Hurricane Helene Recovery Updates

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Advocating for the Needs of Residents and Town

- Working with offices and elected officials at the state and federal level seeking:
  - Additional funding for local governments to support recovery efforts.
  - Participating in conversations regarding allocated federal disaster funds and how to best utilize these to support local and regional recovery.
  - Providing policy recommendations for FEMA organization and program delivery reform.
  - Providing policy recommendations on changes to FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program implementation and requirements.

Funding Sources Available

- FEMA Public Assistance (PA) -Primarily Reimbursement Model
- Public Loans – to be reimbursed with FEMA
  - DEQ Bridge Loan $3,000,000
  - State Cash Flow Loan $705,000
  - Exploring USDA Community Facilities for Prequalification
- Fund Balance
- Insurance
- Delaying capital projects and planning activities
- Programming recovery dollars into annual capital planning budget.
- Grants
- Public-Private Partnerships & Philanthropic Support

Project	Status	Funding Source	Reimbursement
Temporary Road Repairs	Complete	General Fund Allocation	Project in development for FEMA reimbursement
Water Distribution Permanent Repair	Complete	General Fund Allocation And DEQ Bridge Loan	Project in development for FEMA reimbursement
Temporary watershed repairs	Complete	General Fund Allocation and Bridge Loan	To be included in FEMA watershed project – procurement documents being developed
Emergency Operations 1 (9/25/24-11/18/24)	Complete	General Fund Allocation	Project in development for FEMA reimbursement
Emergency Operations 2 (11/19/24 – ongoing)	Ongoing	General Fund Allocation and FY24-25 Personnel	Project in development for FEMA reimbursement
Expedited Project (Immediate emergency response, excluding personnel)	Complete. Amendment required for additional costs from Belfor	General Fund Allocation	Submitted to FEMA. Received $880,000. Preparing documentation to submit to receive balance
Hilltop Road Emergency Stabilization	Initiated	General Fund Allocation $300,000	Uniform Act/legal and engineering procurement.
Vehicle Replacement	Initiated	FEMA –Small Projects	Will submit small project when documentation is ready.
Equipment Replacement	Initiated	FEMA – Small Projects	Will submit small project when documentation is ready.
Dog Park	Initiated	FEMA – Small Project	Will submit small project when documentation is ready.
Golf Course	Initiated	FEMA – Large project	Irrigation panel, proshop repairs
Stormwater Control Measures	Initiated	FEMA – Small Project	Will submit small project when documentation is ready.

Debris Removal

Type of Debris	Responding Agency	Status
Right-of-Way *This includes Town property*	FEMA, USACE and USACE contractor	Active through April 1.
Waterways	USACE and USACE contractors	Active. Anticipate completion in June.
PPDR	FEMA	Active. Applications accepted until April 15.
Town Bridges	TOBM Public Works (hauled by FEMA, USACE and USACE Contractors)	Active

