

North Carolinians Left Behind: Hurricane Matthew Recovery

Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

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Photo: WCTV, via AP

691

DAYS

Number of days since Hurricane Matthew began to wreak havoc on North Carolina

Impact



Photo: National Weather Service

- October 8-9, 2016
- Most powerful storm of the 2016 Atlantic Hurricane Season
- Extreme rainfall, subsequent deadly flooding
- More than two dozen storm-related deaths in N.C.
- Estimated \$10.3 billion in damage to U.S. (Source: [National Center for Environmental Information](#))

Matthew Aftermath



Photo: Sean Rayford



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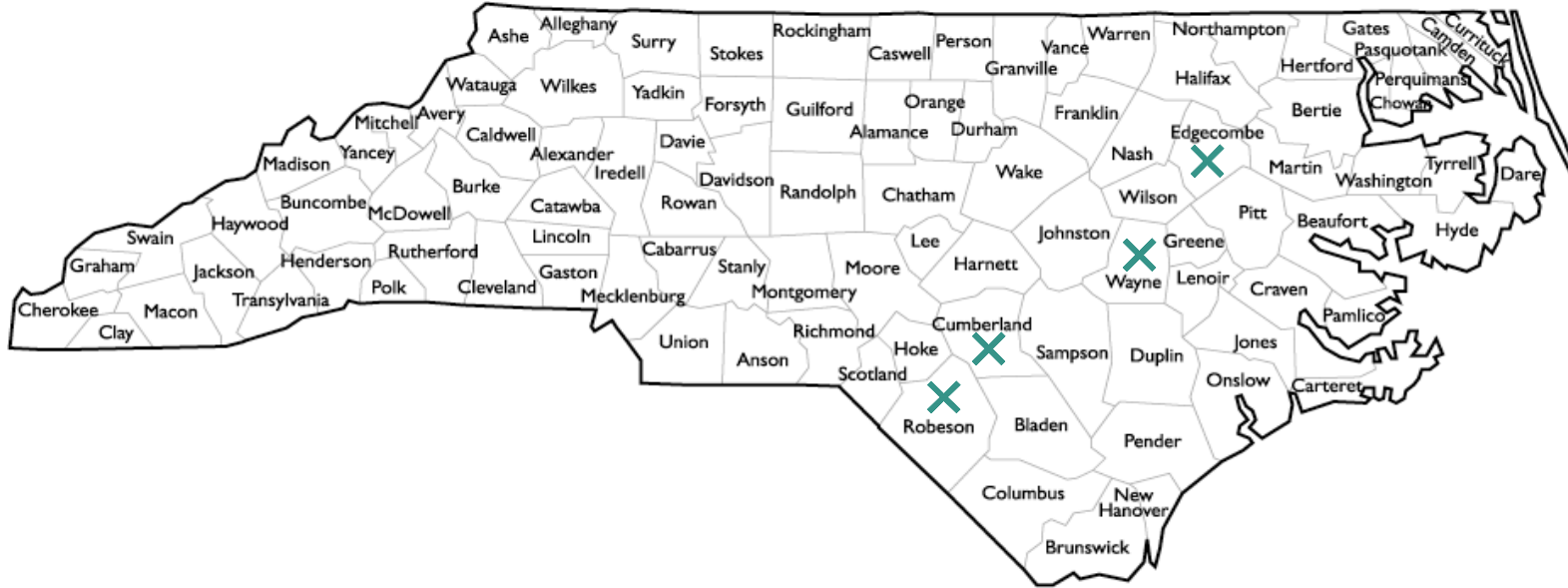


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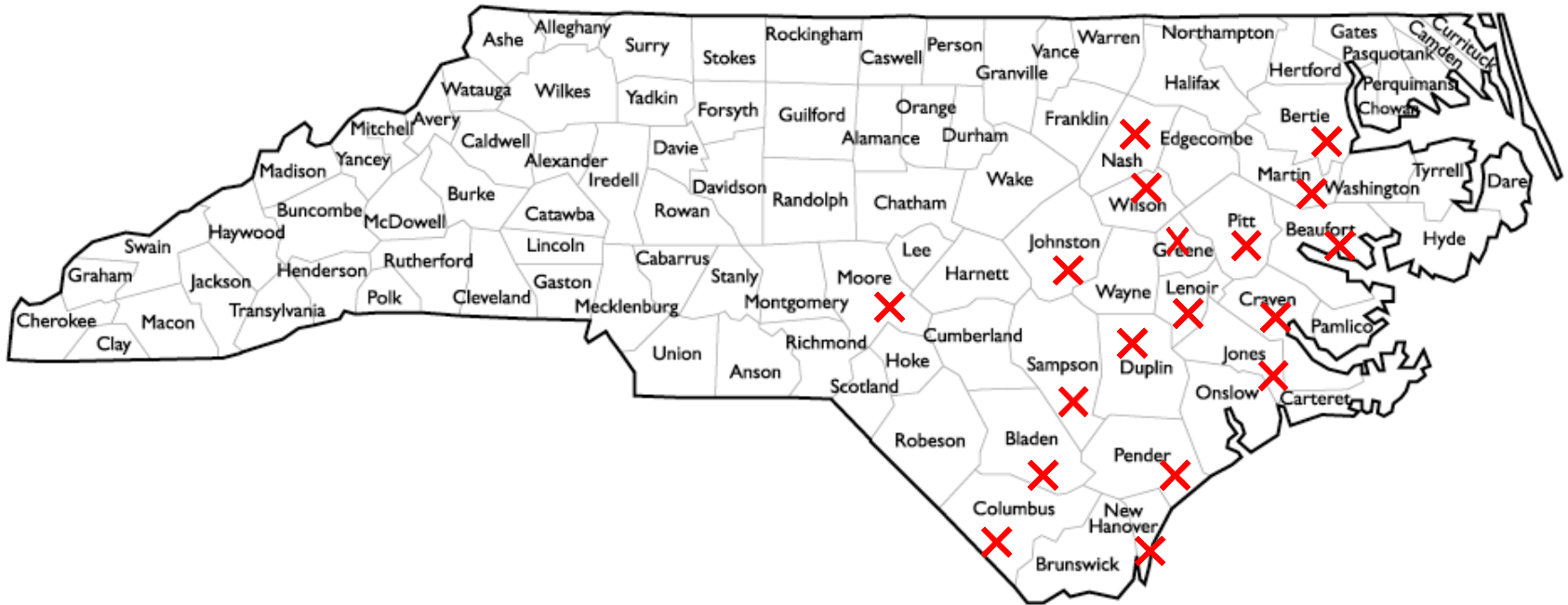
Environmental Impact Study (EIS) Delays



