

**NCDA&CS Hurricane Helene
Agricultural Disaster Recovery Program
USDA Block Grant
Track 1: NRCS Standard Repair
Roads, Bridges, Culverts**

Definition/Purpose

Repair to existing on-farm roads, culverts, and bridges in eligible counties damaged by Hurricane Helene that meets or exceeds USDA – NRCS standards. The roads, bridges, and culverts must provide direct access to farm production and be located on the farm.

Policies

1. To be eligible for repair assistance, the roads, bridges, or culverts must have suffered significant damage, such as complete washout or blockage and be impassable or nearly impassable by vehicles and necessary production equipment.
2. Ineligible roads, bridges, and culverts include:
 - a. Those located on forest land that do not access farm production locations
 - b. Those that only lead to residential and farmstead areas of the farm that do not include production locations.
 - c. It is possible that some portions of a road will be eligible and other portions ineligible.
3. Farm and Tract numbers will be required to receive payment. If the farm does not have Farm and Tract numbers, they will need to obtain one from USDA Farm Service Agency.
4. Repair estimates will be created using North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program average cost list. These estimates will be compared to actual construction costs and the lower of the two will be used for payment.
5. All repairs must meet NRCS Standards.
6. All road and culvert crossings will be evaluated or designed by a professional engineer or those with appropriate NRCS or Division Job Approval Authority.
7. All bridge crossings will be evaluated with assistance from and designed by a NC licensed professional Engineer.

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JAA Required	All Access Roads	ENG - 560 - Access Road
	Access Roads with Crossings (Culverts, Fords, or Bridges)	ENG - 560 - Access Road ENG - 578 - Stream Crossing
Associated NRCS Conservation Practice Standards		342 Critical Area Planting 391 Riparian Forest Buffer 410 Grade Stabilization Structure 560 Access Road 561 Heavy Use Area 578 Stream Crossing 580 Streambank and Shoreline Protection 587 Structures for Water Control