

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 West Virginia, 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 areas:

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1. Morgantown, WV. The areas under review include the new city limits which now includes the on-ramp when going from Sabraton to I-68 east, the West Virginia University Animal Sciences Farm, and the West Virginia University Agronomy Farm. Also proposed to be included is the beginning of US 119 (Grafton Road) so that Walmart is included.
2. Parkersburg, WV. Areas under review are the outer edges of Parkersburg city limits, including Fort Boreman Park, the baseball fields by South Hills Golf Club, neighborhood between College Parkway and 11th Street, parts of Rosemar Road, and Woodland Park neighborhood.
3. Vienna City, WV. Areas under review are an old factory between 28th and 30th streets, an office building off of Grand Central Avenue between 17th and 18th streets, an old office building off of Anns Dr., a new office building off of Tyler Street, neighborhood on 60th street, storage units on 61st street, Millstone Heights, office buildings on Rosemar Drive by Sandstone Drive.
4. St. Albans, WV. Areas under review include the Sun Valley neighborhood from Drumheller Drive to Aliff lane, Ridgewood Forest to Elliot Street along the St. Albans city limits. McKinley Middle School and George C Weimer Elementary are also proposed to be included.
5. South Charleston, WV. All locations within South Charleston city limits are now under review.
6. Wheeling, WV. Areas under review include the Ohio River, Wheeling Park High School, and a neighborhood on the Marshall/Ohio County line that is now considered part of Wheeling city limits.
7. Weirton, WV. Areas under review include the Ohio River, Kingsdale Road off of WV-2, Weirton city limits along WV-2, Kings Creek Road from Turkeyfoot Run Road to St. Josephs Road, and Kings Creek Road along the Pleasant Valley Country Club Golf Course.

Please note that Beckley and Martinsburg have been eliminated from the previously identified areas proposed to be changed. 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 <http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov> 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 West Virginia Rural Development Housing Program Staff at 304-284-4872.

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