

POLICIES APPLICABLE TO ALL HURRICANE FLORENCE DISASTER RESPONSE ALLOCATIONS

- All BMPs are eligible for work done previously; starting from the date of Hurricane Florence: September 14, 2018.
- Please continue to request additional funds OR return funds that you will not be able to encumber to contracts using this [FORM](#).
- The Division Director can approve allocations in between Commission meetings for the following best management practices (BMPs): **Disaster Pasture Renovation, Disaster Winter Forage Crop Incentive, Disaster Lagoon Management Incentive, and Emergency Access Restoration & Non-Field Farm Road Repair**.
 - Allocations will be made based on district needs submitted through the [online request form](#).
 - Allocations will be made weekly on Mondays.
 - Allocation reports will be presented at each Commission meeting.
- A total of \$3,000,000 is available for **Disaster Pasture Renovation, Disaster Winter Forage Crop Incentive, and Disaster Lagoon Management Incentive**. Additional allocations for these BMPs will be made based on district request.
- Repair and Renovation funding will not be allocated until Farm Service Agency Emergency Conservation Program funding is approved.
 - All best management practice (BMPs) installed to standard will be eligible for post-approval funding once federal funding determinations are made. Please continue to provide assistance for these project so that cooperators may be eligible for funding.
 - For urgent situations, districts may work with a cooperator to request a repair by submitting a letter to the Director including:
 - 1) a summary of the BMP need,
 - 2) the time sensitivity of the repair work, and
 - 3) a cost estimate.The Director can approve an allocation of BMP Repair funds for these urgent requests.

Non-Field Farm Road Repairs: Division approved to do Just-in-Time allocations for non-field farm roads as needed.

- Continue to enter NEW applications in Formsite to receive an allocation: https://fs3.formsite.com/ncdswc/form44/form_login.html
- Division will allocate \$7,500 per project at the initial stage. If additional funds are needed once a design is completed, please request additional funds by revising your Formsite project application.
- Encourage cooperator to apply for EQIP funding by February 1. [Refer to NC Bulletin 300-19-05](#) for more information.

Non-field Farm Road Repairs: 2 Options

STEP 1: Please update your applications in Formsite for these projects by February 1st. There are a few new questions at the top of the application that will help us prepare for technical assistance and funding requests.

1. If someone in your district has Job Approval Authority for the road repair, please contract, design and certify the repair. Funds are available in CS2. Should you need additional funding or have extra funds remaining after you project is complete, please submit this form: [Request a Funding Change in Disaster Response Funds](#)
2. If you need technical assistance for the repair, complete the [road repair assessment worksheet](#). Upload the completed worksheet to the Formsite application when funds are encumbered to a contract in CS2. Division staff will pull Formsite results weekly and assign engineering assistance to appropriate technical staff within the partnership. *Not all projects will go through the Division's Technical Assistance process.*

Farm Pond Allocations: Division approved to do Just-in-Time allocations for pond repairs.

- Enter NEW applications in Formsite: https://fs3.formsite.com/ncdswc/form43/form_login.html
- Division authorized to approve contracts up to \$100,000.
- Commission must approve contracts > \$100,000.

Pond Repairs: 2 Options

1. Complete the [Embankment Spillway Breach Assessment](#). Submit a [Technical Assistance Request Form](#) to the division with the completed worksheet to initiate work on a preliminary engineering report. *This engineering report will determine the extent of the repair needed and whether the design will be completed within the partnership or will be required to be completed by private engineers.*
2. If using a private Professional Engineer, the difference between receiving 40% and 75% cost share assistance will be based on meeting all items included in the NRCS 378 standard.
 - Post approvals are eligible.
 - All designs MUST be sealed by an private Professional Engineer. Cooperators may hire their own Professional Engineers. Engineering costs will be eligible for cost share payment up to \$15,000 (at the 75% cost share rate) for low hazard pond repairs and \$20,000 (at the 75% cost share rate) for intermediate and high hazard pond repairs for ponds repaired through Disaster Response funding.
 - Sealed designs shall be submitted for review of compliance with NRCS 378 standard. This review will determine the eligible cost share rate. *The only way to guarantee the 75% cost share rate is to have the design reviewed prior to construction by following the Commission's [Policy for review of private Professional Engineer Designs for Commission Cost Share Program BMPs](#).*
 - Technical Services Section review of PE designs for conformance to BMP and program policies will be limited to 2 weeks upon receipt/submission via the online Technical Assistance Request form. Based on past experiences, designs may be referred back to the design engineer for modification(s). The same 2 week clock will restart on each resubmission.

Additional training(s) on the new worksheets will be offered in the near future and dates and locations will be noticed on the district listserv.