

**In Memory of My Dear Cousin
Marianne D. Williams (1938-2022),
A Stroke and Hurricane Florence Flood
Survivor Who Sadly Was Never Able to
Return to her Beloved Homeplace
due solely to the Incompetence,
Mismanagement, Negligence, and
FRAUD of NCORR/ReBuildNC/HUD.**

**Request To Have Testimony Added To The Record <NCGA> Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations Subcommittee on Hurricane Response and Recovery Committee Meeting for Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 9:00 AM
Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

Good Morning Rep. Jones and Sen. Jackson,

Since I have not heard from you all about whether or not that I would be able to testify before you tomorrow at 9 a. m. I am requesting that the attached testimony in PDF form be entered into the record.

I welcome the opportunity to testify in the future before the committee as would many others who have been ill treated and defrauded by NCORR/ReBuildNC. I will go toe to toe and eyeball to eyeball in person with the facts with any and all of the bureaucratic thugs who have perpetrated one of the greatest frauds in the history of North Carolina under Cooper, Buffaloe, Hogshead, Arlyn, Gibson, and their cohorts.

From what I understand, Gov. Stein desires to get the people of ENC back into our homes and does not want the stain of Cooper's abject failure upon him and his administration. In the recent WRAL article, Cooper tried to blame the Feds, but he was in complete control of NCORR/ReBuildNC as the governor. It is 100% his failure and his legacy is sullied beyond repair.

The Cooper Bill that has been introduced while it is a step forward for us here in ENC does not go far enough. A six month lookback period is too short. The fraud of kicking people out of the program goes back at least three years if not longer. All past and current NCORR/ReBuildNC leaders and staff must be brought before the committee to account for the missing records. This NCORR/ReBuildNC corruption sure appears to be greater than any of us fully know.

I do not have months to wait to get back into the ReBuildNC program of which I have been in going on FIVE LONG YEARS! I MUST be reinstated NOW and all stipends paid to me or I will be homeless and destitute!

Also, NCORR/ReBuildNC should not be the ones re-evaluating the people. They have proven time and again that they are biased and not fair. These re-evaluations should be done by an independent third-party with the Hurricane Flood Survivors present. We have absolutely no one who speaks and advocates for us as a group, while NCORR/ReBuildNC has a bevy of bureaucrats doing their bidding.

Letters and emails need to be sent to EVERY person who has made an application to the NCORR/ReBuildNC program inquiring about how they were treated.

I think that Richard Trumper who recently resigned from NCORR/ReBuildNC should be called to testify at the next hearing as I am sure he could offer great insight to what has happened at NCORR/ReBuildNC during his tenure.

I am, but one of THOUSANDS who have been DISENFRANCHISED & TERRORIZED by NCORR/ReBuildNC.

All The Best,

David French
New Bern, Craven County, North Carolina
252.521.1416 (Cell)

NCORR/ReBuildNC/HUD Commits FRAUD & Other CRIMES against NC Hurricane Florence Flood Survivor!
Williams-French Family Homeless & Destitute!
27 February 2025

Governor Stein,

Why are you allowing Pryor Gibson and his cohorts to DISCRIMINATE against me by ILLEGALLY and FRAUDULENTLY trying to kick me out of the ReBuildNC program which will make me HOMELESS and DESTITUTE?

What is Fraud? One definition of which there are many. "“Fraud” is any activity that relies on deception in order to achieve a gain. Fraud becomes a crime when it is a “knowing misrepresentation of the truth or concealment of a material fact to induce another to act to his or her detriment” (Black’s Law Dictionary). In other words, if you lie in order to deprive a person or organization of their money or property, you’re committing fraud." <https://www.acfe.com/fraud->

One, I REFUSE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE NCORR/REBUILDNC PROGRAM! All stipend and storage payments MUST continue until I am back in my home as promised! This mess was 100% made by NCORR/ReBuildNC! I would have never needed any assistance had they managed the ReBuildNC program properly! I am not going to be punished for their MANY FAILURES to administer the ReBuildNC program! They have had every opportunity to do it correctly, but they chose not to do so.

Two, My now deceased Cousin Marianne, for whom I was her 24/7 caregiver for almost six years, and I have been in the ReBuildNC program since **December 18, 2020**. We have jumped through their every hoop for OVER FOUR VERY LONG YEARS! Under Cooper, Buffalo, Hogshead, Arlyn, and now their cohorts of Gibson, Cullen, and others, they have and are making the lives of THOUSANDS OF US UNBEARABLE and CONTINUALLY STRESSFUL. They have violated OUR HUMAN RIGHTS! They continually violate HUD guidelines by giving some special treatment to the DETRIMENT of other HURRICANE FLOOD SURVIVORS!

Three, They have RETALIATED AGAINST ME at every turn since 2022 when I went to my ELECTED OFFICIALS and THE MEDIA because ReBuildNC REFUSED to do their jobs properly and in a timely and professional manner! They have REFUSED to include me in the process. I have all of this WELL DOCUMENTED. LIARS never FIGURE & FIGURES never LIE!

Four, I am sure that you are aware there is both a NC State Auditor Investigation and also a FEDERAL HUD INVESTIGATION of NCORR/ReBuildNC in progress. NO ONE should be removed from the ReBuildNC program during these investigations into the MISMANAGEMENT of TAXPAYER Funds of almost ONE BILLION BUCKS! The current NCORR/ReBuildNC leadership and staff are biased and incapable of handling my application decisions in an open and honest manner. This has been proven time and again. President Trump and HUD Secretary Turner need to step in to investigate and clean up the mess made by NCORR/ReBuildNC that was allowed under the previous HUD Secretary. <https://www>.

Five, With regard to our ReBuildNC project, NCORR/ReBuildNC is now saying in an email dated February 19, 2025 (which is at the end of this email) that "NCORR staff has reviewed your project again and it is not eligible based on program parameters and will be removed from consideration on Friday, February 28th , 2025." [Note: They cannot even correctly spell the word February!] However, they do not list what those parameters are. They do not even know what they are! They make it up as they go along to suit themselves to try to cover their incompetence! There has NEVER been an issue with us meeting "program parameters" in over four years until they were called out publicly in the News and Observer for their NEGLIGENCE in administering not only our ReBuildNC Project, but also the THOUSANDS of others who are STILL SUFFERING under their INCOMPETENCE! <https://www.newsobserver.com/>

They are also saying in the same email that "The reconstruction specifications required of the New Bern Historic District exceed the cost limits allowed in the Homeowner Recovery Program and the deadline for a voluntary buyout has passed." **This is 100% a BLATANT LIE!** The so-called voluntary buyout is a SCAM to deprive me of my home and is THEFT BY TAKING! ReBuildNC is throwing the City of New Bern under the bus to cover for their own INEPTITUDE. This is proven by the written official documents from the City of New Bern Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) which are attached as well as the official video recording of the HPC meeting on August 21, 2024 as well as NCORR/ReBuildNC's own documents publicly available from their own website!

