

NOTICE OF CHANGES TO ELIGIBLE AREA MAPS FOR USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HOUSING PROGRAMS

USDA Rural Development has completed its 2020 decennial United States census review for 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 South Carolina using 2020 US census data, and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation has changed for the following areas:

Areas whose rural eligibility designations is changing from eligible to ineligible (these areas no longer qualify as rural for USDA Housing Programs):

1. Anderson County: City of Anderson, expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since last review.
2. Aiken County: City of North Augusta, expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since last review.
3. Greenville County: City of Simpsonville and Gantt expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since last review.
4. Greenwood County: City of Greenwood, expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since last review.
5. Horry County: Carolina Forest, expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since last review.
6. Lexington County: Town of Lexington, expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since last review.

Changes become effective October 1, 2023.

The updated rural area map can now be viewed on our [eligibility website](#). Users will need to click on the program, for example: “Single Family Housing Direct”, and then click on “Proposed Eligibility Areas” from the menu options.

For a full list of changes, additional details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the SFH Program Director, Cathy Seawright at 803-253-3093 or via email at RD.SCCO3.SFHDirect@usda.gov.