

# Road Repairs - Hurricane Helene Disaster Response





# Eligible BMPs

## 1. Emergency Access Restoration

- Does not meet NRCS standard, does meet some minimum design criteria
- Eligible for payment at 50% cost share

## 2. Non-field Farm Road Repair

- Meets NRCS standard
- Eligible for 75% cost share

Repairs installed from date of storm are eligible and do not require following the post-approval policy of the Commission.



# What is a non-field farm road?

- **Roads that are used to access farm fields.**
- They are not in or adjacent to fields. Any road that is adjacent to a farm field is considered a part of the field. FSA ECP funds may be available to repair farm roads adjacent to fields.

Example: An access road through the woods that is routinely used to access a farm field would be considered a non-field farm road and would be eligible for cost share through this program.

If ECP does not cover the road repair, your district could fund it; but the cooperator should receive written notice of denial from FSA first.



# Emergency Access Restoration

- Used for repairs that do not meet design standard but function adequately
- Cooperators may receive 50% cost share
- Not eligible for cost share to repair the practice if it fails for a period of 5 years, unless:
  - Damage was caused by a natural disaster and GA appropriates funds
  - Cooperators are eligible to apply for cost share to replace the emergency restoration with a repair that meets the relevant NRCS standard



# Emergency Access Restoration

- Additional guidance on culvert crossings is provided
- Division may approve staff with relevant JAA to approve Emergency Access Restoration design/construction
- Maintenance period = 5 years
- No additional spot check requirement



# Non-Field Farm Road Repair

- Based on the Agricultural Road Repair/Stabilization BMP without the erosion requirements
- Maintenance period = 10 years
- Spot check are required at least every 2 years during the maintenance period



# Non-Field Farm Road Repair

## Policies

1. The road shall be for agricultural use only.
2. Structural geotextiles shall meet the requirements of “ Construction Specification 95 —Geotextile” and “Material Specification 592 – Geotextiles”
3. If the land is converted to residential or commercial uses during the maintenance period, the cost share contract shall be considered out of compliance.



# How to Contract in CS2

- Cost Share is based on components at the applicable cost share percentage
- Receipts are required for any contract that has already been completed; farmer labor can be included
- Please use funding source code: HH





# Steps in the Process

1. If JAA is needed or you have questions about which BMP is the best fit.
2. Submit [Technical Assistance Request](#)
3. Schedule a site visit with engineering staff.
4. Determine with engineering staff the appropriate BMP and/or assess install repairs.

## DSWC Technical Assistance Request Form

[For more about DSWC technical assistance prioritization of workload](#)

County \*

NCASWCD Area \*

TA Request Submitted By: \*

Owner's Name \*

Company Name

Site Address \*

Site Coordinates \*

Directions to Site \*

Employee Requested \*

Practice Needed \*

TA Assistance Needed \*

- ☒ Emergency Response Site Evaluation
- ☐ Soils Investigation
- ☐ Preliminary Site Visit for Cost Estimate



# Items to Review

- BMPs
- Draft Question & Answer Document
- All items discussed will be posted on the Disaster Response Page of the website under *Programs*

