

NOTICE OF POTENTIAL CHANGES TO ELIGIBLE AREA MAPS FOR USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT 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 Louisiana:

Currently eligible communities under review (rural in character):

1. Acadia Parish - Crowley
2. Ascension Parish – Gonzales
3. Ascension Parish - Prairieville
4. Calcasieu Parish - Sulphur
5. East Baton Rouge Parish – Baker
6. East Baton Rouge Parish – Gardere
7. East Baton Rouge Parish – Shenandoah
8. Iberia Parish – New Iberia
9. Jefferson Parish - Estelle
10. Jefferson Parish - Gretna
11. Jefferson Parish - Harvey
12. Jefferson Parish -Marrero
13. Jefferson Parish - Terrytown
14. Jefferson Parish - Timberlane
15. Jefferson Parish -Woodmere
16. Lafayette Parish – Youngsville
17. Lafouche Parish - Thibodaux
18. Ouachita Parish - Claiborne
19. Plaquemines Parish – Belle Chasse
20. St Bernard Parish – Chalmette
21. St Charles Parish - Destrehan
22. St John the Baptist Parish – LaPlace
23. St Tammany Parish -Covington
24. St Tammany Parish - Mandeville
25. St Tammany - Slidell
26. Tangipahoa Parish -Hammond
27. Terrebonne Parish - Bayou Cane
28. Terrebonne Parish - Houma
29. Vermilion Parish - Abbeville

Ineligible communities under review (potential expansion of ineligible areas):

30. Bossier Parish – Bossier City
31. Caddo Parish – Shreveport
32. Calcasieu Parish – Lake Charles
33. East Baton Rouge Parish – Baton Rouge
34. Jefferson Parish - Kenner
35. Jefferson Parish -Metairie
36. Lincoln Parish - Ruston
37. Lafayette Parish – Lafayette
38. Orleans Parish – New Orleans
39. Ouachita Parish – Monroe
40. Rapides Parish – Alexandria
41. Rapides Parish - Pineville

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 LA-RDDirect-Process@usda.gov. For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the Louisiana Rural Development Housing Program staff at (318) 473-7630.