



Emergency Management
NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Helene Briefing

30 July 2025





Agenda

- Debris Removal Overview
- Current Debris Removal Progress
- Response and Recovery Considerations





Emergency Management in North Carolina

All **disasters begin & end locally** and are managed on a daily basis at the closest geographical, organizational, and jurisdictional level.

Commitment: To provide a **four-tiered response** to any incident or disaster:

- ➡ Locally Centered
- ➡ Regionally Augmented
- ➡ State Supported
- ➡ Federally Assisted





Debris Removal Overview

- FEMA programs are reimbursement programs
- Eligible debris removal is reimbursable under Category A through FEMA
 - Eligible debris was reimbursed at 100% cost share through 27 March 2025
 - Beginning 27 March 2025, eligible debris is being reimbursed at 90% federal / 10% non-federal share.
 - Under the new cost share, the state will contribute the 10% match on debris removal costs
 - Preliminary estimates show the 10% match could be more than \$200 million





Debris Removal Overview Cont.

- Debris removal is locally led and state supported
- Local government drives process by selecting course of action from the following options:
 - Use of local labor and equipment
 - Locally procured debris removal contractors
 - State pre-positioned debris removal contracts
 - Direct federal assistance - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - State Mission Assigned Recovery Task (SMART) Program
- The state contributes 10% cost share regardless of whether local, state, federal options are used





Types of Debris Removal Missions

- Right-of-Way
- Waterway
- Personal/Commercial Property



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State Managed Option

- The State Mission Assigned Recovery Task (SMART) program is designed to assist local governments with financial and operational impacts to managing recovery operations.
- Utilizes state pre-positioned contracts.
- Manages contractor on behalf of jurisdiction and makes payments directly to contractors.
- State seeks reimbursement from FEMA under Category A.