NCORR/ReBuildNC have built AT LEAST THIRTY SITE SPECIFIC ReBuildNC homes to adhere to all local, state, and federal guidelines. It is DISCRIMINATION to not do it for me! My statement before the New Bern Historic Preservation Commission on August 21, 2024 begins at 1 hour and 15 minutes is available via the link below. At about 1 hour and 28 minutes, Mark Moore of Shepherd Response, the RebuildNC General Contractor says under oath "We are completely going to abide by all codes and

guidelines associated with the HPC." <https://newbernnc.new.>

Six, Our ReBuildNC new home construction project was estimated to be \$491,278.00. ReBuildNC has spent as much as \$718,750.50 on the same home plan in Richmond County, NC! The cost to restore and elevate our home most definitely will not cost over \$700k! They could build us a brand new home which adheres to all the local, state, and federal guidelines for that amount! They CONTINUE TO LIE by omission and commission which is by definition FRAUD. They have LIED UNDER OATH to the Hurricane Recovery Committee and they have LIED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS with NC Legislative Staff and Elected Officials! At the Hurricane Recovery Hearing on January 30, 2025, Rep. Sarah Stevens mentioned me and our ReBuildNC project by name with regard to our home being in the historic district. What was she told by NCORR/ReBuildNC and/or others? NCORR/ReBuildNC's current so called leaders and staff are not to be trusted and should be REMOVED and INVESTIGATED! HOGSHEAD & ARLYN are gone, but the rot of a failed program remains! <https://www.rebuild.>

Seven, Michael Cullen of NCORR/RebuildNC was given all of this information on January 16, 2025 in a meeting here in New Bern with NC State Senator Bob Brinson, NC State Representative Steve Tyson, and NC Legislative Staff Joe Coletti. Cullen later participated in a discussion and/or meeting with NCORR/ReBuildNC staff about our home which did not include any of us! He is not representing our interests as the HURRICANE FLOOD SURVIVORS, but ReBuildNC's! There was no one representing us! UNACCEPTABLE! I will note that it was not until January 16, 2025 (Over FOUR YEARS later) that any NCORR/ReBuildNC senior staff ever set foot in my Cousin's home and this was the first time they had ever sat down with me! They have been making decisions about a home they had NEVER been into and about me who they had never met! UNACCEPTABLE!

Eight, The NCORR/ReBuildNC/HUD Program has FAILED! Also, after watching the Helene Recovery Hearings, it sounds like the same balderdash that we have heard since 2020! The State of NC has no business in the building of private homes and they have failed repeatedly in program administration. Where exactly has HORNE led a successful recovery effort of the magnitude needed for WNC? We must change to the INSURANCE MODEL NOW for ENC and for WNC! It has worked for over 100 years! Let the people decide and be in control of their own homes! WE KNOW BEST!

Nine, I submitted my written testimony for the Thursday, January 30, 2025 NC Legislature ReBuildNC Hearing which is noted via the link below as "David French

Testimony" which contains a link to our previous testimony from September 2022. I have been consistent in what I have been saying for years. <https://www.ncleg.gov/>

Ten, I am NOT withdrawing from the NCORR/ReBuildNC program and I REFUSE TO BE KICKED OUT! NCORR/ReBuildNC has repeatedly stated in their written guidelines, publicly, and also in the written and signed contract agreement that they would adhere to all "local, state, and federal guidelines" in the reconstruction of our home. They have known since day one in 2020 that our home was in the historic district and they have been repeatedly sent the guidelines by me and the City of New Bern over the past years. **They have failed to adhere to their own guidelines and are now committing FRAUD and other CRIMES by trying to kick me out of the program.**

Eleven, Governor Stein, I realize that you inherited the COMPLETE DEBACLE of NCORR/ReBuildNC because Cooper, Buffaloe, Hogshead, Arlyn, and their cohorts refused to manage it properly, but now you are our governor and you must fix it not only for me, but also for the THOUSANDS of other people in ENC who are still HOMELESS and HANGING ON BY A THREAD some SINCE 2016! If you cannot fix it in ENC, how do you think you will be able to fix it in WNC which is a much larger devastation? WILL YOU HELP US? WILL YOU DO THE RIGHT THING?

Twelve, Governor Stein, I REQUEST a sit down, in-person meeting with you, Senator Brinson, Representative Tyson, Senator Jackson, Representative Jones, Secretary Buffaloe, Director Gibson, HUD Secretary Scott Turner (Via ZOOM), Lisa Sorg, Luciana Perez Uribe Guinassi, Cristin Severance, and others to solve this matter once and for all to get me back into my home!

My daily prayer as it has been since Hurricane Florence hit us in 2018 is for the people of ENC and also for the people in WNC as well as those people in Hawaii and California who are SUFFERING daily under the UNRELENTING BUREAUCRATIC THUGGERY!

I am standing in the gap for the THOUSANDS OF HURRICANE FLOOD SURVIVORS who are/were not able to speak up for themselves!

I WILL NOT YIELD!

Please confirm that you have received, read, and understood my email.

David A. French
252.521.1416 (Cell)

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On Wed, Feb 19, 2025 at 4:30 PM Gibson, Pryor <pryor.gibson@ncdps.gov> wrote:

TO: David French
FROM: Pryor Gibson, NCORR
DATE: February 19, 2025
SUBJECT: Project Termination

NCORR staff has reviewed your project again and it is not eligible based on program parameters and will be removed from consideration on Friday, February 28th, 2025.

Your residential and storage stipend was approved for January and February and has been remitted to the corrected address.

No further assistance will be processed.

The reconstruction specifications required of the New Bern Historic District exceed the cost limits allowed in the Homeowner Recovery Program and the deadline for a voluntary buyout has passed.

Your application for assistance from the Homeowner Recovery Program is withdrawn.

Email correspondence to and from this address may be subject to the North Carolina Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties by an authorized state official.

NCORR/ReBuildNC/HUD Commits FRAUD & Other CRIMES against NC Hurricane Florence Flood Survivor!