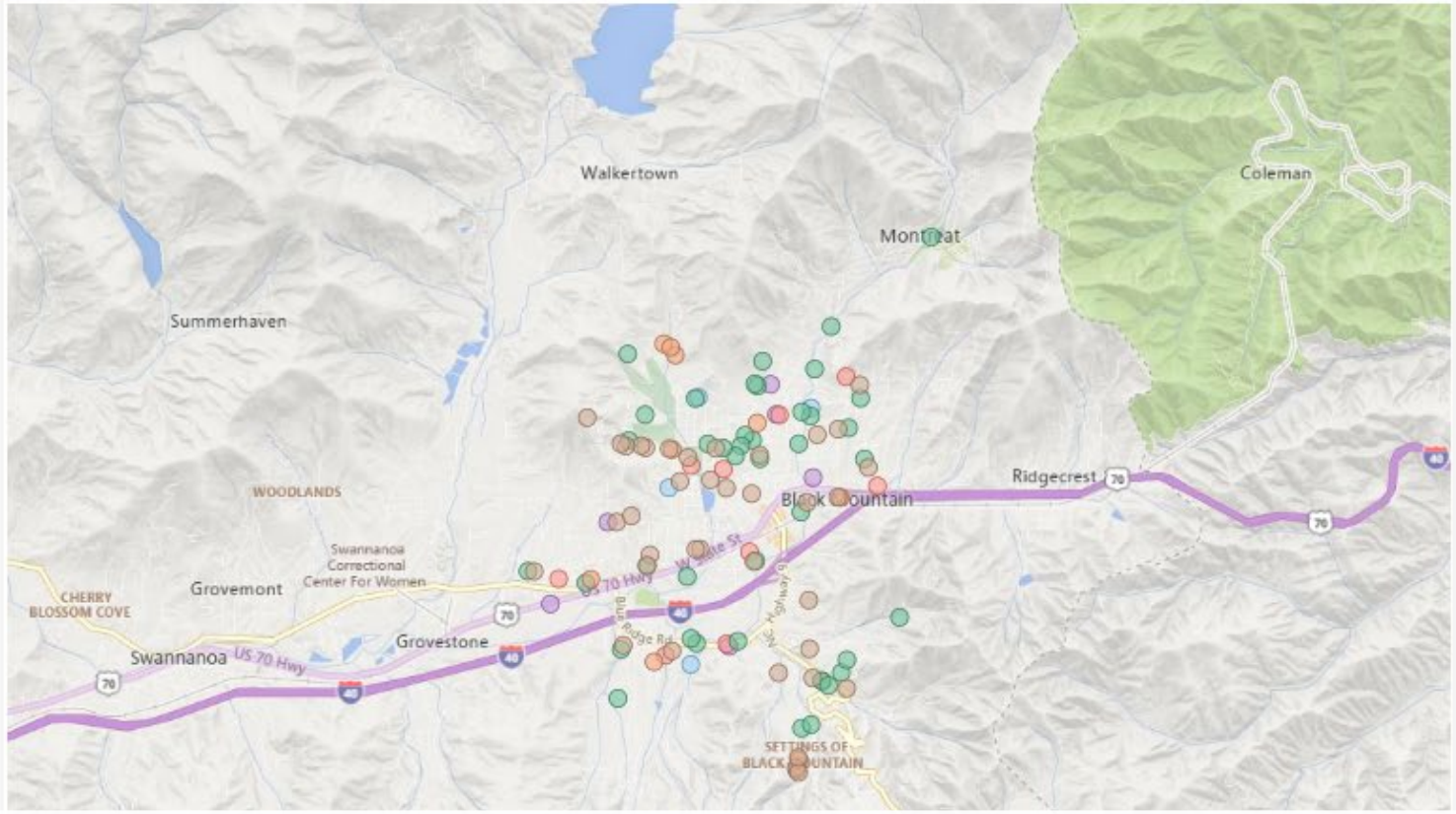
Buncombe County PPDR Program Map

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RecoveryTrac Grant Management

Program Dashboard | Program Map | Applications by Geolocation City

122	7	9	42	49	38	12	9
Total Applications	Outreach Required	Verification Underway	Ready for Inspection	Inspection Completed	Delivered to FEMA	Self-Reported Demolition	Withdrawn



Geo-City

Black Mountain

ROE Status	Case Count
01-Application Pending Review	4
02-Outreach Required	7
03-Verification	9
04-Ready for Inspection	42
05-Inspection Completed	11
06-Packet Sent to ACE	40
Withdrew	9
Total	**122**

Private Property Debris Removal

0_ROE-ClientStatus_Merge 01-Application Pending Review 02-Outreach Required 03-Verification 04-Ready for Inspection 05-Inspection Completed 06-Packet Sent to ACE

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Temporary Facilities



Public Works, Sanitation, Planning and Development, and Floodplain/Stormwater staff will relocate to temporary offices.

Two units



Temporary offices were requested will be located in the parking lot of the Public Services building.



Staff requested these offices through EOC in early October and are expected to arrive in late March/Early April.



Units have been made available through collaboration with FEMA and USACE.

Hazard Mitigation Grants



For property owners, HMGP offers funding for various mitigation strategies, including voluntary elevation, property mitigation reconstruction, and acquisition. In all three of these projects, FEMA provides 75% of the cost and the state pays the 25% match, there is no cost to the property owner.



