



NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY

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CDBG-Mitigation Public Hearing on Action Plan Substantial Amendment #2

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AGENDA

- Opening Remarks
- Presentation on CDBG-Mitigation Plan
 - Overview of CDBG-Mitigation Public Hearing and Substantial Action Plan Amendment 2 Requirements
 - The Strategic Buyout Program
 - Planning Funds
- Public Comments

Meeting Overview

- The purpose of this public hearing is to obtain public comment and input on how the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) plans to use an additional \$34.6 M in CDBG-Mitigation funds (or MIT funds) from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- NCORR had previously received \$168,067,000 in MIT funds and this brings the total mitigation funding from HUD to \$202.6 Million.
- NCORR is required to hold a public hearing and publish an amendment to its CDBG-MIT Action Plan to inform the public on how it intends to use MIT funds and obtain public comments.
- Substantial Amendment #2 is available for public review on <https://rebuild.nc.gov/action-plans>.

NCORR Overview

- Governor Cooper established NCORR under the Department of Public Safety in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence to streamline disaster recovery programs statewide and help communities rebuild smarter and stronger.
- In addition to the Resiliency Program, the office administers programs that support homeowner recovery, affordable housing, mitigation, strategic buyout, local government grants and loans, and pandemic-related rent and utility assistance.
- Learn more about NCORR's programs at <https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/>.

Definition of Mitigation for Use of HUD Funds

Mitigation is defined as those activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship.



Requirements for CDBG-MIT

50% of CDBG-MIT funds must support activities that benefits low-and moderate-income persons

50% of CDBG-MIT funds must be spent in MIDs impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Matthew

Proposed CDBG-MIT Budget

Activity	Previous Allocation	New Allocation	Total Proposed Allocation
Administration	\$8,403,350	\$1,730,950	\$10,134,300
Planning	\$8,403,350	\$1,730,950	\$10,134,300
Strategic Buyout	\$151,260,300	\$31,157,100	\$182,417,400
Total	\$168,067,000	\$34,619,000	\$202,686,000

CDBG-MIT Priorities

The Strategic Buyout Program

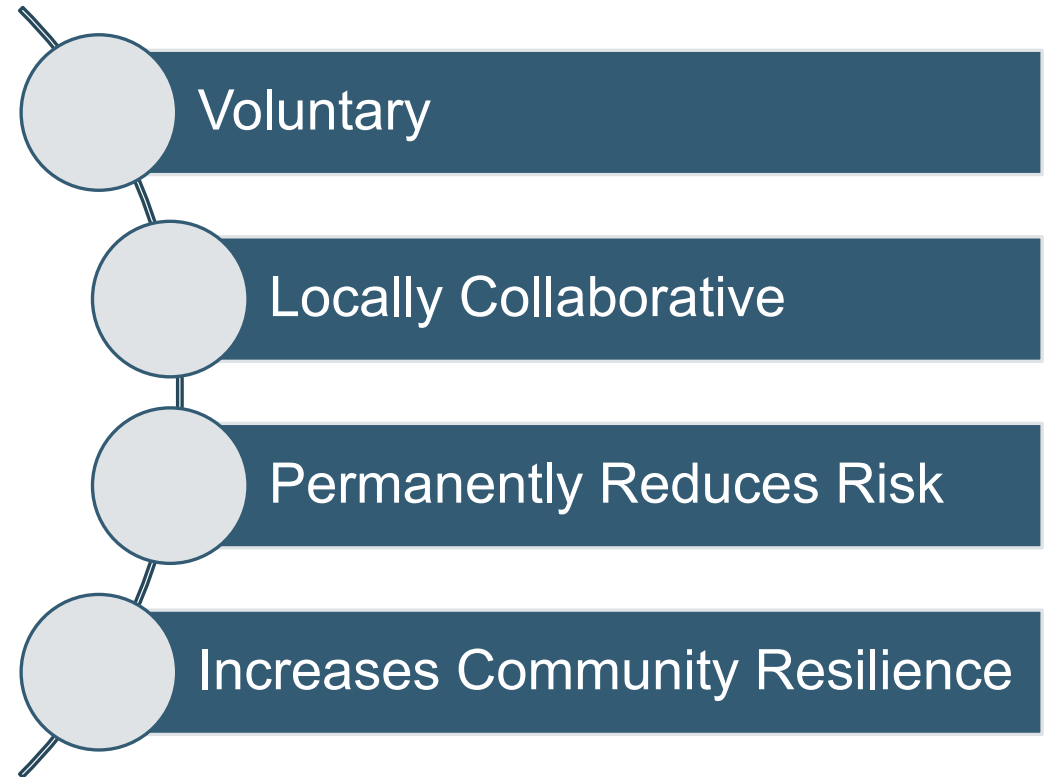
- This program uses CDBG-MIT funds to purchase properties in at-risk areas, called Disaster Risk Reduction Areas (DRRAs). It allows people to voluntarily move to lower risk areas.