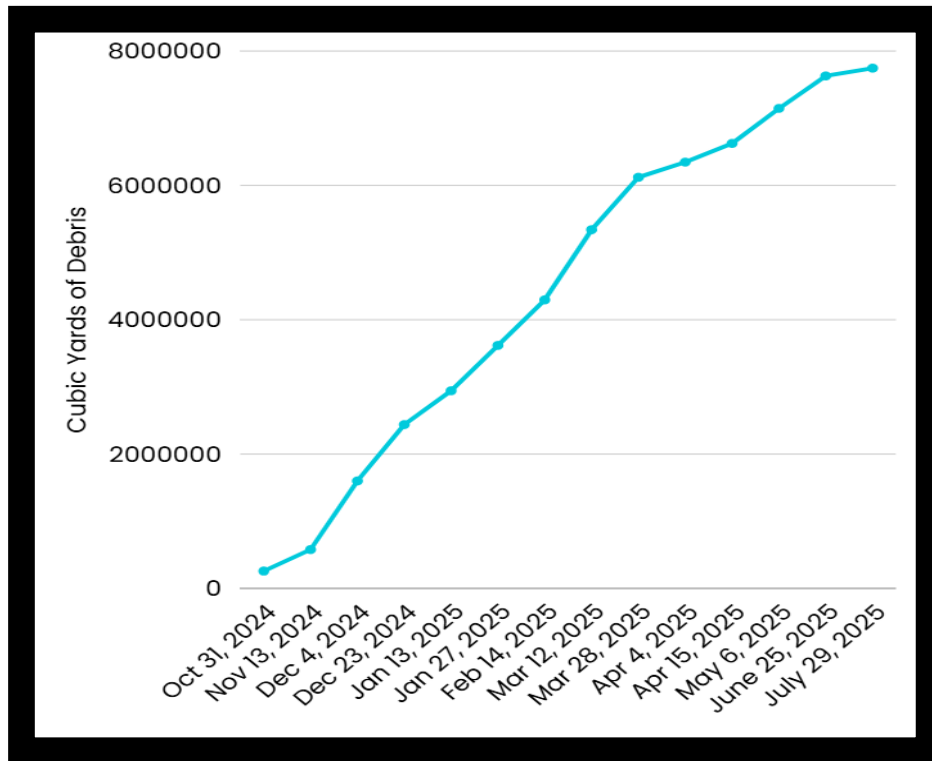




DR-4827 Tropical System Helene State Debris Contracts				
County/City	Debris Type	Memorandums of Agreement (MOA)	Notice to Proceed (NTP)	Status
City of Hickory	Waterway	Complete	Issued	Complete
Ashe	Right of Way	Complete	Issued	Work in Progress
Avery	ROW, Private Property and Waterway	Complete	Issued	Work in Progress
Burke	ROW, Private Property and Waterway	Complete	Issued	Work in Progress
Caldwell	ROW, Private Property and Waterway	Complete	Issued	Work in Progress
Haywood	ROW, Private Property and Waterway	Complete	Issued	Work in Progress
Jackson	Private Property and Waterway	Complete	Issued	Work in Progress
Madison	Private Property and Waterway	Complete	Issued	Work in Progress
Mitchell	ROW	Complete	Issued	Work in Progress
Polk	Waterway and ROW	Complete	Issued	Work in Progress
Rutherford	ROW, Private Property and Waterway	Complete	Issued	Work in Progress
Town of Woodfin	Private Property and Waterway	Complete	Issued	Work in Progress
Town of Weaverville	Private Property	Complete	Issued	Work in Progress
City of Asheville	Watershed/Parks	Complete	Issued	Work in Progress
Cleveland	Waterway	Complete	Pending Discussion	
Henderson	ROW, Private Property and Waterway	Complete	Pending Discussion	
Swain	Waterway	Complete	Pending Discussion	
Transylvania	ROW, Private Property, Waterway	Complete	Pending Discussion	
Clay	Waterway	In Discussions	Pending Discussion	
TOTALS		18 MOAs Complete 1 MOAs In Discussion	14 NTPs Issued	1 Project Complete 13 Projects In Progress



