



Emergency Management  
NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

# Helene Briefing

22 May 2025





# Agenda

- Debris Removal Overview
- Current Debris Removal Progress
- Helene Recovery Update
- Recovery Considerations



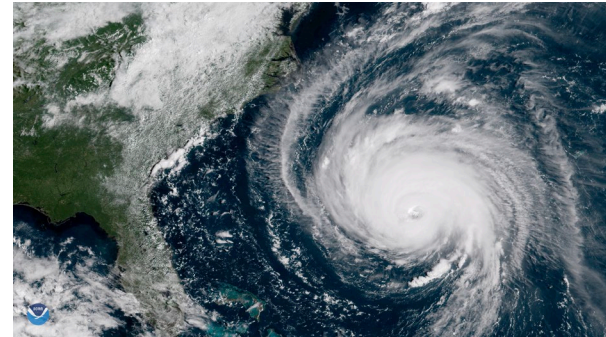


# Emergency Management in North Carolina

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 will be reimbursed at 100% cost share through 27 March 2025
  - Beginning 27 March 2025, eligible debris will be 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
  - State managed debris removal process
  - Direct federal assistance - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 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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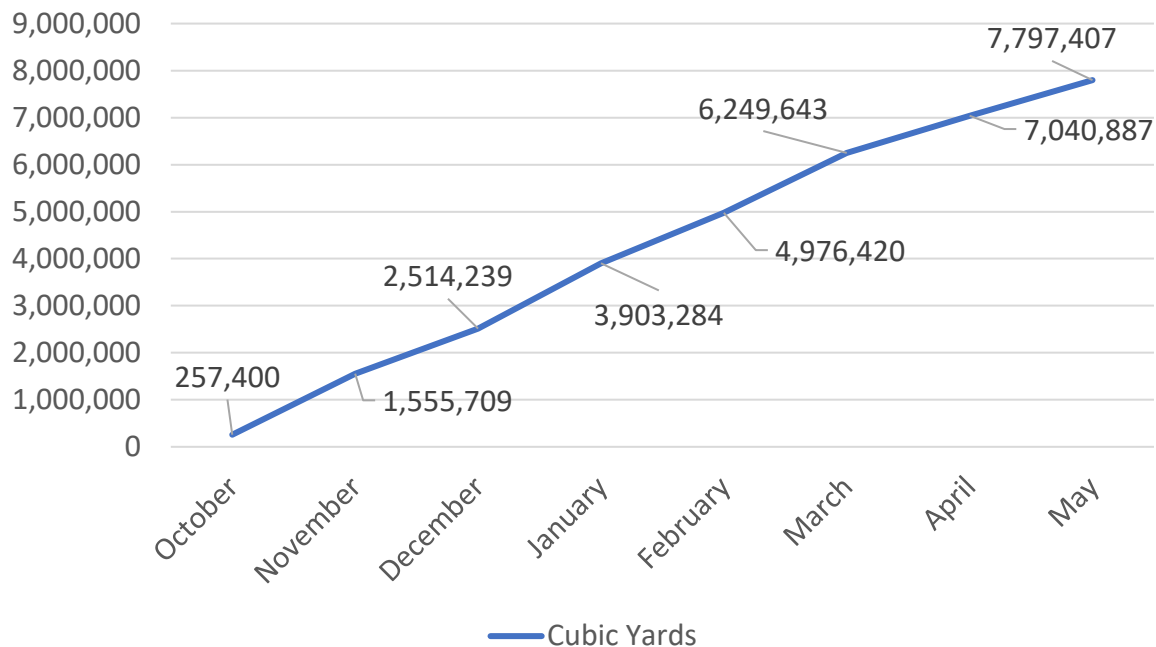
## State Managed Option

- 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.





