# Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Update

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# HMGP | Program Overview

- The program is designed to reduce the loss of life and property as well as lessen the impact to local communities due to natural disasters
- Participation in the program is voluntary
  - No relocation assistance is provided (Unless tenant occupied)
  - Owners are encouraged to stay involved
- Compensation is based on pre-event fair market value
  - Effective date of the appraisal is prior to Tropical Storm Helene
  - “Fair Compensation” is NOT the same as the tax assessed value

| Program Funding | |
|---|---|
| FEMA | 75% |
| NCEM | 25% |
| **Local** | **0%** |

# HMGP | Acquisition and Elevation Applications

## Private Property Acquisitions

- Group 1: 23 properties | $8,120,200
- Group 2: 24 properties | $11,019,000
    - 1 property added and 1 additional pending
- Group 3: 142 properties | $69,029,711
    - 15 additional properties pending final review
- Group 4: 72 properties in FEMA review process

## Private Property Elevations

- Group 1: 44 applications in state and federal review
- Group 2: 17 applications in state and federal review
- Group 3: 23 applications in state and federal review

| Application Type | Qty |
|---|---|
| Acquisition | 278 |
| Elevation | 84 |
| **Total applications** | **362** |

***Note:*** *Some property owners have shifted between programs*

# HMGP | Private Property Timeline

## Private Property Acquisitions

- Groups 1 & 2:
  - Kickoff meeting held on March 4th
  - Appraisals complete and offers made
  - Closings start the week of May 25th
- Group 3:
  - Helene Recovery Office team Contacting homeowners last week and this week
  - Kickoff meeting late summer/early fall

## Private Property Elevations

- All applications in review

| Groups 1 & 2 | Qty |
|---|---|
| Appraisals | 39 |
| Offers extended | 37 |
| Offers accepted | 30 |
| HUD-1s submitted | 20 |
| Closings scheduled | 5 |
| Withdraws | 4 |

***Note:*** *47 approved properties adjusted to 38 for duplexes and commercial property | Plus one new property for 39 total*

# Groups 1 & 2 Next Steps

- Upon closing, the selected state contractor will:
  - Demolish the structures on the property and clear the site
  - Cap and/or remove utilities
  - Grade the land and seed

- The parcel will include a deed restriction
  - Standard language for all participating properties
  - Maintain in perpetuity the property for uses compatible with open space, recreational, or wetlands management practices
  - Modification requires coordination with FEMA regional office

# Next Steps

- The Helene Recovery Office is coordinating long term strategies with multiple departments in accordance with the Helene Recovery Plan's Open Space Property Project
  - Create and implement a land use and management plan for hazard mitigation properties acquired by the county as a result of Tropical Storm Helene to ensure open space, natural resource conservation, floodplain management, and allowable recreational and agricultural uses
- The planning team is assessing and identifying potential costs associated with the properties to include, but not limited to:
  - Continued maintenance costs
  - Property related fees
  - Greenway development

# Questions?

Thank you