David A. French <DavidAFrench@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 4, 2025 at 11:58 AM

To: govpress@nc.gov, "Gov. Josh Stein" <josh.stein@nc.gov>, Josh Stein NC Attorney General <info@joshstein.org>, "Connelly, Peter J" <pj.connelly@nc.gov>

Cc: "Lisa Sorg, ICN" <lisa.sorg@insideclimatenews.org>, "Luciana Perez Uribe Guinassi, News & Observer Reporter" <lperezu@newsobserver.com>, "Cristin Severance, WRAL Investigative" <cseverance@wral.com>, "NC State Rep. Steve Tyson" <Steve.Tyson@ncleg.gov>, "Robert W. Brinson Jr., NC State Senator" <Bob.Brinson@ncleg.gov>, Destin.Hall@ncleg.gov, Phil.Berger@ncleg.gov, "Sen. Brent Jackson" <brent.jackson@ncleg.gov>, Sarah.Stevens@ncleg.gov, LANCInnovates@legalaidnc.org, "Rep. Brenden Jones" <Brenden.Jones@ncleg.gov>

Good Morning Gov. Stein,

I sent the below email to you last Thursday and have heard nothing back from you. Due to the actions/inactions of NCORR/ReBuildNC, I am soon to be homeless and destitute. Do you even care that people here in ENC have been displaced and hanging by a thread since 2016 and 2018 because Cooper refused to help us in a humane, professional, and timely manner?

I am about to lose my rental apartment and all the items that my now deceased Cousin Marianne and I struggled to save for going on seven years in storage in hope of returning to our home as promised and agreed in a written and signed contract by NCORR/ReBuildNC. We have done everything right and have been punished by NCORR/ReBuildNC for reaching out to our elected officials and the media. Whatever anyone from NCORR/ReBuildNC says about us is a lie and it is all proven with the attached documents.

The Cooper Bill that has been introduced while is a step forward for us here in ENC does not go far enough. A six month lookback period is too short. The fraud of kicking people out of the program goes back at least three years if not longer.

Also, NCORR/ReBuildNC should not be the ones re-evaluating the people. They have proven time and again that they are biased and not fair. These re-evaluations should be done by an independent third-party with the Hurricane Flood Survivors present. We have absolutely no one who speaks and advocates for us as a group, while NCORR/ReBuildNC has a bevy of bureaucrats doing their bidding.

I am, but one of THOUSANDS who have been DISENFRANCHISED & TERRORIZED by NCORR/ReBuildNC

Will you please read my letter and take the appropriate action so that I will not be homeless and destitute?

Will you please confirm that you received my email?

Sincerely,

David French

New Bern, North Carolina
252.521.1416 (Cell)

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From: **David A. French** <DavidAFrench@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2025 at 10:10 AM

Subject: NCORR/ReBuildNC/HUD Commits FRAUD & Other CRIMES against NC Hurricane Florence Flood Survivor!

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NCORR/ReBuildNC/HUD Commits FRAUD & Other CRIMES against NC Hurricane Florence Flood Survivor!

Josh Stein <josh.stein@nc.gov>
To: "David A. French" <DavidAFrench@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 4, 2025 at 2:23 PM

David:

Thank you for contacting the Office of Governor Josh Stein. We appreciate hearing from you about your concerns.

Your correspondence and letter will be reviewed and forwarded to the appropriate person, department, or agency for response. Please do not hesitate to share your views with our office in the future.

Sincerely,
Office of Governor Josh Stein

From: David A. French <DavidAFrench@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 11:58 AM

To: Governor's Press Office <govpress@nc.gov>; Josh Stein <josh.stein@nc.gov>; Josh Stein NC Attorney General <info@joshstein.org>; Connelly, Peter J <pj.connelly@nc.gov>

Cc: Lisa Sorg, ICN <lisa.sorg@insideclimateneews.org>; Luciana Perez Uribe Guinassi , News & Observer Reporter <lperezu@newsobserver.com>; Cristin Severance, WRAL Investigative <cseverance@wral.com>; NC State Rep. Steve Tyson <Steve.Tyson@ncleg.gov>; Robert W. Brinson Jr., NC State Senator <Bob.Brinson@ncleg.gov>; Destin.Hall@ncleg.gov; Phil.Berger@ncleg.gov; Sen. Brent Jackson <brent.jackson@ncleg.gov>; Sarah.Stevens@ncleg.gov; LANCInnovates@legalaidnc.org; Rep. Brenden Jones <Brenden.Jones@ncleg.gov>

Subject: [External] Fwd: NCORR/ReBuildNC/HUD Commits FRAUD & Other CRIMES against NC Hurricane Florence Flood Survivor!

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David A. French <DavidAFrench@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 4, 2025 at 2:36 PM

To: Josh Stein <josh.stein@nc.gov>

Cc: Governor's Press Office <govpress@nc.gov>, Josh Stein <josh.stein@nc.gov>, Peter J <pj.connelly@nc.gov>, ICN <lisa.sorg@insideclimatenews.org>, News & Observer Reporter <lperezu@newsobserver.com>, WRAL Investigative <cseverance@wral.com>, "NC State Rep. Steve Tyson" <Steve.Tyson@ncleg.gov>, NC State Senator <Bob.Brinson@ncleg.gov>, Destin.Hall@ncleg.gov, Phil.Berger@ncleg.gov, "Sen. Brent Jackson" <brent.jackson@ncleg.gov>, Sarah.Stevens@ncleg.gov, LANCIinnovates@legalaidnc.org, "Rep. Brenden Jones" <Brenden.Jones@ncleg.gov>, dave.boliek@ncauditor.gov

Gov. Stein's Office,

Thank you for confirming that you received my emails. It needs the direct review of Gov. Stein. The NCORR/ReBuildNC program is compromised and incapable of being fair and honest.

While they may have lost their records, I have not lost mine since we entered the ReBuildNC program on **December 18, 2020**. I have our ReBuildNC project well documented proving their fraud against me and my now deceased cousin Marianne.

WRAL: NC lawmakers push 'Cooper Accountability Act' as years-old hurricane relief efforts linger
Jones said he wishes they'd done something similar with NCORR years ago.

"I asked to see receipts in and receipts out, and was told there's no records up to 2022," he said. "That's a problem."

