

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture: Notice of changes to eligible area maps for USDA Rural Development Housing programs

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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 Wisconsin, 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 whose rural eligibility designation is changing from eligible to ineligible *(these areas no longer qualify as rural for USDA Housing Programs).*

Currently eligible communities now ineligible:

1. Dane County - DeForest
2. Dane County - Windsor
3. Dane County - Waunakee
4. Dane County - Oregon
5. Dane County - Verona
6. Green County - Monroe
7. La Crosse County - Holmen
8. Ozaukee County - Port Washington
9. Pierce County - River Falls
10. Racine County - Mount Pleasant
11. Racine County - Caledonia

12. Croix County - Hudson
13. Croix County - River Falls
14. Waukesha County - Sussex

Minor expansion of the ineligible areas around the city limits to include all annexed areas since the last periodic review.

Expansion of ineligible areas:

1. Brown County - Hobart
2. Dane County - Waunakee
3. Douglas County - Superior
4. Eau Claire County - Eau Claire
5. Fond du Lac County - Fond du Lac
6. La Crosse County - La Crosse
7. La Crosse County - Onalaska
8. Outagamie County - Appleton
9. Portage County - Stevens Point
10. Portage County - Plover
11. Sheboygan County - Sheboygan
12. Washington County - Germantown
13. Washington County - West Bend
14. Waukesha County - Oconomowoc
15. Winnebago County - Neenah
16. Winnebago County - Oshkosh

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 Wisconsin State Office in Stevens Point for Rural Development Housing Program Staff at 715-345-7611.