College, PA – Areas surrounding the ineligible town boundaries on all sides have been reviewed and new program eligible areas are being established.
- 27) Williamsport, PA – Areas surrounding the town boundaries to the north have been reviewed and new program eligible areas are being established. Boundaries of the ineligible area of the town are being expanded slightly to the west and south along the river.
- 28) Montoursville, PA- The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 29) Bloomsburg, PA - This area was reviewed and will remain program eligible.
- 30) Berwick, PA - This area was reviewed and will remain program eligible.
- 31) Clarks Summit, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 32) Carbondale, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 33) Mayfield, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 34) Dunmore, PA – The ineligible area is being expanded to include the entirety of the town boundaries, which included expanding that area slightly to the east.
- 35) Nanticoke, PA – The ineligible area is being expanded to include the entirety of the town boundaries, which included expanding that area slightly to the north and west
- 36) Hazleton, PA – Areas surrounding the ineligible town boundaries on all sides have been reviewed and new program eligible areas are being established.
- 37) West Hazleton, PA – Areas surrounding the ineligible town boundaries on all sides have been reviewed and new program eligible areas are being established.
- 38) Easton, PA – The ineligible area is being expanded to include the entirety of the town boundaries, which included expanding that area slightly to the north.

- 39) Lower Nazareth Township, PA – Areas surrounding the ineligible town boundaries on all sides have been reviewed and new program eligible areas are being established.
- 40) Hellertown, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 41) Emmaus, PA – The ineligible area is being expanded to include the entirety of the town boundaries, which included expanding that area slightly to the south and east.
- 42) Pottstown, PA – Areas surrounding the town boundaries to the north and east have been reviewed and new program eligible areas are being established. Boundaries of the ineligible area of the town are being expanded slightly to the south along the river
- 43) Newtown and Newtown Grant, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 44) Doylestown, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 45) New Britain, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 46) Chalfont, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 47) Phoenixville, PA – The ineligible area is being expanded to include the entirety of the town boundaries, which included expanding that area slightly to the west, north, and east.
- 48) Coatesville, PA – The ineligible area is being expanded to include the entirety of the town boundaries, which included expanding that area slightly to the west, north, and east.
- 49) South Coatesville, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 50) Worcester Township, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 51) East Bradford Township, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 52) Birmingham Township, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 53) Chadds Ford Township, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 54) Reading, PA – Areas surrounding the town boundaries on all sides have been reviewed and new program eligible areas are being established. Boundaries of the ineligible area of the town are being expanded slightly to the southwest.
- 55) Ephrata, PA - This area was reviewed and will remain program eligible.
- 56) Annville, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 57) Cleona, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 58) Columbia, PA – Areas surrounding the town boundaries to the north and east have been reviewed and new program eligible areas are being established
- 59) Mountville, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 60) Millersville, PA – Areas surrounding the town boundaries to the west have been reviewed and new program eligible areas are being established.
- 61) Elizabethtown, PA - This area was reviewed and will remain program eligible.

- 62) Middletown, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 63) Highspire, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 64) Hershey, PA – The ineligible area is being expanded to include the entirety of the town boundaries, which included expanding that area to the north and the east.
- 65) Hummelstown, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 66) South Hanover Township, PA - The entirety of the town and some surrounding area has been reviewed and is being converted to program eligible status.
- 67) Carlisle, PA – The ineligible area is being expanded to include the entirety of the town boundaries, which included expanding that area slightly to the west, south, and east.
- 68) York, PA – Areas surrounding the town boundaries to the east have been reviewed and new program eligible areas are being established.
- 69) Weigelstown, PA – This area was reviewed and will remain program eligible.
- 70) Hanover, PA – Areas surrounding the ineligible town boundaries on all sides have been reviewed and new program eligible areas are being established
- 71) Chambersburg, PA - This area was reviewed and will remain program eligible.
- 72) Waynesboro, PA - This area was reviewed and will remain program eligible.

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 Pennsylvania Rural Development Housing Program Staff at (717) 237-2186 or pagrh@pa.usda.gov .

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