Planning Funds

- Using funds for planning projects, activities may be undertaken that increase our ability to predict and assess storm damage, and become more resilient to future storm damage.

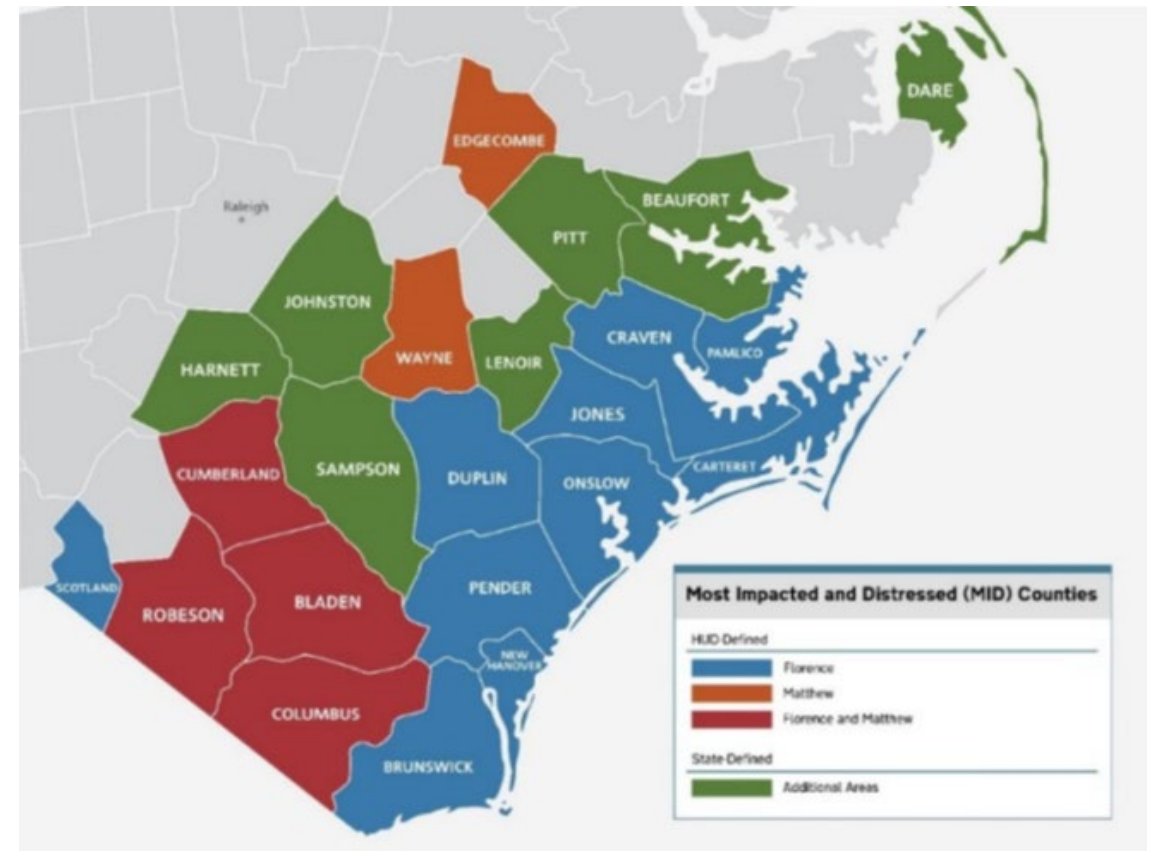
Strategic Buyout Program (SBP)

The Strategic Buyout Program (SBP) is a **voluntary program** that works to permanently reduce the risk to life and property of North Carolinians by purchasing storm impacted and at-risk properties. These properties are afterward owned by the local government and their structures demolished, with the land held as open space in perpetuity.

