

Non-field Farm Road Repairs: Hurricane Helene Responses

Questions	Answers
What is a non-field farm road?	Non-field farm roads are those 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 to be part of the field. For 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. FSA ECP funds may be available to repair farm roads adjacent to fields.
Can tree removal costs be covered as part of a non-field farm road repair contract?	Yes. If it is necessary to remove trees to access and/or repair the road, the expense is an acceptable component of a non-field farm road repair contract. Documentation and receipts for the work completed must be included with contract. <i>Remove</i>
If the cooperator was denied FSA ECP funding for all or part of the road repair, can the district cost share the amount not funded by ECP?	Yes. Any road repairs not funded through FSA ECP will be considered non-field farm road repairs and are eligible for cost share. Please obtain written denial from FSA and add to your district file.
What is the minimum design storm frequency if a culvert or bridge is needed as part of a non-field farm road repair?	For an Emergency Access Restoration contract the culvert or bridge must be designed to convey a 2 yr - 24 hr storm event. For a standard Non-Field Farm Road Repair the culvert or bridge must be designed to convey a 2 yr - 24 hr storm or a 10 yr - 24 hr storm event depending on the use of the road. The uses are specified in the NRCS Practice Standard for Access Roads (560). <i>Add overflow requirement here.</i>
If a road is used to access both farm fields and a residence, is it still eligible for cost share?	Yes, so long as the road is the only access to the farm fields. Cost share funds can only be used to pay for repairs to the portion of the road that is necessary to access the field.
Are roads used for forestry that are washed out or eroded badly eligible for non-field farm road repair funding? Would this be our program or FSA -ECP?	Yes, the Non-field Farm Road repair funds can be used for restoring access roads to forestland that is part of a farm (forestland incidental to agriculture). This is part of the definition of Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution in the ACSP rules. Pure forestland that is not associated with a farm is not eligible.
What funding source should I use in CS2?	HH for Hurricane Helene. Please note, only two BMPs are eligible for use of this funding code: non-field farm road repair and emergency access restoration
How should we contract these BMPs?	Use design components and units from the average cost list. For repairs already installed, please upload receipts and document before and after pictures if cooperators have photos available.
Who can sign for JAA for these practices?	Employees with applicable JAA for practices are eligible to sign at the appropriate class. If unsure, please complete a Technical Assistance Request form for each site. This will allow us all to work together to determine the best BMP and build capacity within the partnership. <i>Be sure to select the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Needed = Disaster-Non-Field Farm Road • TA Assistance = Emergency Response Site Evaluation

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Will supervisor contracts need to be approved by the Commission?	Yes, but these contracts are not required to follow the Commission's post-approval authority policy.
Can we repair a stream bank that is failing and eating into a non-field farm road?	Yes, if the road is being impacted.