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NORTH CAROLINA

Item Number: 6

Meeting Date: 03.19.12

Presenter(s): Mazie Smith

Title: Manager

Agency/Dept.: County of Hyde

Item Title: Recognition of March 2012 Employee of the Month

Attachments: None

Description: The Employee of the Month, Suzanne Johnson, will be introduced to the Board and the public.

Times Read: First

Impact on Budget: Does not increase the budget.

Recommendation: Congratulate and thank employee

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Vote:

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Aye

Nay

March Employee of the Month, Suzanne Johnson

Suzanne Johnson has earned the honor of Hyde County Employee of the Month for March 2012. The designation spotlights the county's appreciation for her exceeding performance not only throughout the month, but also over the years.

Johnson is an Administrative Officer I employed with Hyde County Department of Social Services. She has been with the Department 30 years and 5 months. She has truly been an asset to the department and the County of Hyde.

Throughout her career in Hyde, she's consistently been dependable, reliable and dedicated.

Congratulations

THIS CERTIFICATE IS TO COMMEND

SUZANNE JOHNSON
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

AWARDED THIS THE 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 2012.

SHARON P. SPENCER, CHAIRWOMAN
HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


MAZIE SPINDELL-SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER



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Item Number: 7

Meeting Date: 03.19.12

Presenter(s): Linda Peterson

Title: Program Manager

Agency/Dept.: Albemarle Resource Conservation and Development

Item Title: Overview of Organization

Attachments: Yes

Description: Ms. Peterson will give an overview of the Albemarle RC&D and share with the Commissioners the services provided by the organization.

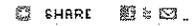
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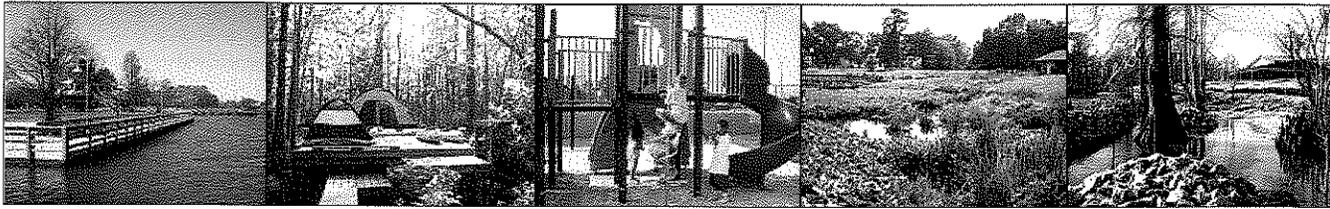
Recommendation: Listen for understanding

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Albemarle RC&D Council

The Albemarle Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council helps community organizations and local governments that have the desire, but not the means or the expertise, to undertake projects that conserve natural resources, create jobs and increase incomes.

RC&D Councils originally established by Congress

Over 45 years ago, Congress established the RC&D program within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to encourage volunteer, locally elected and civic leaders to plan and carry out resource conservation and development projects.

Today, there are 375 RC&D Councils across the nation, including Guam, American Samoa, Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. They serve more than 85% of US counties and over 77% of the US population. Federal funding for RC&D programs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) ended in 2011, but local RC&D Councils continue to operate as non-profit entities.

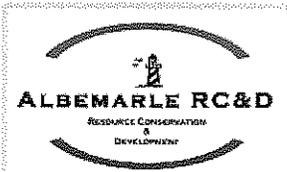
The Albemarle RC&D Council and nine other RC&D Councils in North Carolina ([See Map](#)) develop programs and projects in the following areas:

- Land Conservation
- Community Development
- Land Management
- Water Management

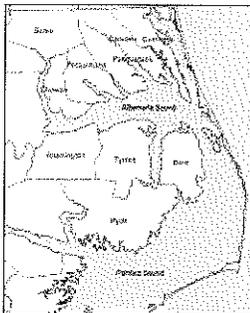
The RC&D program positively impacts local communities

In 2010 and 2011, Albemarle RC&D and its local partners have:

- Created or retained **214 jobs**
- Created or retained **51 businesses**
- Improved **30,000 acres** of forest and crop land
- Served **34,300** citizens in the Albemarle region



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Albemarle RC&D recognized for exemplary performance in 2010 and 2011!

Albemarle RC&D is proud to announce that it was the 6th RC&D Council (of 375) in the nation to earn Enhanced (Tier II) membership in the National Association's Circle of Diamonds program which recognizes exemplary governance practices and high management standards!