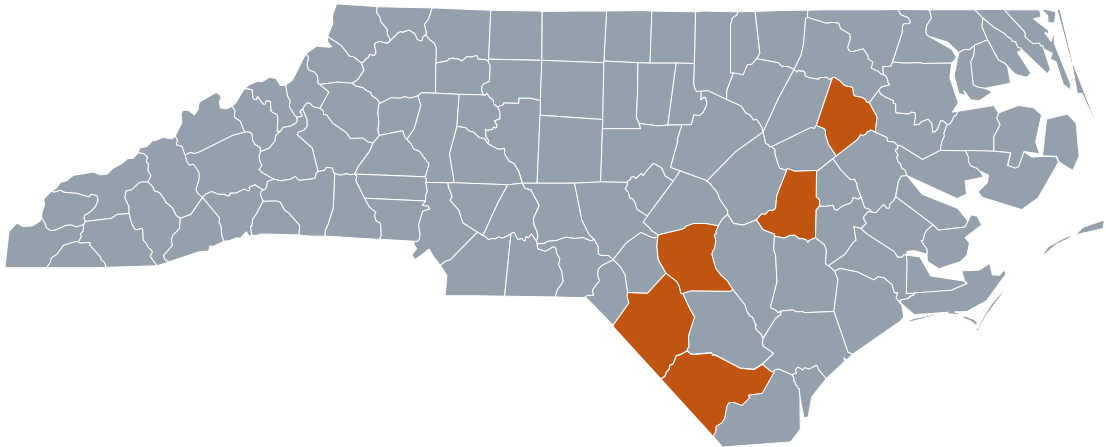


SBP Most Impacted and Distressed Counties

SBP operates in communities defined as Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) by HUD and the State of North Carolina



SBP Disaster Risk Reduction Areas



Disaster Risk Reduction Areas (DRRAs) allow SBP to target specific areas for buyout. A variety of data are used to identify potential DRRA locations.

The process for DRRA establishment involves working with local governments.

Currently SBP has 13 DRRAs in 5 different counties, each supported by a local ReBuild NC Center.

SBP is expanding to more Florence affected counties later this summer.

Program Participation & Engagement

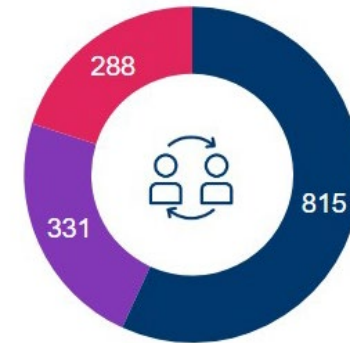
Applications by County



- DRRA**
- Whiteville
 - South Fayetteville
 - NW Princeville
 - South Princeville
 - Pinetops
 - East Tarboro
 - Robeson
 - South Lumberton
 - Mayfair Subdivision
 - West Lumberton
 - NW Lumberton
 - West Goldsboro
 - Seven Springs
 - South Goldsboro

Outreach Outcomes

● Property Owners Contacted ● Contact Support Needed ● No Contact Needed



Currently SBP has 162 active applications

SBP Florence Launch

Counties being considered for Florence DRRA development:

- Beaufort
- Bladen
- Brunswick
- Carteret
- Columbus
- Craven
- Cumberland
- Harnett
- Johnston
- Jones
- Lenoir
- Nash
- New Hanover
- Onslow
- Pamlico
- Pender
- Pitt