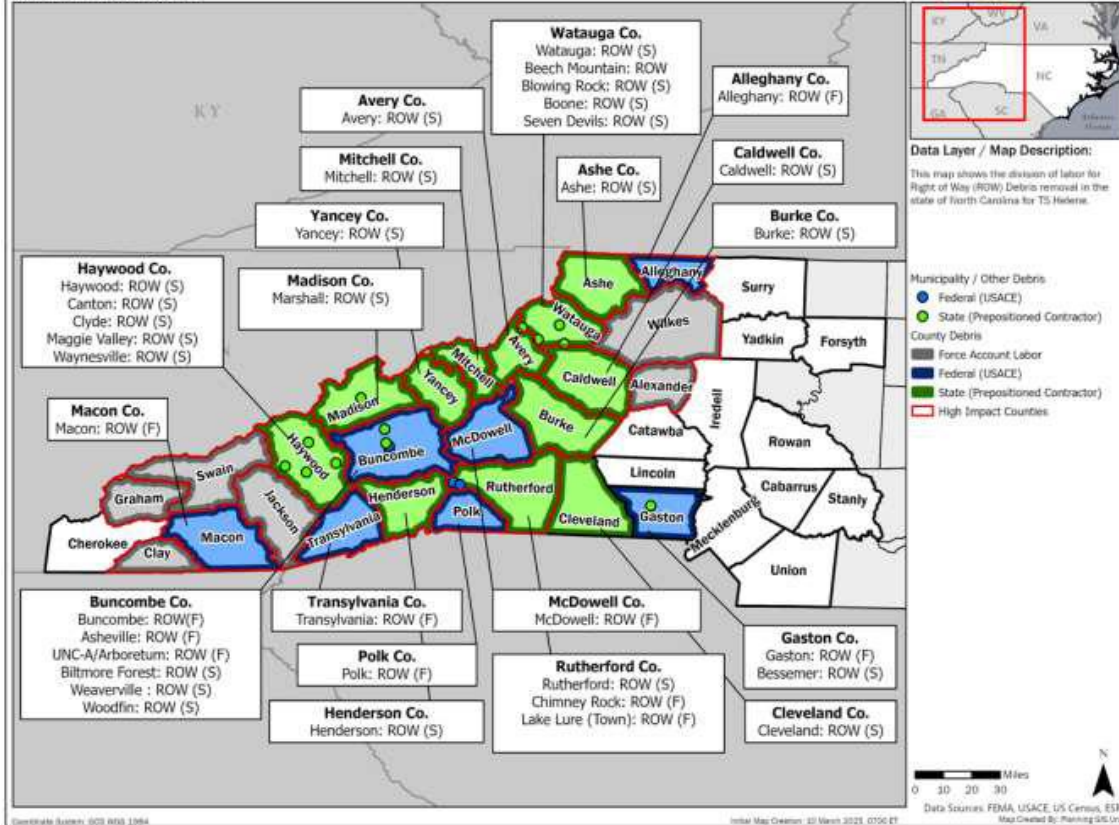
Right-of-Way Debris Removal Progress





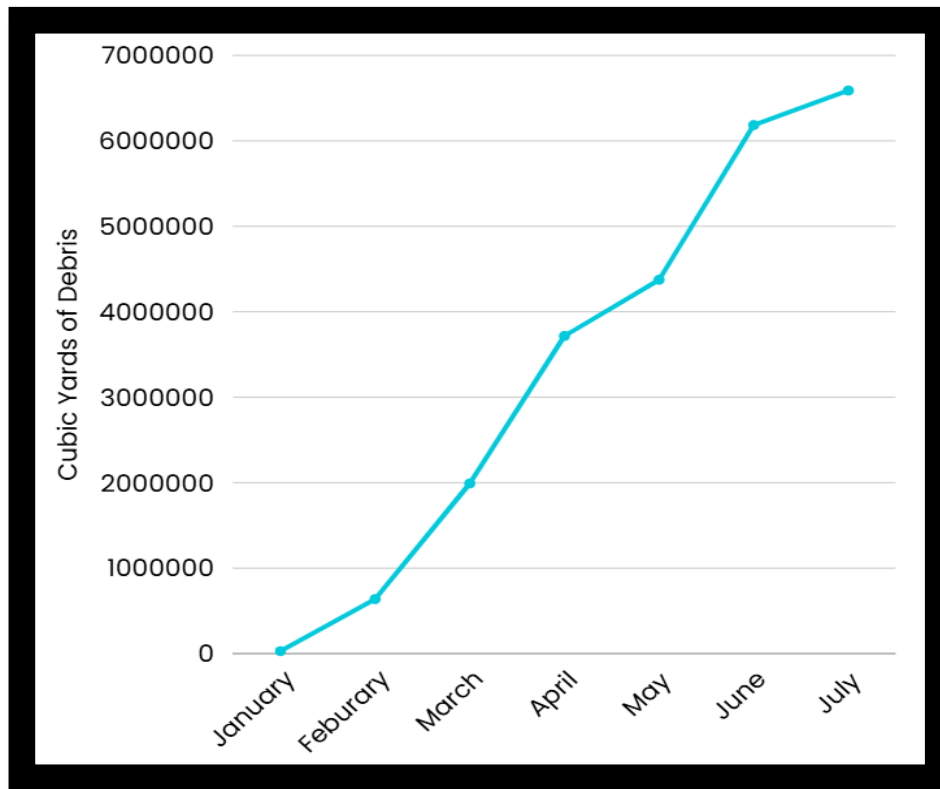
FEMA-4827-DR-NC: Debris Mission Force Laydown | Right Of Way

