

Notice of Potential Changes to Eligible Area Maps for USDA Rural Development Housing Programs in Washington State

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– USDA Rural Development is mandated to conduct a periodic review every five years of all areas under its jurisdiction, to identify changes in eligibility for its rural housing programs. The last rural area reviews were performed in 2017-2018 using 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data. 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 Washington State:

Currently eligible communities under review (rural in character):

- Arlington, Snohomish County
- Anacortes, Skagit County
- Bonney Lake, Pierce County
- Cheney, Spokane County
- Dupont, Pierce County
- East Wenatchee, Douglas County
- Elk Plain, Census-Designated Place in Pierce County
- Grandview, Yakima County
- Enumclaw, King County
- Ferndale, Whatcom County
- Gig Harbor, Pierce County
- Liberty Lake, Spokane County
- Lynden, Whatcom County
- Moses Lake, Grant County



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Angeles, Clallam County • Port Townsend, Jefferson County • Oak Harbor, Island County • Port Orchard, Kitsap County • Poulsbo, Kitsap County • Pullman, Whitman County • Ridgefield, Clark County • Sedro-Woolley, Skagit County • Snoqualmie, King County • Sunnyside, Yakima County • Snohomish, Snohomish County • Walla Walla, Walla Walla County • Yelm, Thurston County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasco, Franklin County • Kelso, Cowlitz County • Lacey, Thurston County • Mount Vernon, Skagit County • Battle Ground, Clark County • Sumner, Pierce County • Washougal, Clark County |
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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.

Ineligible communities under review (expansion of ineligible areas):

- Wenatchee, Chelan County
- Camas, Clark County
- Bellingham, Whatcom County
- Bremerton, Kitsap County
- Lake Stevens, Snohomish County

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