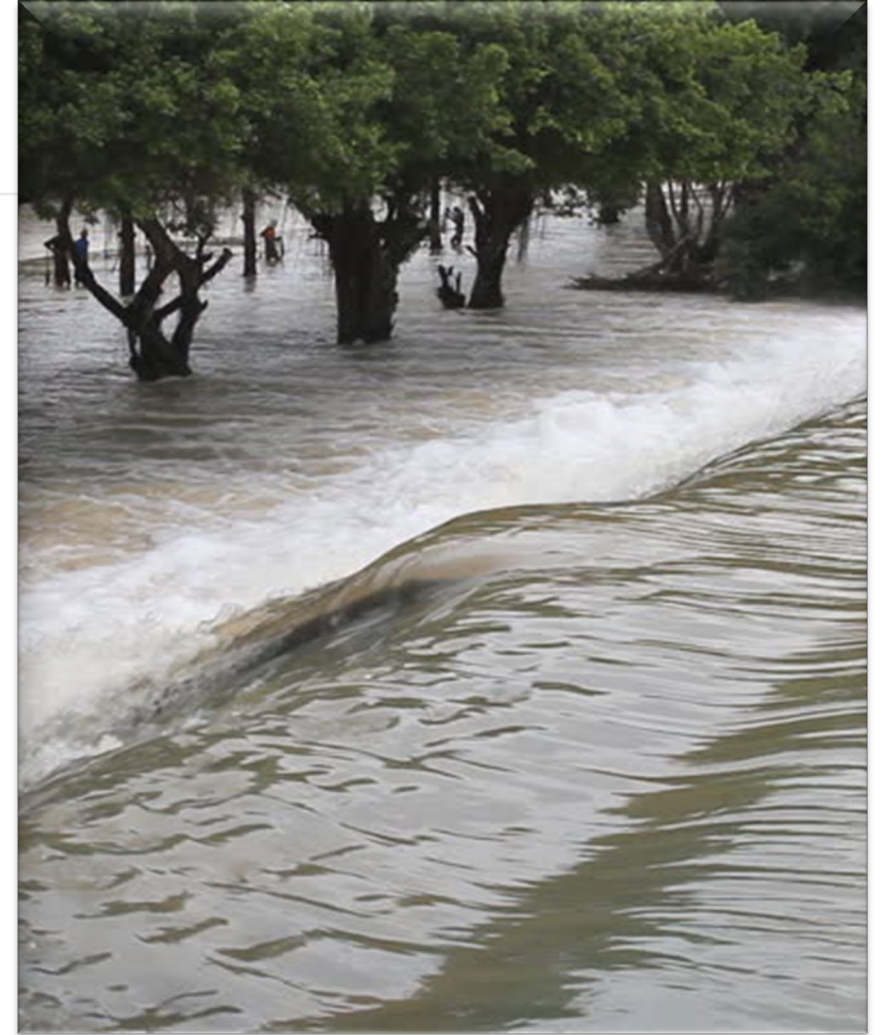


CDBG-MIT Planning

- Planning funds may be used for many different activities, including but not limited to rainfall studies, land use plans, resilience strategies, and regional plans.
- Planning helps the state determine how to best recover from disaster and also avoid future losses by improving our understanding of an issue or problem the people of North Carolina face.
- Some plans have already been presented by the state's various Recovery Support Function (RSF) groups.
- As more planning opportunities are identified, they will be added to the ReBuild NC website.

Citizens Advisory Committee

- NCORR is in the early stages of developing a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).
- The purpose of the CAC is to solicit and respond to public comment and input regarding the grantee's mitigation activities and to serve as an on-going avenue to continuously inform the NCORR's CDBG-MIT projects and programs.



How to Comment on our Mitigation Plan

- NCORR is accepting public comments until **June 27, 2021, at 5 pm EDT.**
- Comments on NCORR's plans for the new funds may be made by:
 - Providing comments here today at this hearing
 - Emailing written comments to publiccomments@rebuild.nc.gov.
 - Submitting written comments by U.S. Postal Service to:
NCORR Public Comments
P.O. Box 110465
Durham, NC 27709
- Comments made today or that are received before the deadline become part of the record and will be considered in the final action plan amendment.
- A transcript of the hearing and a summary of all comments will be included in Action Plan Amendment 2 submitted to HUD.



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Thank you! |