Caldwell Soil & Water Conservation District
120 Hospital Avenue, NE Suite 2
Lenoir, NC 28645

Mr. Timothy Beard
Natural Resources Conservation Service
4407 Bland Road, Suite 117
Raleigh, North Carolina 27609

Dear Mr. Beard:

We request Federal assistance under the provisions of section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1950, Public Law 81-516 or section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978, Public Law 95-334, to restore damages sustained in Caldwell County by Hurricane Helene on Friday, September 27, 2024. This work is needed to safeguard lives and property from an imminent hazard of flooding, erosion, and damage to homes on local waterways within Caldwell County. We ask that initial surveys occur in the Edgemont/Wilson Creek and Collettsville/Johns River areas.

We are a Unit of Local Government with a legal interest in or responsibility for the values threatened by the watershed emergency. We understand, as sponsors of emergency watershed protection measures, that our responsibilities will include:

- Contributing a share of the project costs, as determined by NRCS, by providing funds or eligible services necessary to undertake the activity.
- Obtaining any necessary real property rights, water rights, and regulatory permits.
- Agreeing to provide for any required operation and maintenance of the completed emergency measures.

We have exhausted or have insufficient funding or other resources available to provide adequate relief from applicable hazards. We acknowledge that NRCS will not provide funding for activities undertaken by a sponsor prior to the signing of an agreement between NRCS and the sponsor.

The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the administrative and technical contact persons in our organization are as follows:
Caldwell County Government
County Manager: Donald E Duncan Jr.
905 West Avenue, NW
Lenoir, NC 28645
828-757-1313

Please contact them for any additional information that you might need in assessing our request. We have attached maps and current photographs of the damage site(s) with captions and location information for your agency to assess.

Sincerely,