Information as of 03/10/2025



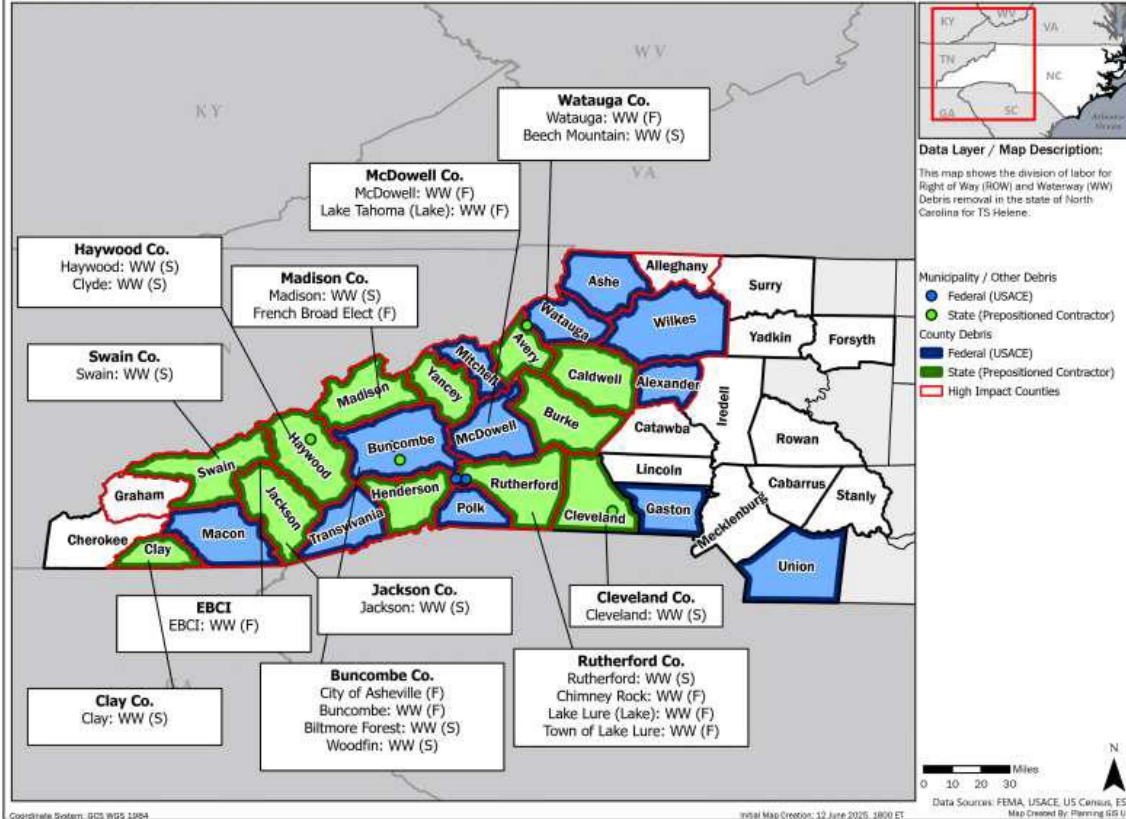


Waterway Debris Removal Progress

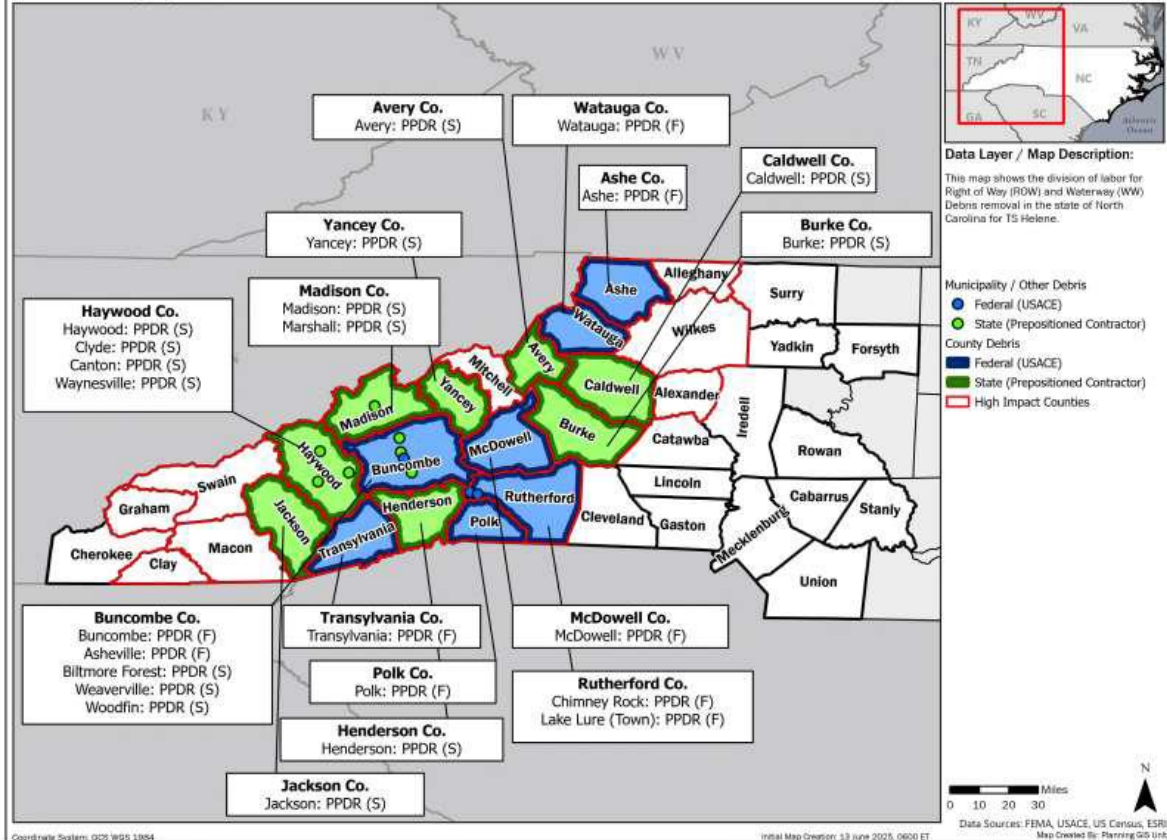


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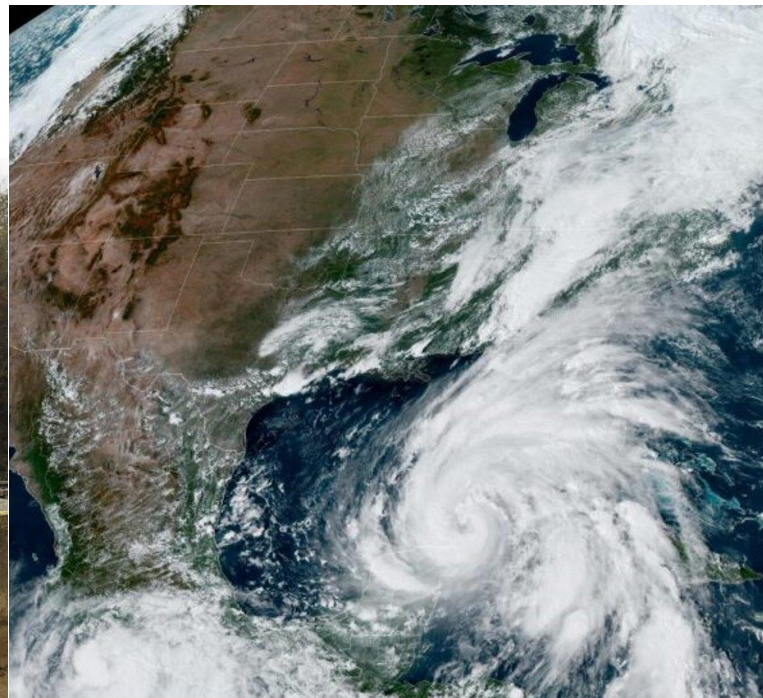
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Response and Recovery Considerations





General Topics

- Debris Movement
- Federal Response and Recovery Posture
- Funding Update
- State & Local Collaboration
- Flood Resiliency Update



Photo: Chimney Rock State Park



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Questions?

