

NOTICE OF 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 2012-2013 using the 2010 census data. This review, which is done every five years, will utilize the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data.

Based on the 2015 ACS data and rural area guidance located in USDA Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation is under review for the following areas:

New York

New York Rural Development will examine current eligible area boundaries in the counties listed below to ensure there is an accurate delineation between rural areas and the nearby densely populated ineligible urban and suburban areas.

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| Albany | Broome | Cayuga | Chautauqua | Chemung | Clinton |
| Ulster | Herkimer | Putnam | Washington | Tompkins | Warren |
| Cortland | Dutchess | Erie | Jefferson | Madison | Monroe |
| Niagara | Oneida | Onondaga | Oswego | Orange | Rensselaer |
| Saratoga | Schenectady | Suffolk | Ontario | Westchester | Fulton |

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 jennifer.jackson@ny.usda.gov. For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the New York Rural Development Housing Program staff at (315) 477-6417.