MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Mark E. Biberdorf, Town Manager

COPY TO: Heather Taylor, Assistant Town Manager

DATE: May 29, 2025

SUBJECT: State Revolving Funds Supplemental Appropriations for Hurricane Helene Affected Areas

A notice was sent out recently about a workshop covering the State Revolving Funds Supplemental Appropriation for Hurricane Helene (SRF Helene). This is something that came out of the American Relief Act of 2025 that provided supplemental disaster relief funds. The Act provides for several different types of revolving funds or loans that have 0% interest and some forgivable principal elements to them as well. The types of projects that this covers involve improvements to water and wastewater infrastructure.

A specific funding category within the SRF Helene program involves support for decentralized wastewater treatment systems. What this means is help for connecting to centralized wastewater treatment systems where you have distressed or failing septic tanks. The goal is to assess the potential to connect homes to centralized systems and thereby improve flood resilience. The reason I attended the workshop on this was to learn more about the potential for connecting one of Fletcher's older neighborhoods to sewer.

Attached is a map that depicts a neighborhood where sanitary sewer does not exist and there is the potential for SRF Helene funds to be applied. The neighborhood has been on a project list for a number of years where the Town has evaluated resident interest and accessibility to sewer. I would to like to explore the possibility of the Town submitting an application for SRF Helene funding to assist this neighborhood. A preliminary application is required and would be the first step in pursuing this funding.

I will provide further background on this item at the Agenda Review meeting.

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Attachment