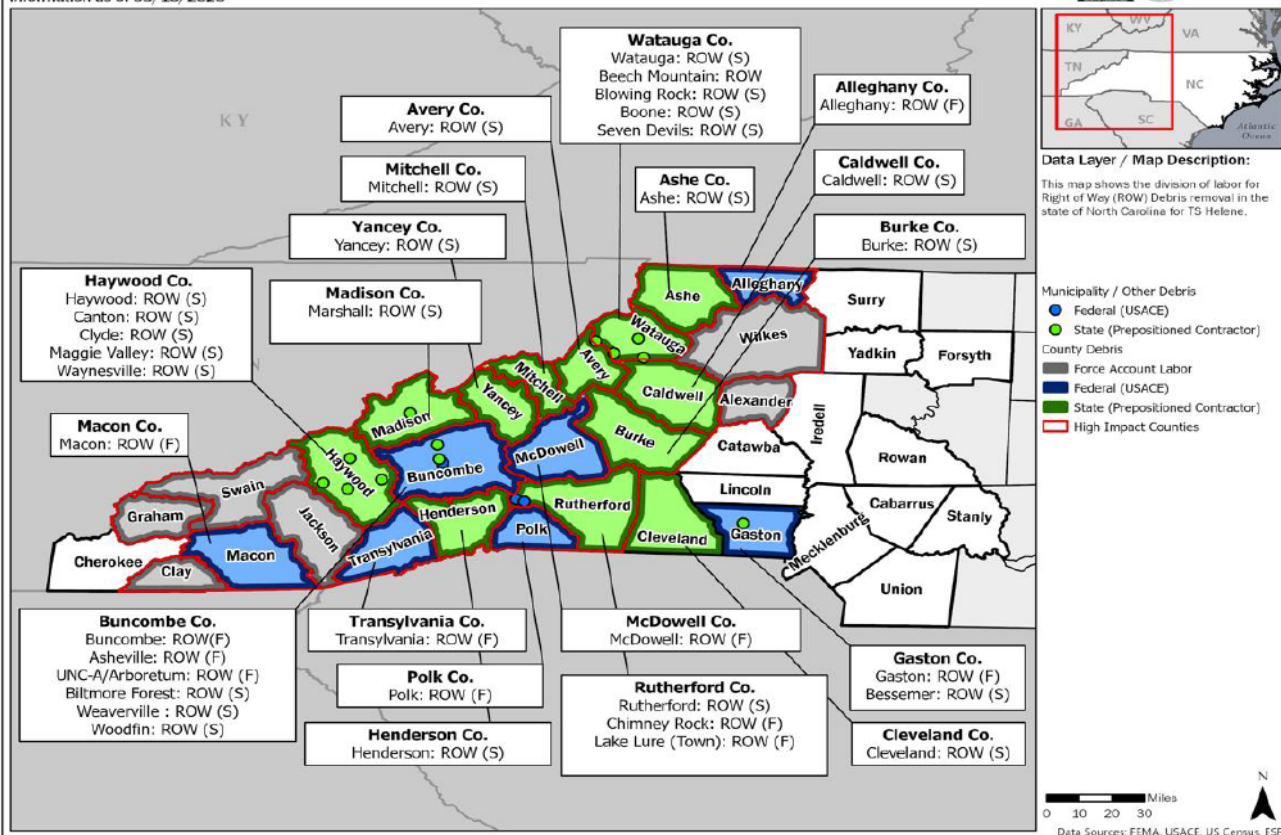
## Right-of-Way Debris Removal Progress





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

Information as of 03/10/2025

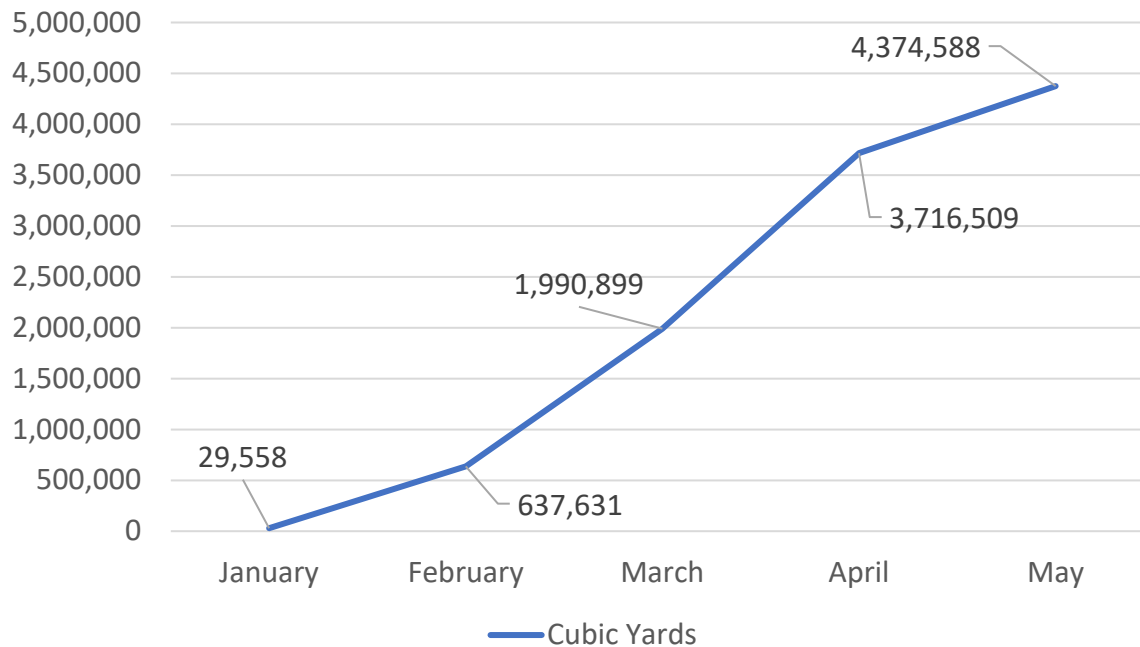


Coordinate System: GCS WGS 1984

Initial Map Creation: 10 March 2025, 0700 ET



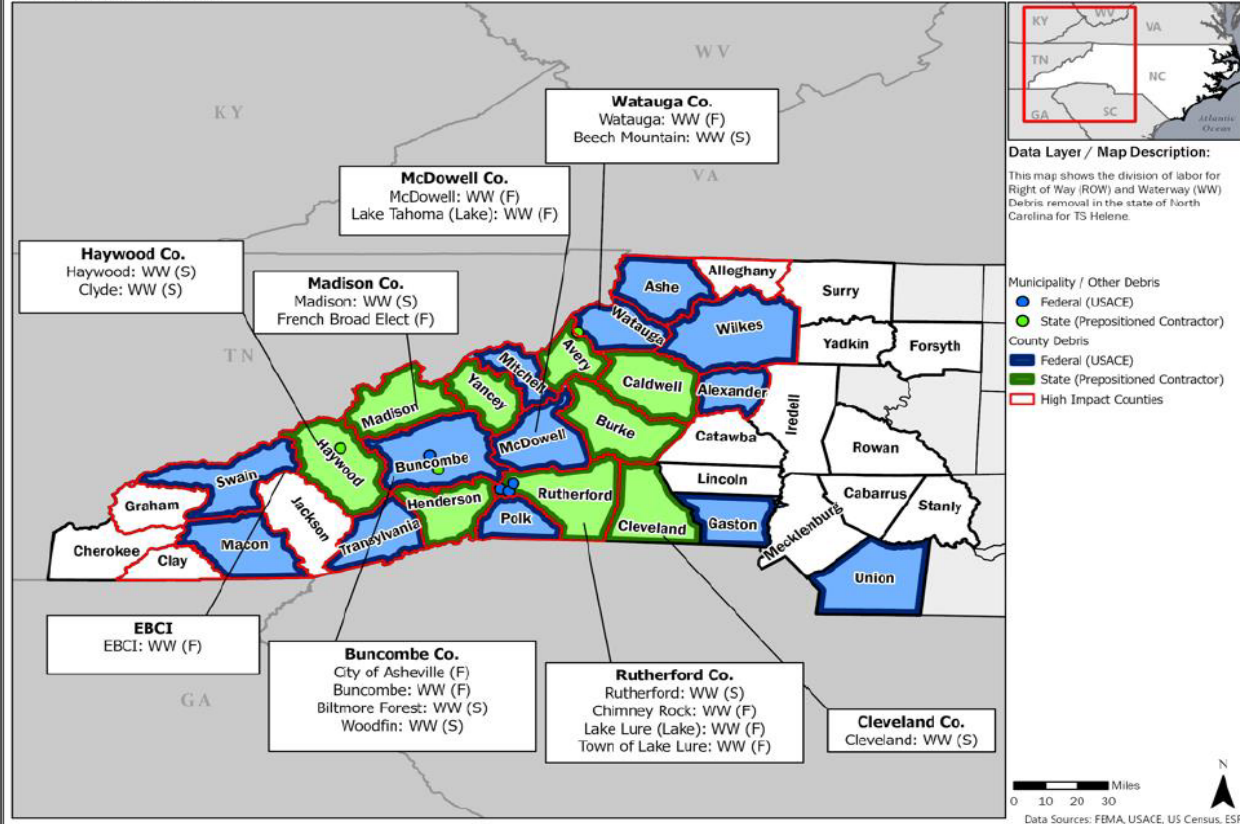