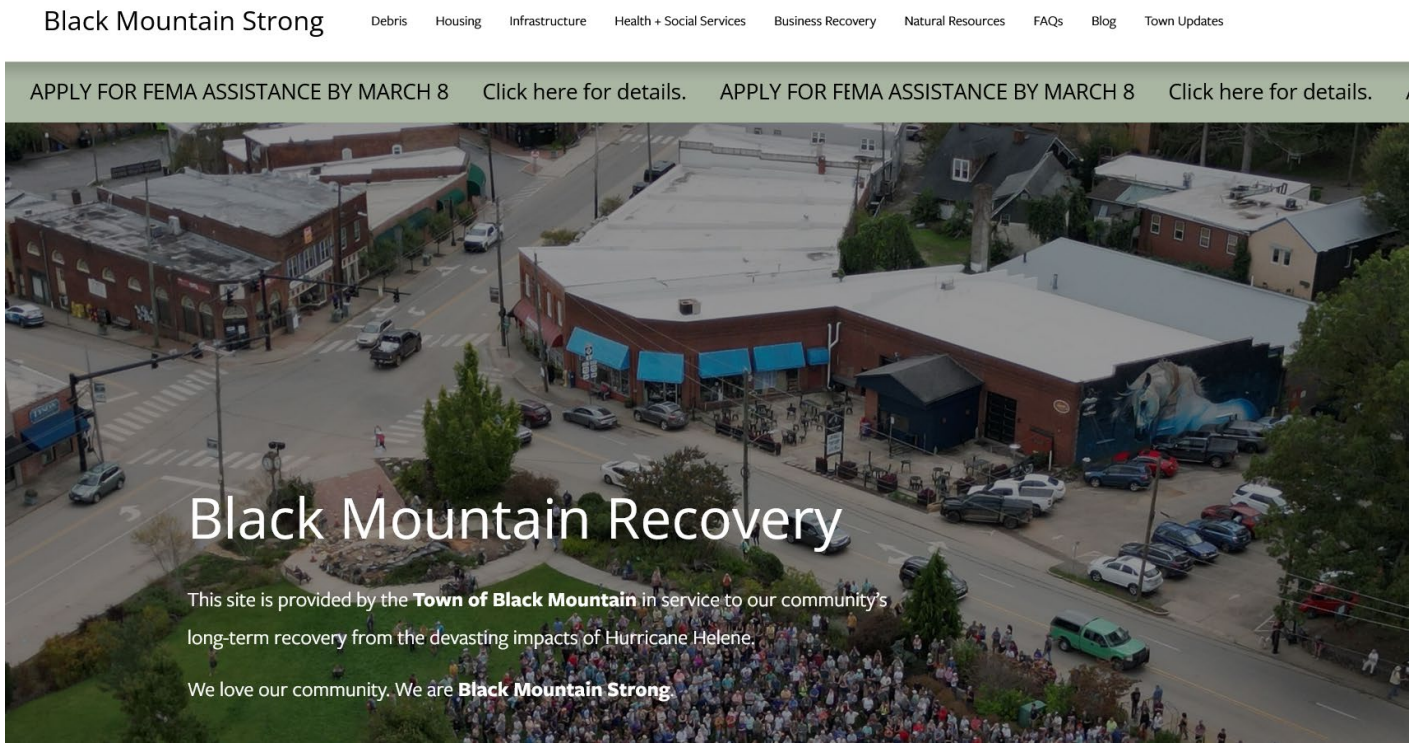
Six hazard mitigation applications in the first round.



Applications are being accepted.