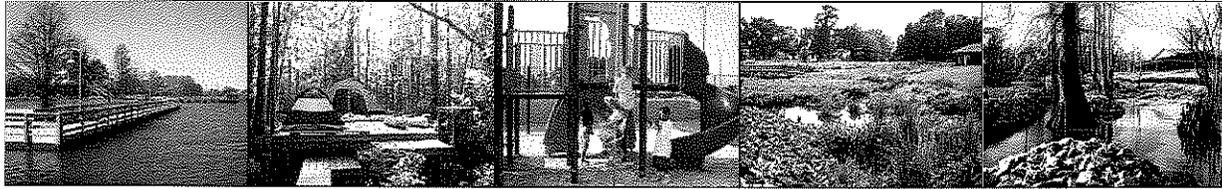
Over the past two years, Albemarle RC&D and its partners have generated over \$13 of investment for every \$1 dollar of federal appropriation!

(2010 and 2011 NRCS POINTS data base for RC&D)

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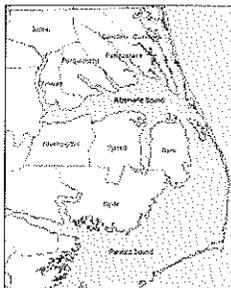
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About Us

The Albemarle RC&D Council, Inc. is a non-profit organization that helps community groups and local governments in northeastern North Carolina to carry out projects that protect our natural and human resources while promoting economic development.

Our Mission

To wisely conserve natural resources and create opportunities for positive economic and community development.

Our Vision

To work in partnership with private citizens, community groups, businesses, and local, state and federal units of government or agencies to implement projects that create a better place for our citizens to live, work, and play. Project design and implementation are based on sound science and practical experience.

Council Structure

The Albemarle RC&D Council was established in 1972 and is governed by a volunteer board of directors.

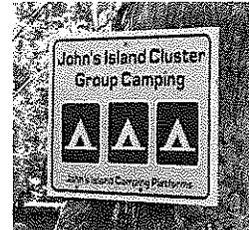
Two representatives, one from local government and another from the Soil & Water Conservation District, are appointed from each of 10 counties in northeast North Carolina. Local civic or business leaders may be appointed as at-large members as a third representative from each county.

The Albemarle RC&D office is located in Edenton, NC.

Roles in local projects

Albemarle RC&D's level of involvement varies with each project, depending on the capabilities of the organization sponsoring the project. Participation may include:

- Assistance in grant-writing, administering project funds, and contracting for services needed to complete the project;
- Project management or coordination;
- Support to raise money for projects through grants from foundations, corporations, and local, state and federal government; and/or Environmental education at community events, workshops and seminars.



The Albemarle RC&D has helped develop a regional paddle trails system in its ten-county area including 22 camping platforms in three counties.



Circle of Diamonds

As a standing member of the Circle of Diamonds since 2006, Albemarle RC&D Council has demonstrated its positive impact on the quality of life within its local area, accountability to the public and commitment to the RC&D mission. In earning the Enhanced (Tier II) level of membership in 2010 and 2011, Albemarle RC&D has demonstrated its adherence to governance practices and high management standards.

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A Sample of Completed Projects *

Please contact us for more information on any past project.

Camden County

Treasure Point Community Access	\$150,000
Dismal Swamp State Park Boardwalk & Nature Trail	\$111,000
Camden County Drainage & Floodwater Mgt Study	\$30,000
Camden County Senior Trail	\$80,000
Camden Community Park	\$600,000
Hurricane Isabel Clearing & Snagging Phases I-III	\$87,146
Sawyers Creek Boat Ramp	\$45,300
Total:	\$1,103,446

"with the assistance of Albemarle RC&D, I believe that we've created the best public facility in Northeast North Carolina..."

**Bobby Darden,
Pasquotank County
Manager (2010)**

"Our boardwalk refurbishment project has turned out to be one of the highlights of our Plymouth historic downtown waterfront area....our partnership with RC&D is allowing more people to experience this magnificent resource in an eco-friendly way."

**Brian Roth,
Plymouth Mayor (2010)**

"We have benefitted so much with our wetlands project from many points of view. Aesthetically, academically, environmentally and athletically, our school has benefitted from the partnership and grants. The entire community finds pleasure in the project."