<https://www.wral.com/story/nc-lawmakers-push-cooper-accountability-act-as-years-old-hurricane-relief-efforts-linger/21891528/>

All The Best,

David French
New Bern, North Carolina
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Josh Stein <josh.stein@nc.gov>

Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 7:58 AM

To: "David A. French" <DavidAFrench@gmail.com>

Cc: Governor's Press Office <govpress@nc.gov>, "Connelly, Peter J" <pj.connelly@nc.gov>, ICN <lisa.sorg@insideclimatenews.org>, News & Observer Reporter <lperezu@newsobserver.com>, WRAL Investigative <cseverance@wral.com>, "NC State Rep. Steve Tyson" <Steve.Tyson@ncleg.gov>, NC State Senator <Bob.Brinson@ncleg.gov>, "Destin.Hall@ncleg.gov" <Destin.Hall@ncleg.gov>, "Phil.Berger@ncleg.gov" <Phil.Berger@ncleg.gov>, "Sen. Brent Jackson" <brent.jackson@ncleg.gov>, "Sarah.Stevens@ncleg.gov" <Sarah.Stevens@ncleg.gov>, "LANCInnovates@legalaidnc.org" <LANCInnovates@legalaidnc.org>, "Rep. Brenden Jones" <Brenden.Jones@ncleg.gov>, "Boliek, Dave" <dave.boliek@ncauditor.gov>

Thank you, David, understood.

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Williams-French Home Options, NCORR/ReBuildNC, January 16, 2024

Option 1: Restore and Elevate Our Existing Home overseen by a New Bern Architect with a New Bern General Contractor/Builder to meet all local, state, and federal guidelines.

Process: A proper and professional inspection by a New Bern structural engineer needs to first be done in coordination with a New Bern Architect and/or New Bern General Contractor/Builder who will work with me, the FLOOD HURRICANE HOMEOWNER SURVIVOR, to arrive at a plan that meets all the local, state, and federal guidelines to determine the feasibility, the total costs of the restoration and elevation project, and cost effectiveness and timeliness of this option.

Option 2: Remove Our Existing Home and Replace It with a New Elevated Home overseen by a New Bern Architect with a New Bern General Contractor/Builder to meet all local, state, and federal guidelines.

Process: A New Bern Architect along with a New Bern General Contractor/Builder will work with me, the FLOOD HURRICANE HOMEOWNER SURVIVOR, to arrive at a plan that meets all the local, state, and federal guidelines and to determine the total costs of the construction and elevation project.

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NCORR/ReBuildNC Site Specific Homes (Partial Listing)

<https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/contractors/contracts-and-procurement>

Shepherd Response #19-IFB-527663801-DAD Reconstruction Executed Contract, November 03, 2022

CONTRACT AWARD Shepherd Response 19-IFB-527663801-DAD Reconstruction and Reconstruction plus Elevation

Column Headings: Project Number, County, Floorplan Selection, Elevation Required (Y/N), Accessibility Needs (Y/N), SQFT., Price Per Square Foot, Lump Sum for Elevation (Cap \$22,000), Final Cost

Page 1 in PDF

8 Robeson **Site Specific** No No 893 \$ 199.00 \$ 177,707.00
9 Wake **Site Specific** No Yes 1555 \$ 199.00 \$ 309,445.00

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8 Fairmont Robeson **Site Specific** No No 893 \$ 199.00 \$ 177,707.00
9 Wendell Wake **Site Specific** No Yes 1555 199.00\$ \$ 309,445.00
22 Whiteville Columbus **Site Specific** Yes Yes 2646 \$ 199.00 \$ 22,000.00 \$ 548,554.00
24 Princeville Edgecombe **Site Specific** Yes No 1004 \$ 199.00 \$ 20,000.00 \$ 219,796.00
32 Red Springs Robeson **Site Specific** Yes No 1302 \$ 199.00 \$ 20,000.00 \$ 279,098.00
Site Specific Homes = 5

www.rebuild.nc.gov/shepherd-

Rescue Construction Solutions, Inc. RFB Recon + Rehab 04 Executed Contract Aug. 11 , 2021

Pages 19 & 53 in PDF

[Possible **Site Specific** Projects. Need Clarification.]

APP-01401 Lumberton Robeson [Floor Plan Selection NCORR APP-01401] Yes No 0" Interior 19" Exterior, ??????????

APP-01166 Red Springs Robeson [Floor Plan Selection NCORR APP-01401] Yes No 16" Interior 41" Exterior, ??????????

[Possible Site Specific Projects = 2? Need Clarification.]

www.rebuild.nc.gov/rescue-

Currituck Homes, Inc. #19-IFB-527663801-DAD Reconstruction Executed Contract, Nov. 3, 2022

Page 1 in PDF

24 Currituck **Site Specific** Yes No 1004 \$177.55 \$21,900 \$200,160.20

Pages 27, 28 in PDF

8 **Site Specific** No No 893 \$0 \$0

9 **Site Specific** No Yes 1555 \$0 \$0

22 **Site Specific** Yes Yes 2626 \$177.55 \$21,900.00 \$200,160.20

32 Site Specific Yes No 1302 \$0 \$0

www.rebuild.nc.gov/currituck-

DSW Homes, LLC #19-IFB-527663801-DAD Reconstruction Executed Contract, Nov. 3, 2022

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22 NO COUNTY NOTED **Site Specific** Yes Yes 2626 \$168.85 \$22,000 \$468,765.36

www.rebuild.nc.gov/dsw-homes-

Ducky Recovery, LLC #19-IFB-527663801-DAD Reconstruction Executed Contract Nov. 3, 2022

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32 Red Springs Robeson **Site Specific** Yes No 1302 \$190.00 \$22,000 \$269,380

Page 28 in PDF

8 Fairmont Robeson **Site Specific** No No 893 \$ 215.00 \$191,995

9 Wendell Wake **Site Specific** No Yes 1555 \$ 205.00 \$203,315

22 Whiteville Columbus **Site Specific** Yes Yes 2646 \$215.00 \$22,000.00 \$590,890.00

24 Princeville Edgecombe **Site Specific** Yes No 1004 \$249.00 \$22,000.00 \$271,996.00

32 Red Springs Robeson **Site Specific** Yes No 1302 \$190.00 \$22,000.00 \$269,380.00

www.rebuild.nc.gov/ducky-

CONTRACT AWARD Shepherd Response 19-IFB-527663801-DAD Reconstruction and Reconstruction plus Elevation

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NCORR/ReBuildNC O'Neill Floor Plan Pricing (Partial Listing)

<https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/contractors/contracts-and-procurement>

Shepherd Response, LLC #19-IFB-653914856-SME Reconstruction Executed
Contract April 17, 2023

