



**United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development**
Michael W. Aube ■ State Director

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Dear Approved Lenders and Partners:

Rural Development announces a change in the eligible lending areas for our housing programs. Based on the 2000 census data, the Waterville and Augusta areas are now entirely eligible for both our direct and guaranteed single family housing programs. We look forward to being able to provide affordable housing opportunities to families in these two areas.

The Bangor ineligible area has been redefined to coincide with the Bangor City limits.

In addition, the new Dynamic Eligibility Map Service can now be accessed on the internet at: <http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/mainervlet>. Once you enter the property address, you should receive a map showing the location of the property and a statement indicating if the property is or is not in an eligible lending area for Rural Development's housing programs.

We hope this map service will provide greater assistance to you in determining property eligibility.

Thank you for your continued participation in our housing programs. If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact the local office serving your area:

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| Bangor | Tel: (207) 990-3676, ext. 4 |
| Lewiston | Tel: (207) 753-9400, ext. 1 |
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Aube".

MICHAEL W. AUBE
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cc: Area Directors, Presque Isle, Bangor, Lewiston, and Scarborough

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