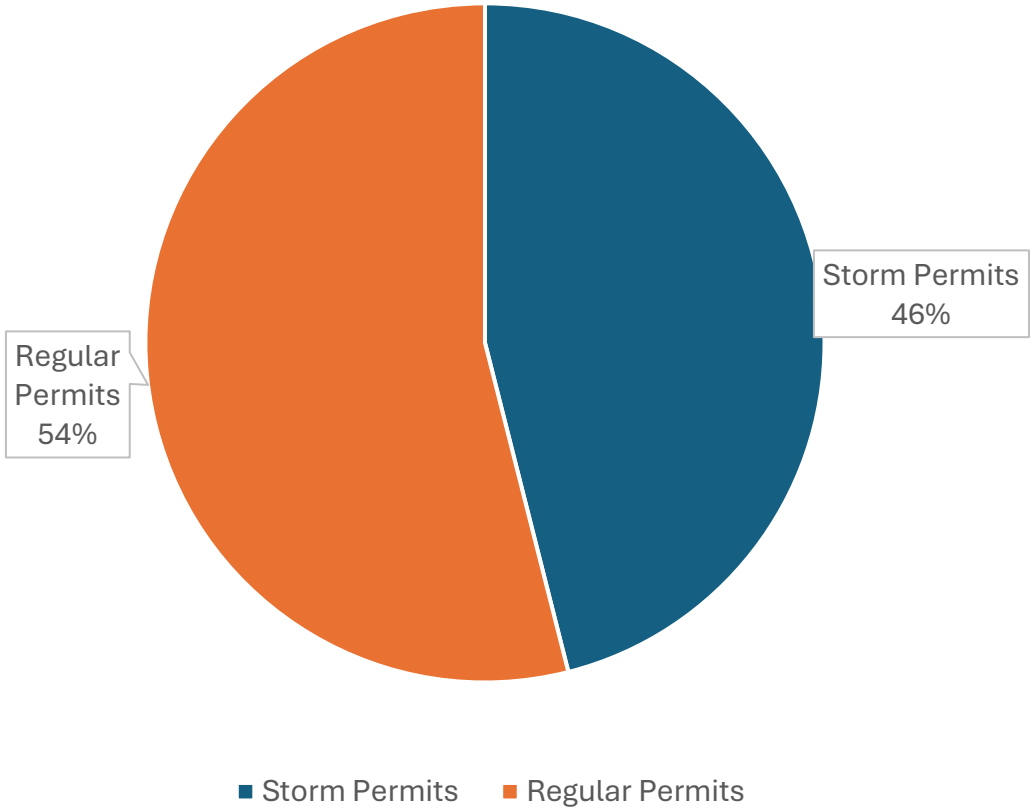
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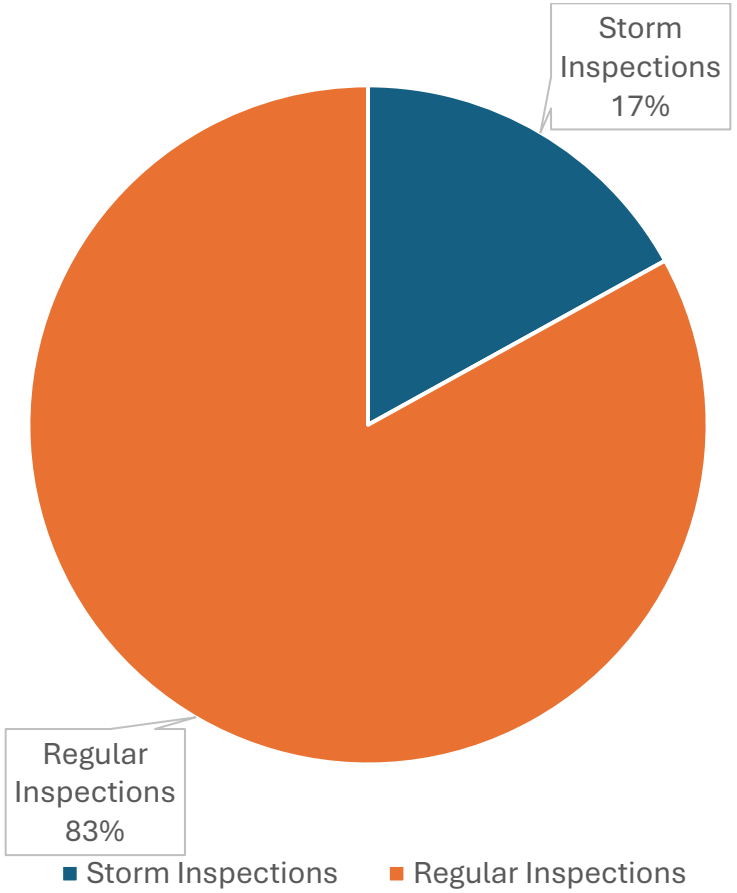
- Significant updates to dedicated recovery site
- Newsletter
- Social media
- Newsflashes
- Public meeting updates
- Press releases