**Carolyn Jennings,
Principal
River Road Middle School
(2010)**

"Your organization has allowed our visitors to experience (on our new 2000' boardwalk) what they never could have experienced, just being on a nature trail. We appreciate the support in recognizing our vision of growth & educating the public on the

Chowan County

Chowan County Nature Tourism Canoe/Kayak Access	\$5,000
Bennetts Millpond Dam Repair	\$29,800
Cape Colony Neighborhood Access	\$53,025
Chowan County Water Quality & Water Management Study	\$97,000
Chowan Country Club Water Quality Improvement	\$424,000
Cannon Ferry Heritage Riverwalk	\$93,300
Chowan County Nature Tourism Brochure	\$5,000
Edenton-Chowan Riparian Buffer Project	\$1,560,000
Edenton Constructed Wetlands	\$53,994
Holladays Island Regional Camping Platforms	\$28,500
Hurricane Isabel Clearing & Snagging Phases I-III	\$231,672
John's Island Camping Platforms	\$34,800
Woodlawn Community Improvement	\$41,760
Total:	\$2,657,851

Currituck County

Currituck County Stormwater Management & Drainage Study	\$40,000
Guinea Mill Water Quality & Wetland Restoration	\$454,011
Hurricane Isabel Clearing & Snagging Phases I-III	\$291,440
Point Harbor Beach Recreation Park	\$500,000
Total:	\$1,285,451

Dare County

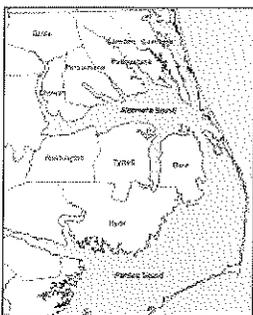
First Flight Wetlands & Outdoor Classroom Phase I	\$28,000
Roanoke Island Festival Park Boardwalk & Kayak Launch	\$42,750
Hurricane Isabel Clearing & Snagging Phases I-III	\$123,613
Roanoke Island Marshes, Trails & Observation Decks	\$57,300
Town of Manteo Waterfront Stabilization	\$142,500
Total:	\$394,163

Gates County

Gates County Recreation Program	\$212,000
Gates County Schools Flood Prevention	\$70,913
Gatesville High School Outdoor Learning Center	\$18,215
Gatesville Town Park Phase I-II	\$58,625
Gatesville Walking and Bike Trail	\$75,000



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Hurricane Isabel Clearing & Snagging Phases I-III	\$149,300
Town of Gatesville Water Quality Project	\$65,959
Total:	\$650,012

Hyde County

Davis School Recreation Center	\$99,750
Double Canal & Berry Ditch Restoration	\$15,000
Engelhard/Far Creek Boardwalk	\$60,000
Hurricane Isabel Clearing & Snagging Phases I-III	\$114,890
Ponzer Recreation Area	\$130,000
Pungo River Stream Restoration	\$32,000
Stumpy Point Stream Restoration	\$22,000
Total:	\$473,640

Pasquotank County

River Road Middle School Stormwater Wetland Phase I	\$65,188
Albemarle Hospital Regional Fitness Trail Phase I-II	\$106,900
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Hurricane Isabel Stream Cleanup	\$20,000
Hurricane Isabel Clearing & Snagging Phases I-III	\$686,806
Newland Canal Restoration	\$435,980
Northeastern Park	\$325,270
Pasquotank River Canoe Trail & Camping Platforms	\$41,640
Weeksville Nature Trail Boardwalk	\$39,900
Total:	\$1,921,684

Perquimans County

Perquimans County Recreation & Community Center Phase II	\$970,250
Hertford Kayak Access	\$11,924
Commerce Park Shoreline Restoration & Constructed Wetlands	\$360,000
Perquimans Nature Tourism Development Project	\$100,000
Perquimans Community Center Fishing Pier & Canoe/Kayak Access	\$107,950
Hertford Housing Authority Boardwalk & Fishing Pier	\$55,000
Hurricane Isabel Clearing & Snagging Phases I-III	\$286,832
Newbold-White House Shoreline Stabilization	\$350,000
Perquimans County High School Outdoor Environmental Education Classroom Phase I-II	\$45,500
Perquimans County Recreation & Community Center Belvidere Canoe Access	\$7,000
Water Quality Improvement and Water Management Study	\$30,000
Willis Jessup Recreational Center	\$500,000
Total:	\$2,824,456

Tyrrell County

Alligator & Goat Neck Communities Water Management Project	\$100,000
Children's Playground in Columbia Town Park	\$71,295
Columbia Waterfront Development Project	\$336,000
Hurricane Isabel Clearing & Snagging Phases I-III	\$371,980
Tyrrell County Elementary School Flood Prevention	\$75,362
Total:	\$954,637

