

STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice Of Potential Changes To Eligible Area Maps For USDA Rural Development Housing Programs In Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 2, 2023—United States Department of Agriculture (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 Iowa:

Currently eligible communities under review:

1. Des Moines County – Beavertdale: annexed an area east, northeast, and southeast of the current city limits & this area would become eligible
2. Dubuque County – Peosta: annexed an area to the east of the current city limits & this area would become eligible
3. Johnson County – North Liberty ("Rural in Character" under review.)

Ineligible communities under review (expansion of ineligible areas):

4. Pottawattamie County - Council Bluffs: annexed an area east of the current city limits
5. Story County – Ames: annexed an area east of the current city limits
6. Muscatine County - Kent Estates: added an area northwest of the current city limits
7. Scott County – Davenport: annexed an area north of the current city limits
8. Clinton County – Clinton: annexed areas on the west side of the current city limits
9. Dubuque County – Dubuque: annexed areas north of the current city limits
10. Linn County – Hiawatha: annexed an area on the north end and west side of the current city limits
11. Polk County – Altoona: annexed an area north of the current city limits
12. Warren County – Norwalk: annexed an area south of the current city limits
13. Polk County - West Des Moines - annexed an area south of the current city limits in Warren & Madison counties
14. Dallas County – Waukee: annexed an area south and west of the current city limits

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 IowaHomeLoans@usda.gov. For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the Iowa Rural Development Housing Program staff at 515-284-4444.