

Notice of Potential Changes to Eligible Virginia Area Maps for USDA Rural Development Housing Programs

USDA Rural Development is conducting a review of all areas under its jurisdiction to identify those 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 U.S. 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 Virginia.

Currently eligible communities under review:

1. Augusta County – Staunton, Waynesboro
2. Campbell County – Timberlake
3. Chesterfield County – Colonial Heights
4. Culpeper County – Culpeper
5. Dinwiddie County – Petersburg
6. Fairfax County – Buckhall, Chantilly, Yorkshire and Mount Vernon
7. Fauquier County – Warrenton
8. Fluvanna County – Lake Monticello
9. Frederick County – Winchester
10. Henrico County – Highland Springs
11. James City County – Williamsburg
12. Loudon County – Belmont, Brambleton, Broadlands, Cascades, Lansdowne, Loudon Valley Estates, Lowes Island and Stone Ridge
13. Montgomery County – Christiansburg and Radford
14. Prince George – Petersburg and Hopewell
15. Prince William – Independent Hill and Cherry Hill
16. Roanoke County – Hollins and Salem
17. Warren County – Front Royal and Warren Park
18. Washington County – Bristol

Ineligible communities under review (expansion of ineligible area): Montgomery County – Blacksburg

Ineligible communities under review (reconsideration of eligibility): N/A

Automatic new ineligible areas (based on population increases):

1. Blacksburg
2. Danville
3. Harrisonburg
4. Leesburg
5. Linton Hall
6. Lynchburg
7. Newport News
8. Richmond
9. Tuckahoe

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 or questions about specific changes should be sent to SFH.Application.Richmond@usda.gov.