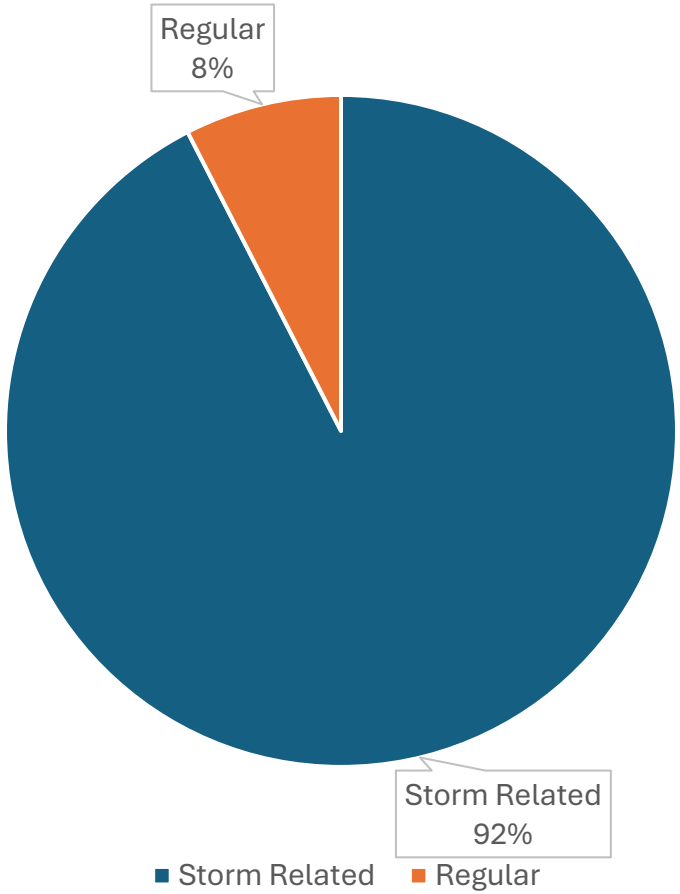
Departmental Updates

Planning & Development Services Since 10/7/24





Floodplain Administration Since 10/7/24



Parks & Recreation – Impacted Facilities

- Lakeview Center remains unopen to the public.
- Veteran’s Park is partially opened.
- Riverwalk Dog Park is closed.
- Cragmont Park tennis courts are open.
- Lake Tomahawk Park playground, tennis courts, walking path, and picnic pavilion (no power) are open.
- Oaks Trail remains closed.
- Flat Creek Greenway is closed.

Parks & Recreation Program Status

- Alternative meal site locations in Town limits have been exhausted. Working with Buncombe County to determine if a location outside of the Town jurisdiction is permissible.
- Youth sports, outdoor programming, and summer camp are underway.
  - Indoor Soccer season has been completed; 472 participants, 50 teams
  - Outdoor Soccer registration is live; practices and games will take place at the primary school.
  - Summer Camp registration opened on March 1st; all slots are full with 34 participants on the waiting list.
  - Valentines 5k took place on February 8th at the Black Mountain Golf Course with 175 runners.
  - Spring Outdoor Programs begin on April 2nd through May 16th and include: 6 litter sweeps, 6 hikes, 2 trail workdays, 1 astronomy walk

Public Works – Roads and Bridges



After debris removal is complete, repairs to Town bridges will be begin.



Temporary roads repairs

Complete



Permanent Road Repairs

Some repairs can be completed by staff.

Several will require engineering drawings and contractors to complete the work.

Water Utility



Temporary work complete in the watershed. Water production has reached pre-storm levels.



Procurement for engineering is being developed and will be open to bidding in a few weeks.

Golf Course

Complex project with many elements including destroyed maintenance building, three lost cart bridges, loss of equipment, tools and vehicles.

- Maintenance shop was located in the floodplain. A new structure is estimated to cost $800,000 and will be required to be located in a different location. This will protect the structure and nearly $1,000,000 of equipment stored within it.

Priority: prevent additional damage to the course

- Repairs to Pro Shop
- Irrigation panel and repairs

Questions?