

PUBLIC NOTICE

USDA Rural Development New Jersey

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, or being reconsidered to 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 New Jersey:

Currently eligible communities under review (rural in character):

1. Browns Mills – Burlington County
2. Succasunna – Morris County
3. Englishtown Borough – Monmouth County
4. Farmingdale Borough – Monmouth County
5. Holiday City – Ocean County
6. Lakehurst Brough – Ocean County
7. Ocean Acres – Ocean County
8. Pennsville – Salem County
9. The Hills CDP – Somerset County
10. Millstone Borough – Somerset County
11. Hopatcong Borough – Sussex County
12. Lake Hopatcong – Sussex County
13. Hackettstown – Warren County

Ineligible communities under review (reconsideration of eligibility):

14. Brigantine City – Atlantic County
15. City of Absecon – Atlantic County
16. Portions of Egg Harbor Township – Atlantic County
17. Portions of Hammonton – Atlantic County
18. Winslow Township – Ancora Section and Braddock Section – Camden County
19. City of Vineland –East Vineland Section – Cumberland County
20. City of Vineland –North Vineland Section – Cumberland County
21. Borough of Pitman – Gloucester County
22. Borough of Wenonah – Gloucester County
23. Borough of Woodbury Heights – Gloucester County
24. City of Woodbury – Gloucester County
25. Deptford Township – Oak Valley Section – Gloucester County
26. Monroe Township – Piney Hollow Section – Gloucester County
27. Kinnelon Borough – Morris County

The public shall have 90 days from the date of this public notice (March 7, 2023) to submit comments regarding the potential loss or reinstatement of eligibility for Rural Development housing programs. Comments should be sent to nj.originations@usda.gov. For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the New Jersey Rural Development Housing Program staff at (856) 285-7658.

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