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Column Headings: Project Number, County, Floorplan Selection, Elevation Required (Y/N), Accessibility Needs (Y/N), SQFT., Price Per Square Foot, Lump Sum for Elevation (Cap \$22,000), Final Cost

23 Jacksonville Onslow O'Neill Yes No 2697 \$168.00 \$22,000.00 **\$ 475,096.00**

25 Rocky Point Pender O'Neill Yes No 2697 \$160.00 \$22,000.00 **\$ 453,520.00**

26 Rockingham Richmond O'Neill No Yes 2697 \$266.50 \$0.00 \$ 718,750.50

www.rebuild.nc.gov/shepherd-

Royal Superior Properties, LLC #19-IFB-653914856-SME Reconstruction Executed
Contract April 17, 2023

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23 Jacksonville Onslow O'Neill Yes No 2697 \$ 135.00 \$19,780 **\$383,875.00**

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Shepherd Response, LLC, No Number Listed, Reconstruction Executed Contract, No Exact Date, Assumed to be 11/20/2023?

Pages 1 and 2 in PDF **This is our Williams-French Home.**

26, APP-8601, New Bern, Craven, O'Neill, Yes, Yes, 2697, \$174.00 \$22,000.00 \$491,278.00

<https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/rfbinformalrecon-08shepherd-responseexecuted-112023/open>

**Written Decision of the
New Bern Historic Preservation Commission
104 Johnson Street
Demolition of House and Garage and Redevelop with Infill House**

Applicant: Shepherd Response for ReBuild NC on behalf of David French for the Marianne D. Williams Trust

Date of Hearing: August 21, 2024

THIS APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS, came before the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of New Bern (“HPC”) at a public hearing conducted on August 21, 2024, at its regular scheduled meeting in the City Hall Courtroom located at 300 Pollock Street in New Bern, North Carolina. After considering the evidence, testimony, exhibits, staff evaluation and arguments presented at the hearing, the HPC finds the facts as follows, and denies the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Shepherd Response (“Applicant”), an agent of ReBuild NC, filed an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (“CoA”) for 104 Johnson Street (“Subject Property”) to include the demolition of the 1-story non-contributing house and garage and redevelopment with a 1-story infill house.
2. ReBuild NC is a State disaster recovery program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) via the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency.
3. The property owner, Marianne D. Williams Trust, by and through its trustee, David French, applied and was accepted into ReBuild NC.
4. ReBuild NC is involved in this project to the extent it is to provide assistance with replacing the 1-story noncontributing structure.
5. The Subject Property is located in *Tight Weave* development pattern.
6. The matter came on for hearing before the HPC on August 21, 2024. All notice requirements of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Bern were satisfied.

Demolition

7. The demolition of the structures at 104 Johnson St. is approved in accordance with New Bern’s Code of Ordinance sections 15-411 through 15-429, and New Bern’s Historic District Design Standards (aka “Guidelines”) based on the following specific guidelines and findings of fact:
 - a. 6.4.1—These are non-contributing structures and the demolition of noncontributing structures cannot be denied.

- b. None of the Considerations for Evaluation in the procedure apply.
- c. This structure has no historical, cultural, or architectural significance.
- d. The structures are non-contributing.
- e. There is no reference to the structures in *The Historic Architecture of New Bern and Craven County, North Carolina*, by Peter Sandbeck;
- f. The Subject Property is not individually listed on the National Register for Historic Places;
- i. The Subject Property is not listed as part of the New Bern National Register Historic District Inventory;
- g. The existing 1-story non-contributing house is not habitable;
- h. The Zoning Administrator and the Chief Building Official have reviewed the information and determined that the buildings are not habitable;

Redevelopment


8. The application for the redevelopment ("Redevelopment Plan") at 104 Johnson Street is incongruous with New Bern's Code of Ordinance sections 15-411 through 15-429, and New Bern's Historic District Design Standards (aka "Guidelines") based on the following specific guidelines and findings of fact:
 - a. Development Pattern
 - i. 2.1.3—The footprint, scale and proportion of the proposed 1-story infill construction are not in keeping with neighboring properties which are all at least two-story structures.
 - b. Design Principles
 - i. 3.1.1—The HPC considered the scale, mass and proportion inherent to the surrounding historic development pattern, and design modifications that incorporate these characteristics. The proposed infill construction fails to use basic shapes and forms that are common to the historic district.
 - ii. 3.1.2—The windows, doors, and/or openings are not compatible in proportion, shape, location, size and quantity with those on surrounding historic structures.
 - c. Infill Construction
 - i. 3.4.1—The proposed infill construction fails to maintain the relationship between building mass and open space that exists on the block or streetscape.
9. The project is located in the *Tight Weave* development pattern.
10. The project is located within the Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary areas of visual concern.
11. The Redevelopment Plan is for infill construction.
12. The Redevelopment Plan design does not meet the requirements of the Historic District Design Standards (aka "Guidelines").
13. The Zoning Administrator and the Chief Building Official have reviewed this Redevelopment Plan and commented accordingly.
14. The Redevelopment Plan is incongruous with the Guidelines, and therefore is not approved.

CONCLUSION AND DECISION

1. The HPC, after reviewing the application and all the evidence submitted, concludes that the Applicant has offered competent, material and substantial evidence that the demolition of the 1-story non-contributing house and garage is not incongruous with New Bern's Code of Ordinance sections 15-411 through 15-429, and New Bern's Historic District Design Standards (aka "Guidelines") for approval of the application for demolition of the 1-story non-contributing house and garage.
2. The HPC, after reviewing the application and all the evidence submitted, concludes that the Applicant has failed to offer competent, material and substantial evidence that the proposed Redevelopment Plan is not incongruous with New Bern's Code of Ordinance sections 15-411 through 15-429, and New Bern's Historic District Design Standards (aka "Guidelines").

BASED ON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT, AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, THE BOARD CONCLUDES AS A MATTER OF LAW that the Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby DENIED.

This written decision was approved by the New Bern Historic Preservation Commission on September 18, 2024.



Jim Bisbee, Chair



Matthew Schelly, HPC Administrator

To: David French
104 Johnson Street
New Bern, NC 28560

DATE: 11/08/2024
APPLICATION ID: APP-08601

Dear David French:

Over the past eight months, ReBuildNC has worked to meet the standards of the New Bern Historic Commission in order to commence the reconstruction of your property. Unfortunately, after numerous meetings, engineering modifications, and public responses, the project to reconstruct your property was not approved, whereas the demolition of the existing structure was approved (letter is attached). The letter does not offer a path forward for the reconstruction project's approval.

