



NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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REBUILD NC Flood Recovery and Mitigation Activities

Joint Legislative Emergency
Management Oversight
Committee

Homeowner Recovery Program (HRP) Overview

The Homeowner Recovery Program helps communities rebuild smarter and stronger from damages caused by Hurricanes Matthew and Florence.

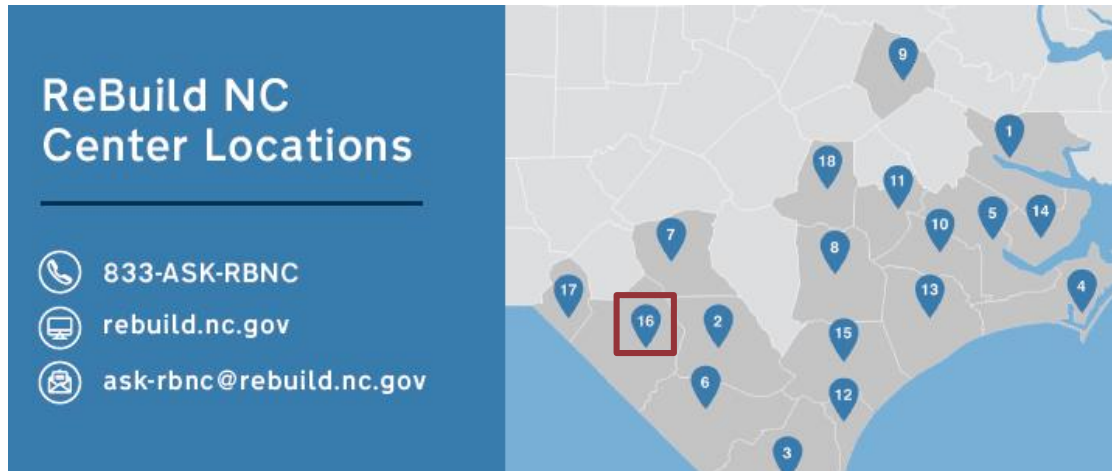
Program goals are to:

- Deploy HUD CDBG-DR recovery funds to help repair, reconstruct, replace, reimburse, and/or elevate homes to be more resilient
- Provide additional assistance needed to complete the recovery process such as Temporary Relocation Assistance and Flood Insurance Assistance
- Ensure communities are rebuilt, with a focus on low-to-moderate income households

Homeowner Recovery Program (HRP) Overview

- NC received three grants from HUD for recovery:
 - \$236 million for Matthew recovery
 - \$542 million for Florence recovery
 - \$202 million for Mitigation activities
- Applications are **currently open** for both Matthew and Florence survivors at rebuild.nc.gov
- As of today, there are 4,324 applicants seeking assistance, of which 1,145 are in or through the construction process
- Thus far, NCORR has completed 708 construction projects

Outreach Update | Robeson



16 ROBESON COUNTY
405 Dunn Rd.
Lumberton, NC 28358

ReBuild NC has a dedicated center for Robeson County constituents. This center assists both Homeowner Recovery Program and Strategic Buyout Program applicants and aims to serve the recovery needs of the community. Beyond the physical presence, ReBuild NC performs targeted outreach efforts to reach prospective applicants and encourage their participation.

**Texts
Sent**

10,055

**Emails
Sent**

52,506

ReBUILD NC

Was your home damaged by Hurricane Florence or Hurricane Matthew?

ReBuild NC can assist with repairing, replacing, reconstructing, or elevating your damaged home.



You may be eligible for assistance through the ReBuild NC Homeowner Recovery Program.

Apply Now!

- Apply online at rebuild.nc.gov/housinghelp
- Submit a paper application (download at rebuild.nc.gov, or call 833-ASK-RBNC to request an application be sent to you)
- ReBuild NC Centers now offer limited in-person curbside document appointments, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

Call 833-ASK-RBNC (833-275-7262) for assistance.



