

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 **New York**, using the 2015 American Community Survey data, and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation has changed for the following counties/areas:

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| *Albany | Broome: -Kirkwood Area -Chenango Bridge | *Fulton | Chemung: -Horseheads -Big Flats (portion) | *Clinton |
| Ulster: -Lake Katrine | Herkimer: -Contiguous Areas to Utica | Putnam: -Mahopac -Peach Lake | Tompkins: -Cayuga Heights -NE Ithaca CDP - East Ithaca -Lansing -South Hill (portion) | *Warren |
| Ontario: -Victor -Fishers Area | Washington: -Fort Edward -Hudson Falls | *Schenectady | Suffolk: -Riverhead and contiguous east until rural break -South Fork of Long Island | Monroe: -Spencerport - Mendon Area |
| *Onondaga: -Baldwinsville | Oneida: -Oneida Castle -Chadwicks | *Dutchess -Stormville Area | Cortland: -Homer -Munsons Corners -West Cortland (portion) | *Rensselaer |
| Saratoga: -Ballston Spa -Milton -N. Ballston Spa -Mechanicville -Saratoga Springs | Erie: -Clarence Center -Clarence -Harris Hill | *Madison | Cayuga: -Melrose Park | Westchester: - Entire County Ineligible |
| *Chautauqua | *Niagara | *Jefferson | *Orange | *Oswego |

*If a community is not specified in the above listed counties, rural area changes include boundary adjustments surrounding the *pre-existing ineligible areas*. Ineligible areas in all listed counties were expanded and/or contracted to better delineate rural boundaries using a Geographic Information System (GIS). As such, *new eligible* and ineligible areas will be implemented for USDA Rural Housing programs in New York.

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.

For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the New York Rural Development Housing Program Staff at (315) 477-6417.

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