

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

USDA Rural Development has completed its 2020 decennial review of all areas under its jurisdiction to identify those that no longer qualify as rural for USDA housing programs based upon 2020 U.S. census data and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#).

Based on this review, **the rural eligibility designation has changed to ineligible** for the following areas in the state of Virginia (no longer qualify as rural for USDA Housing Programs):

- 1) Independent Hill – The tract is located in between two ineligible rural areas and almost entirely within the ineligible designation. The majority of this parcel falls within Memorial Park.
- 2) Chantilly – The tract is not rural in character with ineligible areas bordering it on the east and west.
- 3) Stone Ridge – The tract is located adjacent/contiguous to an ineligible rural area.
- 4) Loudon Valley Estates – The tract is not rural in character with an ineligible area bordering it on the west and Dulles International Airport on the east.
- 5) Belmont – The tract consists of Belmont Country Club and residences and is contiguous to ineligible rural areas on three sides.
- 6) Lansdowne – The tract is a strip of land along Route 7 west of Ashburn and east of Leesburg encompassed by an ineligible rural area.
- 7) Lowes Island, Cascades, Countryside – These tracts along the south bank of Potomac River are contiguous to an ineligible rural area.

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 select the “Proposed Eligibility Areas” tab from the menu options.

Please contact Virginia Rural Development Housing Program staff at (276) 484-9382 to inquire about specific changes, ask for additional details or request a full list of changes.