Strategic Buyout Program

ReBUILD NC

You may be eligible for assistance from the ReBuild NC Strategic Buyout Program.

Program participants can qualify for resources to relocate to areas of reduced flooding risk.

The Strategic Buyout Program offers incentives and support aimed to increase the safety of North Carolinians and their property from the risk of future storm and flooding events.

Learn more today!

To learn if your property qualifies and if you are eligible for financial assistance:

- Visit <https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/strategicprogram>
- Call 833-ASK-RBNC (833-275-7262) for assistance
- Email ask-rbnc@rebuild.nc.gov

Homeowner Recovery Program (HRP) Update | Robeson Co.

Total HRP Robeson Apps

2,152

HRP Robeson Active Applications



The Homeowner Recovery Program offers a benefit to applicants whose damaged structure is an MHU on owned land to elect a newly built modular home instead of a replacement MHU. In Robeson County, **138 applicants have accepted this modular benefit**. This leaves the homeowner with a more resilient home for future storms.

Robeson Awards

Awards Sent

596

Funds Committed

\$45,924,593

Award Types	Awards	\$
Reimbursement	28	\$303,450.94
Rehabs	153	\$2,894,532.45
Recons + Elevations	329	\$42,726,610.24
Grand Total	510	\$45,924,593.63

Home Again Spotlights: Homeowner Recovery Program



Allen Wayne Britt
Lumberton, NC

"It felt great to move back in [...] they really came through, and I just love everything about it."



Morris Love
Lumberton, NC

"I went out there and they helped me fill out the application. They told me, 'We're going to get you home and take care of everything. You've come this far and we're not going to stop. We're going to get this done.'"



Gregory Bradley
Lumberton, NC

"I really liked how my ReBuild NC contractor kept me informed [...] It's one of the reasons why I tell others to call ReBuild NC. Their team works hard to assist you in every way."



Karine Harris
Lumberton, NC

"I love all of it [...] the kitchen, the fridge, the cabinets — I have so many cabinets! I feel settled. ReBuild NC really did their job."



Cheryl Oxedine
Lumberton, NC

"But what's most amazing is how high my new home is off the ground. No more water will be coming into my house!"

Strategic Buyout Program (SBP) Overview

The Strategic Buyout Program bridges the gap between Recovery and Resiliency

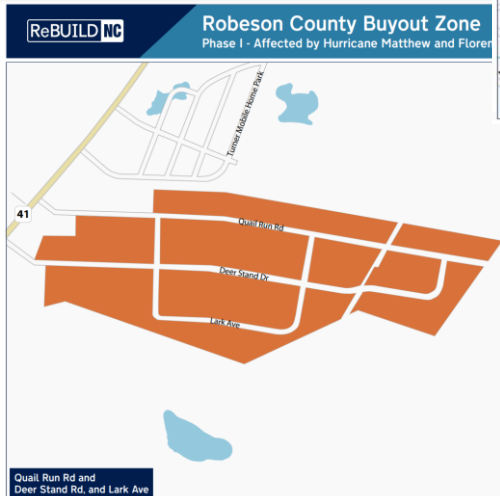
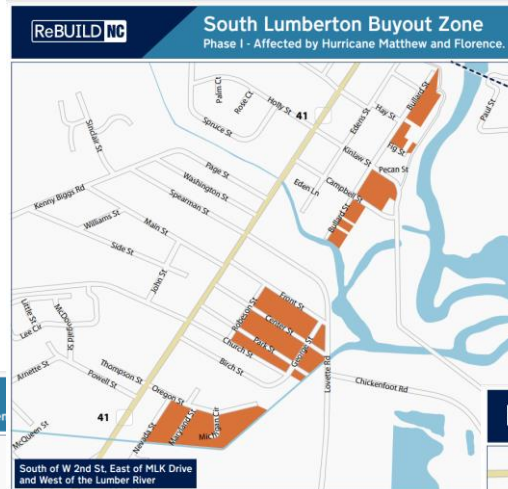
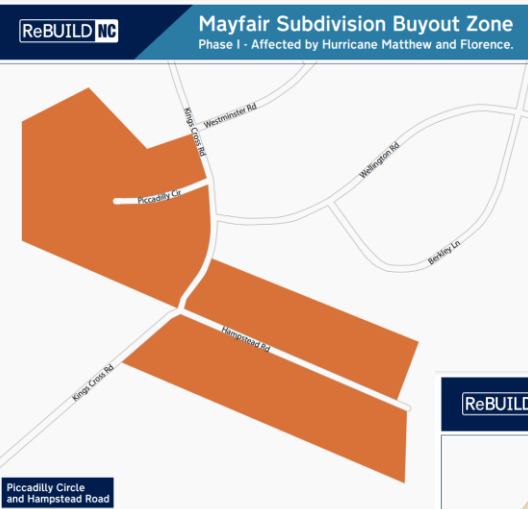
Program goals are to:

