

**USDA Tennessee Rural Development
Public Notice**

**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 Tennessee:

Currently eligible communities under review:

1. Wilson County – Lebanon
2. Bedford County - Shelbyville

Ineligible communities under review (expansion of ineligible areas):

3. Carter County – Happy Valley
4. Sullivan County – Kingsport / Bristol
5. Washington County – Johnson City
6. Knox County – Knoxville
7. Bradley County – Cleveland
8. Davidson County – Nashville
9. Sumner County – Gallatin
10. Montgomery County – Clarksville
11. Madison County – Jackson
12. Rutherford County – Murfreesboro
13. Williamson County – Spring Hill
14. Maury County - Columbia

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 SM.RD.TN.SFHDirect@usda.gov For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the Tennessee Rural Development Housing Program staff at (615) 783-1300.