Given that ReBuildNC had already pursued all requested changes from the New Bern Historic Commission and the project was still denied, the only path forward the program can offer is a buyout. With this, the program would offer to buy your damaged property, demolish the damaged structure, and assist you in the purchase of a new home.

In order to accomplish this, the program would need your cooperation in having an appraisal of the property completed as the first step in making a formal offer. As ReBuild participation is voluntary, you may also choose to withdraw from the program. Please inform the program of your choice to move forward with a buyout or to withdraw **no later than 15 days** following the receipt of this message. You will be withdrawn if we do not have a response to this notification within the provided 15-day time frame. A letter detailing the same has also been sent via certified mail to your address.

Sincerely,

The ReBuild NC Homeowner Recovery Program

This letter was written in RETALIATION against me on 11/8/2024, the day after the article exposing ReBuildNC's mismanagement appeared in the News & Observer about Cousin Marianne and me. This letter is full of LIES which have been previously addressed.

URGENT: ReBuildNC Tries To Kick Hurricane Flood Survivor Out Of Program Yet Again!

Friday, November 22, 2024

Bradley and ReBuildNC Cohorts!

I have NEVER seen or received this attached letter by email or by mail until you sent it yesterday afternoon via email at 4:02 p.m.! This is yet another prime example of the complete failure of Hogshead and her cohorts to properly lead and train their minions. At least she is now gone, although two years too late and hundreds of millions of taxpayer funds wasted and over 1,400 hurricane flood survivors still not back home, but she can still be held accountable for her actions and inactions. There is no statute of limitations on fraud. This is notice that all of Hogshead's and her cohorts' records of every type, kind, and form are to be preserved, secured, and not destroyed by her and/or anyone else.

First, This letter you sent is addressed to my FLOODED HOME ADDRESS where I have neither lived nor received mail for OVER SIX YEARS! NCORR/ReBuildNC has had my correct mailing address since we entered the program in December 2020!

Second, Why did you, as my case manager, not send this to me via email on November 8, 2024? There has been ZERO communication from you since October 31, 2024 which was about the continued late stipend payment debacle.

Third, Who are the actual persons who made these determinations and/or wrote this unsigned impersonal letter about my NCORR/ReBuildNC application, my life, and my property without any contact and prior discussion with me whatsoever?

Fourth, There is no referenced letter attached to this letter as mentioned. Where is it? What is it?

Fifth, I am NOT withdrawing from the NCORR/ReBuildNC program! NCORR/ReBuildNC has repeatedly stated in their written guidelines, publicly, and also in the written and signed contract agreement that they would adhere to all "local, state, and federal guidelines" in the reconstruction of not only of my family home, but all of the homes in the NCORR/ReBuildNC project. NCORR/ReBuildNC has FAILED to include me in the process which has caused numerous avoidable FAILURES along the way costing tens of thousands of taxpayer bucks and years of wasted time! There has NEVER been one single meeting with me to talk with me about my home in an open,

honest, and transparent manner! I have repeatedly said in emails and in telephone conversations with Matt Arlyn and others that the O'Neill floor plan did not meet the New Bern Historic Preservation Commissions Guidelines YEARS before there were any meetings between Shepherd Response and the NBHPC. I continued to say this in the NBHPC Design Review and Formal Meetings this year, but you all would not listen to me and it has continued to cause me horrible stress, harm, and injury in a multitude of ways! Everything about our application and the ill-treatment and unprofessional behavior by NCORR/ReBuildNC and their cohorts that my dear deceased Cousin Marianne and I have suffered for almost four years is well documented. Our written statement to the NC Hurricane Response & Recovery Subcommittee for the September 14, 2022 Hearing is available via this link. <https://ncleg.gov/>. My statement before the New Bern Historic Preservation Commission on August 21, 2024 begins at 1 hour and 15 minutes is available via this link. <https://newbernnc.new.>

Sixth, NCORR/ReBuildNC is NOT going to FORCE me into a possibly ILLEGAL buyout scheme. Again, you all do not know what you are doing! You do not have a clue about the local City of New Bern land use ordinances and laws. I am not going to be FORCED from my family home place and from my family land due to the continued INCOMPETENCE, NEGLIGENCE, and MISMANAGEMENT of NCORR/ReBuildNC and their cohorts!

Seventh, All the other NCORR/ReBuildNC letters that tried to kick me out of the program gave me 30 days to respond. How do you expect me to agree to something in a mere 15 days that I do not completely understand?! Further, the date of receipt of the email which was Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 4:02 PM starts the clock on either the 15 or 30 days to respond. Which is it?

Eighth, Kyle Aulet, President of Shepherd Response, as a contractor for NCORR/ReBuildNC has violated my privacy rights and the NCORR/ReBuildNC privacy rights agreement by speaking about my application with the media. Neither he, nor NCORR/ReBuildNC, asked for my permission to speak publicly about my application. This appears to be a violation of both Federal and State law and needs to be investigated. <https://www.>

Ninth, I DEMAND a sit down in-person meeting with Gov. Cooper, Gov. Elect Stein, Sec. Buffaloe, Gibson Pryor, Richard Trumper, and others to include my NC State Senator Bob Brinson, my NC State Representative Steve Tyson, Joe Colletti, and members of the Hurricane Response & Recovery Subcommittee BEFORE any action is taken with regard to my NCORR/ReBuildNC application, my life, and my property.

Confirm that you received and read this email in its entirety.

David A. French

252.521.1416 (Cell)

In Memory of My Dear Cousin Marianne D. Williams (1938-2022), A Stroke and Hurricane Florence Flood Survivor Who Sadly Was Never Able to Return to her Beloved Homeplace due solely to the Incompetence, Mismanagement, and Negligence of NCORR/ReBuildNC.

