Hurricane Helene Brownfields Recovery Funding

Hazardous Waste & Solid Waste Management

Financial Assistance Grant

NC DEQ Brownfields Redevelopment Section





Environmental Assessments



Remediation



Feasibility Studies



Community Planning

HOW BROWNFIELDS CAN HELP

Private developers, municipalities, and non-profits face significant due-diligence costs when evaluating and redeveloping properties with known or suspected environmental concerns. Typically, these costs are the responsibility of the property owner or purchaser. This Helene Grant funding can assist to offset those early-stage costs, allowing funding to be redirected toward additional recovery needs. By removing environmental uncertainty and liability, Developers can reduce financial risk, shorten redevelopment timelines, and unlock long-term economic value.

PROVEN RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Brownfields is not just an environmental program, but a strategic investment in community resilience. Brownfields participation reduces redevelopment risk, increases property values, and delivers tangible public benefits such as healthcare, housing, and economic activity.

QUESTIONS:

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The NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Division of Waste Management (DWM), received EPA funding a 5-year period starting in October 2025 through the **Hurricane Helene Supplemental Appropriation for Hazardous Waste and Solid Waste Management Financial Assistance Grant** to support recovery and redevelopment in communities impacted by Hurricane Helene.

This funding will assist communities and property owners to address environmental barriers or planning issues that may complicate rebuilding, reopening, or relocating facilities affected by the storm.

Eligible properties must have been in productive use at the time of Hurricane Helene, and be currently idled or impaired as a result of the storm.

Assessments can help evaluate:



Risk of future flooding or environmental vulnerability



Benefit to community recovery and public use



Potential economic and redevelopment impact

INTERESTED?

To determine whether a property may be eligible for assistance through Hurricane Helene Brownfields Recovery Funding, interested communities, nonprofits, or property owners can complete the Brownfields Hurricane Helene Recovery & Resiliency Grant Intake Form available on LaserFiche.

Submitting the form:

- Does not commit your organization to a project
- Is not a competitive application
- Helps DEQ better understand site conditions, recovery needs, and appropriate next steps

On review of the intake form, DEQ staff will follow up and discuss potential eligibility, scope of services, and available support.