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## **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 Ohio, 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 that now qualify as rural for USDA Housing Programs.** The rural eligibility designations for these areas is changing from ineligible to eligible:

- 1) Scioto County - New Boston
- 2) Scioto County – Portsmouth
- 3) Tuscarawas County – Dover
- 4) Tuscarawas County - New Philadelphia

**Areas where there has been an expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all areas annexed since 1990 and to include areas surrounded by incorporated or annexed areas.** The rural eligibility designations for these annexed or surrounded areas is changing from eligible to ineligible:

- 1) Athens County - Athens
- 2) Buter County - Oxford
- 3) Butler and Warren Counties - Middletown
- 4) Butler County - Fairfield
- 5) Butler County - Trenton
- 6) Clark County - Springfield
- 7) Clermont County - Amelia
- 8) Delaware County - Delaware
- 9) Erie County - Sandusky
- 10) Franklin County - Grove City
- 11) Greene County - Beaver creek
- 12) Greene County - Fairborn
- 13) Greene County - Xenia
- 14) Hamilton County - Cincinnati
- 15) Hamilton County - Harrison
- 16) Hamilton, Clermont, and Warren counties - Loveland
- 17) Hancock County - Findlay
- 18) Licking County - Newark
- 19) Lorain County - Avon Lake
- 20) Lorain County - North Ridgeville



- 21) Lucas County - Toledo
- 22) Mahoning County – Youngstown
- 23) Marion County - Marion
- 24) Medina County - Brunswick
- 25) Medina County - Wadsworth
- 26) Miami County - Troy
- 27) Montgomery and Miami Counties - Huber Heights
- 28) Montgomery County - Kettering
- 29) Muskingum County - Zanesville
- 30) Richland County - Mansfield
- 31) Ross County - Chillicothe
- 32) Stark County - Canton
- 33) Stark County - Massillon
- 34) Trumbull County - Warren
- 35) Union County - Marysville
- 36) Warren and Montgomery Counties - Springboro
- 37) Warren County - Lebanon
- 38) Wayne County - Wooster
- 39) Wood County - Bowling Green

**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 Ohio Rural Development Housing Program Director at 614-255-2401.