- Channel funds toward high-need households and community areas
- Mitigate the flood-related impacts of future disasters by removing development from high flood-risk areas
- Support the beneficial function of the floodplain by transitioning land to green spaces to better manage flood waters and reduce impacts to development

Buyout isn't just about buying houses – dynamic housing incentives support applicants' and communities' long-term resiliency

- Community benefits may include lower flood-insurance premiums, improved CRS ratings, reduced infrastructure maintenance and first-responder needs, and expansion of community greenspaces.

Mitigation: Strategic Buyout Program



Total Properties in Buyout Zones

347*

Total Properties Reached

63%

Total SBP Applications

62

Infrastructure and Affordable Housing – Robeson Co.

NCORR has also invested CDBG-DR infrastructure and affordable housing funds in Robeson Co, including:

- 210 units of affordable housing – NCORR's investment of \$15.6 million has unlocked \$36 million in total funding
- 12 infrastructure projects – NCORR's investment of \$6.2 million has unlocked \$11.8 million in total funding
- These CDBG-DR funds do not require match
- NCORR's partners on these funds include the NCHFA, the Lumberton Housing Authority, Robeson County and the Town of St. Pauls

Chief Resilience Officer and Team

Role as defined in 2021 Appropriations Act (SB105):

- (i) carry out resiliency programming which may include **advising State decision makers on recovery and resiliency** activities,
- (ii) **lead and coordinate resiliency efforts** across State and federal agencies, regional and local governments, public higher education, and other public and private stakeholders,
- (iii) **provide expertise and technical support to communities** for resiliency planning and projects to protect communities from flooding and other natural disasters, and
- (iv) coordinate and **assist with the implementation** of disaster recovery and resiliency projects through the Office.

Chief Resilience Officer and Team

Coordination

- Stood up the following entities and staff them on an ongoing basis:
 - Quarterly interagency coordination meeting on flood reduction (SB105 – coordination responsibility)
 - Interagency Resilience Team
 - State Disaster Recovery Task Force, including subcommittees on housing, business/workforce, environmental preservation, agriculture, and nonprofit/volunteerism

Subject Matter Expertise

- Facilitate Intergovernmental Working Group on Stream Management and Flooding Reduction (SB105 – advisory responsibility)
- Advise agencies or local governments on integrating resilience
- Track federal and state legislation for opportunities
- Write guidance for local government
- Develop a digital clearinghouse for resilience data, case studies, and guidance
- Report regularly to the Governor on resilience activities across state agencies
- Support NCEM with State Hazard Mitigation Plan

Chief Resilience Officer and Team

Technical Assistance and Outreach

- RISE Program: Identifying priority projects with regional resilience benefit across eastern half of the state
 - Funded by EDA
 - Partnered with COGs
 - Regional-scale analysis
 - Focus on path to implementation
- Presentations to NC professionals and communities
- Guidance for state agencies on agency resilience strategies and reporting
- Resilience data sharing event (December 2021)



Resilience Funding Opportunities in North Carolina: FY2021-2022 Budget

Southeast NC CRS User Group
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Thank You



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