**ReBuildNC Discriminates Against Hurricane Flood Survivor!
Tries to Make Him Homeless Yet Again!**

Friday, December 6, 2024, 2:36 p.m., New Bern, Craven County, North Carolina

Gov. Cooper, Lt. Gov. Robinson, Gov-Elect Stein, Lt. Gov. Elect Hunt, AG-Elect Jackson, Auditor-Elect Boliek, Treasurer-Elect Briner, Senator Brinson, Rep. Tyson, and Joe Coletti,

One, Senator Brinson, I appreciate and thank you for giving me a call yesterday and for reaching out to NCORR/ReBuildNC. There needs to be some type of injunction done TODAY against NCORR/ReBuildNC for their unacceptable and unfounded so-called deadline of today, Friday, December 6, 2024 by 5 p.m. to prevent them from forcing me from the ReBuildNC program and/or to take a buyout which will NEVER pass the City of New Bern's Land Use Ordinances. There is absolutely no point in going down the buyout road. No doubt, my neighbors would oppose it being open land as they did the inappropriate house plan that NCORR/ReBuildNC presented. NCORR/ReBuildNC has known for years that the proposed and now rejected house plan was inappropriate for the New Bern Historic District and actively chose not to do anything about it. This is all well documented.

Two, I have sent at least three emails over the past couple of weeks to NCORR/ReBuildNC with no response to my simple questions. This is par for the course with them.

Three, I have a written Award Agreement dated April 6, 2023 with NCORR/ReBuildNC. I was FORCED to sign documents relating to the Pre-Construction Walkthrough dated February 2, 2024 that had incorrect information in them under THREAT of being thrown out of the program and being made HOMELESS again. NCORR/ReBuildNC has FAILED to perform yet again. Their many FAILURES have been proven time and again from the testimonies given at the NC Legislature Hurricane hearings and in numerous newspaper reports since September 2022. I have documented EVERYTHING!

Four, I WILL NOT EXIT THE PROGRAM. I WILL NOT AGREE TO A BUYOUT. These are violations of my Rights and the agreement that I have signed. NCORR/ReBuildNC has committed FRAUD against me and the thousands of other Hurricane Flood Survivors! This was proven beyond a shadow of a doubt at the last Hurricane Hearing! There is no statute of limitations on fraud and people can be held responsible in their official, professional, and personal capacities.

Five, They are once again THREATENING me with HOMELESSNESS if I do not do what they say. They are BUREAUCRATIC THUGS. The time for niceties has long since passed. I would not be this far along in the process had I not contacted Rep. Tyson and Lisa Sorg, the INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER, back in the Spring/Summer of 2022 and stood up against NCORR/ReBuildNC. Thank the Good Lord for Rep. Tyson & Lisa or Cousin Marianne and I would not have made it. Here are the many articles that Lisa has written about the ReBuildNC debacle! <https://ncnewsline>. and <https://insideclimatenews>.. There are also articles about ReBuildNC by Luciana, N&O Reporter via this link <https://www.newsobserver>. and <http> and the film by Cristin Severance, WRAL Investigative Reporter via this link <https://www.youtube.com/>

Six, My Cousin Marianne, now DECEASED, and I went into this program in GOOD FAITH, HOPE & TRUST that they would do what they PROMISED after being LIED to by FEMA because she did not have anywhere else to turn to get her home repaired so she could spend her final years at her beloved homeplace, but as we know this did not happen.

Seven, I need my elected officials to put NCORR/ReBuildNC in their place and DEMAND a sit down meeting with you all and me to resolve the issues at hand. It really would not be difficult to resolve this. This is not rocket science. It is too much to ask to require them to be professional and accountable for the hundreds of millions of taxpayer bucks that they have WASTED? Just because Hogshead is gone does not mean that they have changed their ways! Why should we trust anyone at ReBuildNC to make decisions about our lives without ever involving us?!

Eight, Over the years, I have emailed and called NCORR/ReBuildNC asking questions and not heard back from them in a timely manner, but when they needed something from me, I had to have it to them in short and quick order or I would be under threat of getting KICKED OUT of the program!

Nine, You all are just hearing ONE SIDE from them without any direct CHALLENGE to what they are saying in an open and transparent manner. Over the years, I have asked numerous times for a sit down meeting with them and they have IGNORED me. This is beyond unacceptable and unprofessional. Their MISMANAGEMENT, NEGLIGENCE, and INCOMPETENCE has caused me a great deal of STRESS and HARM and has cost the taxpayers tens of thousands of WASTED taxpayer dollars with just my case alone. This FAILURE is 100% the FAULT of NCORR/ReBuildNC!

Ten, As NCORR/ReBuildNC has done many times before, they are not telling the truth to you all. For them to say that the reason for removing me from the ReBuildNC program is because they cannot present a proper house plan that would meet the City of New Bern's Historic Preservation's Guidelines due to HUD guidelines is a complete FALSE statement.

Eleven, NCORR/ReBuildNC has built several "Build To Site" homes throughout Eastern North Carolina. In addition, in my award agreement, NCORR/ReBuildNC said that they would adhere to ALL local, state, and federal guidelines. They have not done so. Matt Arlyn with NCORR/ReBuildNC, Hogshead's Right Hand Man, was informed as early as December 2022 if not before that the house plan they were proposing would not meet the New Bern Historic Preservation Commission guidelines, but he REFUSED to listen to me and take the appropriate and timely action to prevent the hades that I am now going through. For them to not do a "Build To Site" home for me is DISCRIMINATION when they have done it for others.

Twelve, Further, since there is a pending FEDERAL INVESTIGATION REQUEST to the current HUD Inspector General into the mismanagement of taxpayer funds by NCORR/ReBuildNC made by US Senators Tillis & Budd and other NC US Representatives, no one should be removed from the ReBuildNC program until the results of this investigation are completed by the new HUD Inspector General. In addition, since there is going to be new leadership at the federal level for HUD, these current NCORR/ReBuildNC bureaucrats should not be making any decisions that have LONG LASTING EFFECTS upon people who have been in the program for years!

Thirteen, I DEMAND a full investigation and appeal into what NCORR/ReBuildNC has done about my application and by whom it was decided and done and under what authority and law with all the supporting documentation to include all communications of all kinds whatsoever! This investigation needs to be done under the eye of an independent third party and overseen by the incoming and new HUD federal, regional, and state executives and appointees and not the ones who are leaving who have done nothing to reign in the mismanagement for over four years!

Fourteen, In addition, on August 21, 2024, Mark Moore of Shepherd Response, after he made his house plan presentation to the New Bern Historic Preservation Commission and it was rejected as inappropriate, told one of my neighbors after the meeting that NOTHING will ever be built by NCORR/ReBuildNC for me! This is again a VIOLATION of my privacy which may have both Federal and State implications and needs to be investigated! This also shows the attitude that NCORR/ReBuildNC and

Shepherd Response has for the Hurricane Flood Survivors! All I have ever done is asked simple questions and request and they all have refused to properly answer me.