It took **689 days** for the **four** hardest-hit counties to receive final EIS approval to distribute grant funds. **Three** of these counties were approved two days ago.

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18 counties have either not submitted an EIS or have not yet initiated the process.



CDBG-DR Deadlines

- **January 2018:** RFP issued for private sector engineering and emergency management services
- **February 2018:** Contract to be awarded **(MISSED)**
- **March 1, 2018:** Evaluation committee recommends one vendor for contract **(DELAYED)**
- **March 16, 2018:** Administration sends back edited contract recommending three vendors (ESP, IEM, AECOM) **(DELAYED)**
- **June 2018:** Contract awarded approximately 120 days beyond initial deadline **(DELAYED)**

In The News

- **April 12, 2018:** NC has spent \$0 of \$200 million grant to rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew, report says ([WBTV](#))
- **April 16, 2018:** Lawmakers have a lot of questions, get few answers about hurricane recovery ([WBTV](#))
- **May 25, 2018:** Congress members want Cooper to explain slow distribution of Matthew recovery money ([WRAL](#))
- **May 31, 2018:** Where is the money? Hurricane Matthew victims still waiting for relief ([ABC11](#))
- **June 7, 2018:** Cooper – Process to fix homes damaged by hurricane ‘taking too long’ ([WBTV](#))

In The News

- **July 9, 2018:** State misses another deadline for Hurricane Matthew recovery ([WBTV](#))
- **July 24, 2018:** Hurricane Matthew recovery grant: \$236 million. Projects finished so far: zero ([News & Observer](#))
- **July 24, 2018:** Matthew recovery: Two years later, victims still await money ([Fayetteville Observer](#))
- **July 30, 2018:** State officials tried to alter bid documents for multi-million dollar hurricane contract ([WBTV](#))
- **August 13, 2018:** Cooper checks on Matthew Recovery, but again won't meet with Fair Bluff residents ([WWAYTV3](#))
- **August 14, 2018:** Cooper promises help but can't give timeline during tour of hurricane-damaged areas ([WBTV](#))



“I’ll just be glad to be able to feel I can move on in life.”

Jody Johnson—Fair Bluff, NC

South Carolina Recovery Progress

		Total Program Applicants	Closeout	Drop Outs	Active Unserved Applicants	One Knocks Scheduled	One Knocks Complete	Award Letters	Construction In Process	Key Turnovers	Construction Complete Funds
MID Counties	Marion	1,041	0	487	71	547	533	283	44	124	5,440,600
	Horry	479	0	191	27	304	298	193	26	98	5,005,449
	Total	1,520	0	678	98	851	831	476	70	222	10,446,049
NMID Counties	Dillon	205	0	136	23	52	38	10	0	1	20,607
	Sumter	45	0	26	6	14	14	4	0	2	124,940
	Allendale	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Bamberg	5	0	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Barnwell	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Beaufort	210	0	177	15	20	19	0	0	0	0
	Berkeley	100	0	74	11	17	10	3	0	0	0
	Calhoun	13	0	5	4	5	5	0	0	0	0
	Charleston	89	0	63	9	18	11	4	0	0	0
	Chesterfield	12	0	9	1	2	2	1	0	0	0
	Clarendon	128	0	66	20	49	31	10	0	1	57,100
	Colleton	110	0	89	9	12	12	3	1	0	0
	Darlington	66	0	38	8	22	21	11	3	3	134,976
	Dorchester	35	0	32	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Florence	66	0	38	10	19	17	6	0	0	0
	Georgetown	262	0	169	26	78	67	19	1	1	59,300
	Hampton	7	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jasper	58	0	52	2	5	4	0	0	0	0
	Lee	164	0	124	7	35	28	6	0	1	60,202
	Marlboro	19	0	12	2	5	4	1	0	0	0
	Orangeburg	87	0	77	1	10	10	4	0	1	50,065
	Williamsburg	659	0	433	63	180	151	45	3	10	544,568
	Total	2,344	0	1,629	224	546	447	128	8	20	1,051,759
Grand Total		3,864	0	2,307	322	1,397	1,278	604	78	242	11,497,808

Unanswered Questions

- It has been 691 days since Hurricane Matthew made landfall in North Carolina.
- Displaced from their homes and businesses, victims of the Matthew devastation have been left behind for these 691 days.
- North Carolinians have been given excuse after excuse, while there remain far too many unanswered questions.
- It is time to fix this. North Carolina doesn't need excuses; **we need action.**