

Notice of Potential Changes to Eligible Area Maps for USDA Rural Development Ohio 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 2017-2018 using 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data. Rural area designations are reviewed every five years. This review will utilize the 2020 United States decennial census data.

Based on the 2020 US census data and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation is under review for the following areas in Ohio:

Currently eligible communities under review:

1. Madison County - London
2. Miami County - Tipp City
3. Shelby County - Sidney
4. Crawford County - Galion
5. Columbiana County – Salem
6. Licking County - Pataskala

Ineligible communities under review (expansion of ineligible areas):

1. Clermont County - Amelia
2. Lorain County - Avon Lake
3. Wood County - Bowling Green
4. Greene County - Fairborn
5. Hamilton County - Harrison
6. Warren County - Lebanon
7. Hamilton, Clermont, and Warren counties - Loveland
8. Union County - Marysville
9. Stark County - Massillon
10. Buter County - Oxford
11. Warren and Montgomery Counties - Springboro
12. Butler County - Trenton
13. Miami County - Troy
14. Medina County - Wadsworth
15. Greene County - Xenia
16. Licking – New Albany
17. Erie County - Sandusky
18. Athens County - Athens
19. Wayne County - Wooster
20. Marion County - Marion
21. Muskingum County - Zanesville
22. Ross County - Chillicothe



23. Greene County - Beavercreek
24. Medina County - Brunswick
25. Stark County - Canton
26. Hamilton County - Cincinnati
27. Delaware County - Delaware
28. Butler County - Fairfield
29. Hancock County - Findlay
30. Franklin County - Grove City
31. Montgomery and Miami Counties - Huber Heights
32. Montgomery County - Kettering
33. Richland County - Mansfield
34. Butler and Warren Counties - Middletown
35. Licking County - Newark
36. Lorain County - North Ridgeville
37. Clark County - Springfield
38. Lucas County - Toledo
39. Trumbull County - Warren
40. Mahoning County - Youngstown

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 christie.hooks@usda.gov. For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the Ohio Rural Development Housing Program staff at (614) 255-2401.