Fifteen, My Cousin Marianne, now DECEASED, and I have done EVERYTHING that NCORR/ReBuildNC has requested of us since December 18, 2020. FOUR VERY LONG YEARS! We have jumped through every hoop. In fact, I have SAVED the NCORR/ReBuildNC program almost \$7,000 per month since June 2023 to present which is about \$126,000.00 taxpayer bucks so far! They wanted to spend \$5,000.00 per month in pods.com storage when my fixed placed storage was \$495.00 per month. They wanted to send me to a hotel in Jacksonville at a taxpayer cost of over \$3,600.00 per month when I found an apartment here in New Bern for about \$1,150.00 per month. They were late for several months in paying the rent and had to pay late fees.

Sixteen, Moreover, NCORR/ReBuildNC still has not provided me with the other referenced info in their letter dated November 8, 2024 and not received by me until it was emailed to me on November 21, 2024. I have asked MULTIPLE TIMES for this information as well as to answer the other simple questions with NO RESPONSE! I cannot and will not make any decision(s) when I do not have all the info and completely understand all aspects of what is being done. WOULD YOU ALL MAKE DECISIONS WITHOUT ALL THE INFO?!

Seventeen, For the past six long years, we have had to pay a mortgage, property taxes, insurance, utilities, and lawn care on Cousin Mariannie's flooded uninhabitable home and have been under THREAT by NCORR/ReBuildNC that if we fell behind on any of these that we would be KICKED OUT of the program and be made HOMELESS! We have been living out of boxes for over SIX YEARS!

Eighteen, Since I contacted Rep. Tyson in April/May of 2022 because of the mismanagement of our application with ReBuildNC and also spoke with Lisa Sorg, the investigative journalist who publicly exposed the corruption of NCORR/ReBuildNC in 2022, NCORR/ReBuildNC has EXCLUDED me from the decisions about my own home and RETALIATED against me at every turn. Sadly, I am, but one of thousands who NCORR/ReBuildNC has treated UNPROFESSIONALLY. I would welcome the opportunity to testify under oath before the NC Legislature about what we have experienced so that hopefully other Hurricane Flood Survivors both in ENC and WNC will not go through the HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE that Cousin Marianne and I have.

Nineteen, What is Richard Trumper's role in ReBuildNC now? It appears that he is running some kind of parallel program from within ReBuildNC. I know my friend, a disabled Marine Veteran in Jacksonville, who was just about to give up a few months

ago because of the hates that ReBuildNC put him and his family through and their continued threat to kick him out of the program, was able to stay in the program after I wrote a letter on his behalf. He said that Richard Trumper said that Trumper's team could make all the changes to the design of the home so it would get approved, which ReBuildNC refused to do. He is even using the same general contractor, Shepherd Response, that was assigned to him by ReBuildNC. Something does not make sense here. Please explain.

Twenty, Our written statement to the NC Hurricane Response & Recovery Subcommittee for the September 14, 2022 Hearing is available via this link. <https://ncleg.gov/>. My statement before the New Bern Historic Preservation Commission on August 21, 2024 begins at 1 hour and 15 minutes is available via this link. <https://newbernnc.new.>

Twenty-One, As of Friday, December 6, 2024, I still have not received the December 2024 stipend. I had to borrow money from a friend to be able to meet my rent obligation. This is UNACCEPTABLE. I would have NEVER needed any Temporary Relocation Assistance (TRA) had NCORR/ReBuildNC done their jobs and got us back into Cousin Marianne's home in a timely manner. I have had to move FIVE TIMES in SIX YEARS due to the incompetence of FEMA/NCORR/ReBuildNC! As I said before, this is 100% the fault of NCORR/ReBuildNC and I will not be PUNISHED, THROWN OUT of the program, and made HOMELESS due to their negligence!

Twenty-Two, The following obviously has not happened in mine and many other cases with regard to NCORR/ReBuildNC and the general contractors and/or sub-contractors. "All participants shall be treated with dignity and respect. The State expects responsiveness to the State and the homeowner, first-class customer service, and interactions and communications that are easily understood, prompt, and courteous." [Emphasis Added.]

Source: STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR)

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Twenty-Three, I NEED YOU ALL TO HELP ME and THE THOUSANDS OF OTHER HURRICANE FLOOD SURVIVORS IN ENC & WNC! We have nowhere else to turn, but to our elected officials. If NCORR/ReBuildNC is allowed to do this to me who stands against them publicly, just imagine what they have done and are doing to

the TENS OF THOUSANDS of Hurricane Flood Survivors across our State who have not had a way to publicly voice their horrible experiences!

Twenty-Four, This all has taken a great toll upon me. It was 100% UNNECESSARY AND AVOIDABLE. I should not have to keep writing these emails, but Gov. Cooper, you refused to be an actual leader and remove Hogshead over two years ago and your actions prove that you do not care. As my dear Alabama GrandMama used to say, People More Attention Pay, To What You Do, Than What You Say! Thousands of people are SUFFERING in the EAST and Tens of Thousands are SUFFERING in the WEST! Sadly, this will be your legacy forever. If you have one shred of moral character, **DO THE RIGHT THING NOW FOR ME AND ALL OF THE SUFFERING HURRICANE FLOOD SURVIVORS!**

Twenty-Five, NCORR/ReBuildNC must do as they promised my Cousin Marianne and me! It is only through the grace of the Lord and support of my family and friends that I have been able to endure all of this for SIX LONG YEARS. My family has been in ENC for well over 300 years and I am not going to back down to these bureaucratic carpetbagging thugs! **Will you all stand and fight with and for me and all the others?**

Twenty-Six, I recently saw a meme that sums up everything that we and tens of thousands of other Hurricane Flood Survivors have experienced since 2016, 2018, and 2024! **"You will never understand bureaucracies until you understand that for bureaucrats procedure is everything and outcomes are nothing."** - Thomas Sowell

Twenty-Seven, My prayers are first for the Hurricane Flood Survivors of ENC and WNC and second that Cooper, Buffaloe, **Hogshead**, Arlyn, and their cohorts are **fired and investigated! One done, more to go!** Cooper, Buffaloe, Hogshead, Arlyn, and all those who support them have placed a CURSE upon their own selves of their own making! God Is Not Mocked! What a man sows, that shall he reap! Deuteronomy 28:15-68, <https://www.>

Confirm that you received and read this email in its entirety.

**I RESERVE ALL MY RIGHTS UNDER THE UNITED STATES
CONSTITUTION AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NORTH
CAROLINA!**

David A. French

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