

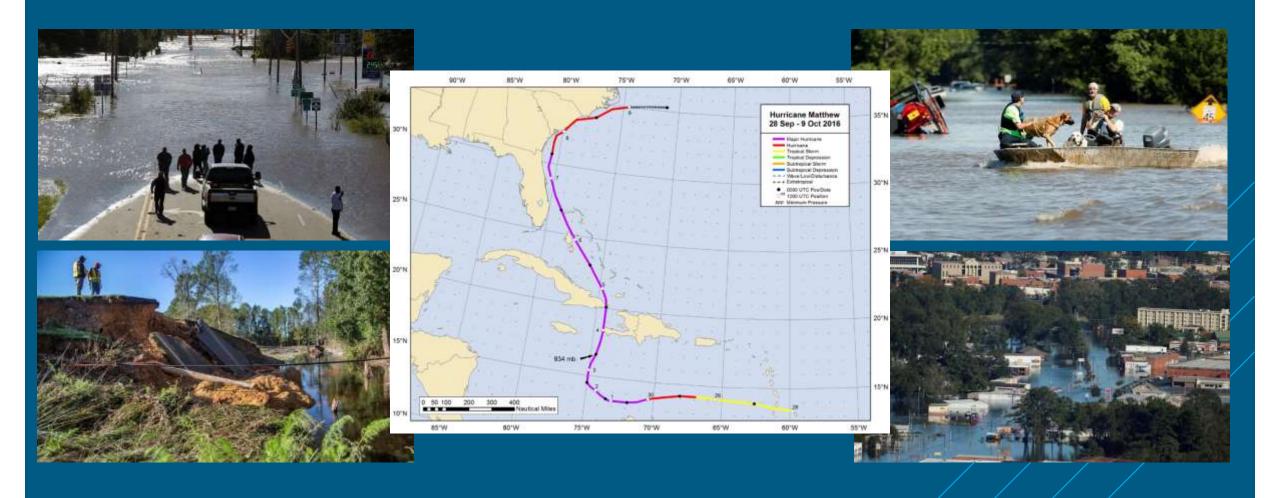




How Hurricane Matthew Helped NC Think Differently About Recovery and Resilience Planning

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# Hurricane Matthew 2016



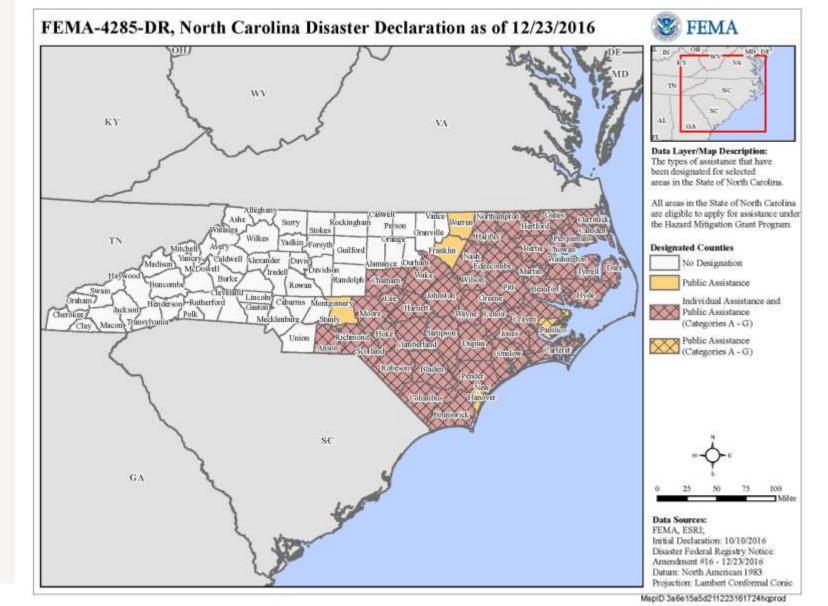




Source: National Hurricane Center Tropical Cyclone Report, Hurricane Matthew (AL142016)

### Area Impacted

- > 50 Counties
- Sandhills, Coastal plain and Coastal areas
- Mix of rapidly growing urban areas (ex. Fayetteville, Pinehurst, Clayton, Goldsboro, Wilmington) and fairly rural communities
- Generally flat topography and prone to stormwater issuesleading to flooding outside SFHA
- Variety of local capability levels







## Hurricane Matthew Disaster Recovery Act of 2016

- Allocated roughly \$200 million in funds to help NC citizens recover from Hurricane Matthew
- Included the establishment of the North Carolina Resilient
   Redevelopment Planning (NCRRP)
   program to help 50 impacted
   counties develop a roadmap for
   rebuilding

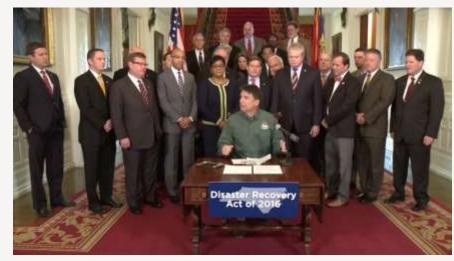
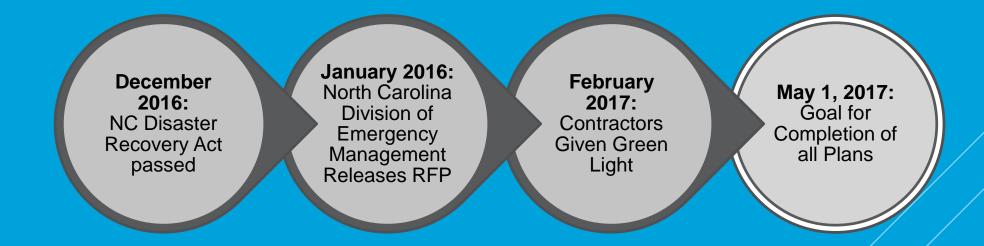


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# Jumping Right In...