## Waterway Debris Removal Progress





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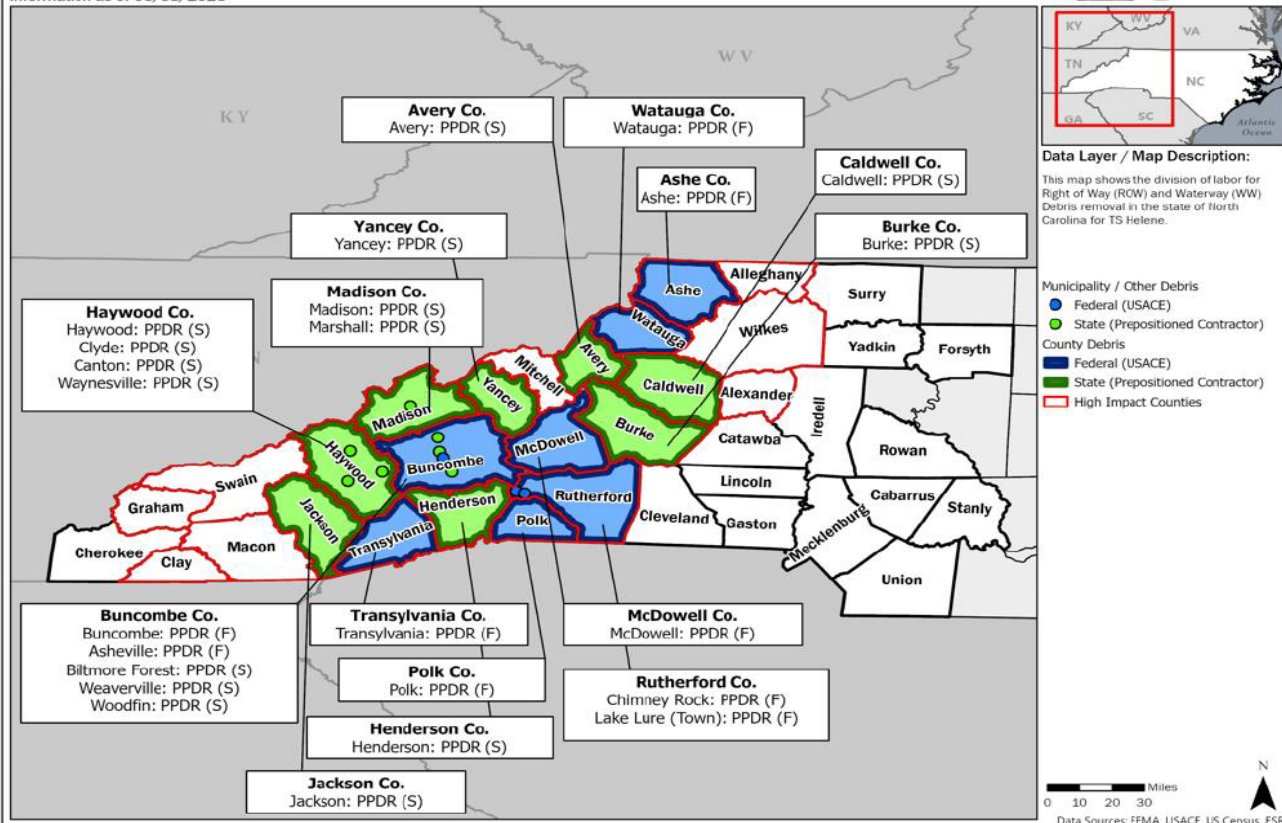
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## FEMA-4827-DR-NC: Debris Mission Force Laydown | PPDR

Information as of 05/08/2025





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# Tropical Storm Helene Recovery Considerations





## Emerging Recovery Considerations

- Debris movement into areas previously cleared
- Federal response and recovery posture
- Sustainable funding for preparedness



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# Questions?