# Goals of Program

Understand the Impacts from Hurricane Matthew

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**Identify Unmet Needs** 

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**Develop Potential Strategies/Projects** 

Basis for Asking for Funding Via CDBG-DR program and from NC General Assembly













Four Pillars of Resilient Redevelopment
As defined by the NC General Assembly in the Disaster Recovery Act

### **Team Members**

NCEM built a team with diverse and relevant experiences. Backgrounds in...

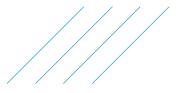
- Mitigation Planning
- State and Federal Emergency Management
- Water Resources Engineering
- Transportation Planning/Engineering
- GIS
- Landscape Architecture
- Military Facility Planning

Combined to work with local community officials from...

- Planning/Community Development
- Emergency Management
- Public Works
- GIS
- Housing
- Regional Agencies
- Non-Profits
- County/City Boards







### Resilient Redevelopment Planning Process 2017

- 3 meetings in each county with local officials
- 3 public meetings
- 3 months to complete plan development



#### **Program Overview Timeline**

Timeframe	Planning Step
Feb 10	Resilient Redevelopment Plan Process Starts
Feb 27-Mar 3	Initial Community/Public Meetings
Mar 6-24	Consulting Teams Develop Draft Plans
Mar 27-31	Second Community/Public Meetings
Apr 3-7	Consulting Teams Revise Plans
Apr 10-14	Third Community/Public Meetings
Apr 21	Final Plans to NC Emergency Management
May 1	Plans to NC General Assembly

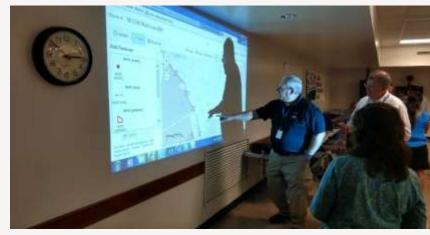






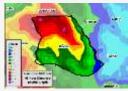
## Meeting 1

- Share State Data with Communities and Public
- Receive Input on Impact Areas and Unmet Needs Using ArcGIS Online Tool
- > Begin Discussion of Strategies
   to Become More Resilient









Clockwise from top: (1) Identifying Impact Areas in ArcGIS Online (2) NCEM Rainfall Data (3) Hard Copy Maps for Breakout Discussions (4) Explaining Goals of Process





## Meeting 2

- Cardstorming Exercise to Identify Potential Strategies and Projects to Improve Resilience
- Clarify and Further Refine Scope of Projects/Strategies
- Site Visits to Some High Impact Areas









Clockwise from top left: (1) Cardstorming Board (2) Site Visit to Breached Dam (3) Cardstorming Project Ideas (4) Discussing first meeting





## Meeting 3

- > Finalize Project Locations in ArcGIS Online and Define Specifics of Projects
- Discuss Prioritization of Projects/Strategies









Clockwise from top left: (1) Proposed Park/Recreational Area Developed During Planning Process (2) Reviewing Final Maps (3) Previously Completed Culvert Project (4) Project Locations Mapped in ArcGIS Online with Impact Areas





## **Examples of Project Types Identified**

- Increase Affordable Housing
- Stormwater Management System Improvements in Downtown Areas
- Add Stream Gauges and Enhance Early Warning Network Among Dam Operators
- Stream Restoration/Naturalization
- Critical Facility Hardening/Relocation
- > Roadway/Bridge/Culvert Improvements
- Increase Open Space through Parks/Natural Space







## **Statistics**

50 Counties
~950 Total Strategies
>\$2B Total Cost Estimate of All Strategies
~\$2M Average Cost / Strategy
19 Average # Strategies per County





### Rebuild NC Website

www.rebuild.nc.gov



#### Plan Information

#### Section I: Background

- . Hurricane Matthew Summary Storm Information
- State/Legislative Response
- · Resilient Redevelopment Planning
- Data, Assumptions and Methodologies

#### Section II: County Profile

- · Demographic Profile
- Infrastructure Profile
- · Economic Business Profile
- · Housing Profile
- Environmental Profile
- · Administrative Profile
- Stressors/Vulnerabilities (Hotspots, Summary)

#### Section III: Storm Impact

- Housing
- Infrastructure
- · Economics/Business/Jobs
- · Ecosystems/Environment
- · Summary of Critical Issues and Community Assets

#### Section IV: Strategies

- · Housing Strategies
- · Economic Development
- Infrastructure Strategies
- · Environmental and Ecosystem Strategies

#### Section V: Appendices

- · Planning Process Documentation
- · Potential Funding Sources
- Glossary

#### Submit Your Feedback





### **Lessons Learned**

- Mitigation planning in NC for many years, existing working relationships with many local communities helped us succeed
  - > Commitment to understanding unique community/public concerns
- Many communities across the state are facing the same issues across both urban and rural areas
- Money talks- the potential availability of funding for projects generated enthusiasm for the process and kept everyone focused on practical projects
- Need to implement solutions to address inevitably recurring issues- this is the key to resilience!









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