Washington County

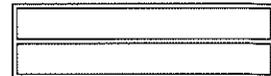
Pungo River Drainage District Water Management	\$100,000
Plymouth Waterfront Restoration Project Phase I	\$125,690
Hurricane Isabel Clearing & Snagging Phases I-III	\$506,552
Macedonia Water Management Project	\$40,000
Natural and Maritime History Museum	\$31,250
Plymouth Waterfront restoration Project Phase I	\$125,690
Roper Heritage Park	\$70,000
Washington County Stream Restoration	\$59,300
Total:	\$1,058,482

environment."

Joy M. Greenwood,
Superintendent
Dismal Swamp State Park
(2010)

"The project exceeded all expectations. It was managed professionally and went according to schedule and budget. RC&D staff has been a tremendous resource..."

James R. Winebarger,
Facilities Director
Dare County Schools
(2011)



"Northeastern North Carolina is so fortunate to have an outreach resource in our area that otherwise may be overlooked throughout our state as a location in need. Thank you all very much for your support in education."

Darrell Walker,
8th grade Science Teacher
Elizabeth City Middle School (2011)

"It was a win-win situation working with the Albemarle RC&D. Their staff applied for the grant that was awarded. They managed the grant efficiently. The staff was extremely helpful and friendly...I could not image a more positive working relationship ...Thanks RC&D!

Jay Greenwood,
Park Superintendent
Merchants Millpond State Park (2011)

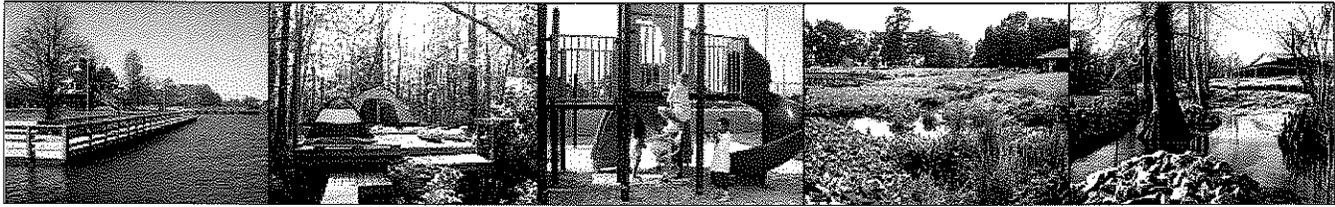
"This project was a total success....Students and staff embraced the project and played an active role in the planning and construction phases...Water sampling protocols have been developed and integrated into curriculum."

Jim Winebarger,
Facilities Director

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How We Can Help

Proposals must be submitted in writing to the Albemarle RC&D Council. They should include the sponsor name, contact person, a brief description of the project, its estimated cost, and benefits of the project on the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area.

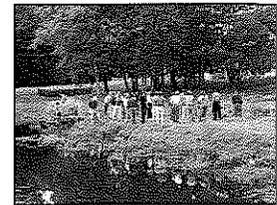
Applications should also state clearly the assistance the sponsor is seeking from Albemarle RC&D, and describe how the sponsor, or others, can participate in the project.

All proposals are considered by the Albemarle RC&D Council four times a year. In evaluating proposals, the Council considers the merits of the proposal, its impact on the environment and resources, its impact upon human resources, its potential for spurring economic development, and the potential for the project to improve the standard of living for the region or the community.

Deadlines for project proposals are January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.

Compliance with the Civil Rights Act

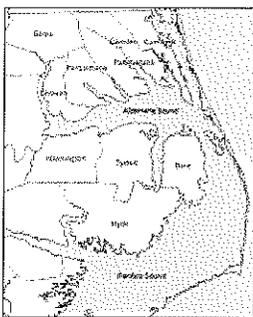
"The RC&D Program will be conducted in compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions as contained in Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 and other nondiscrimination statutes; namely Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and in accordance with the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status, or handicap/disability be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial (or technical) assistance from the Department of Agriculture or any agency thereof."



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Albemarle Stewardship Development Program

Established in 2008, this program honors residential, commercial and public development projects in the Albemarle Region that demonstrate outstanding environmental stewardship through the protection, conservation, improvement and awareness of our natural resources.

Application Deadline
September 30

For awards information, application and guidelines, go to the Stewardship Development page of our website.

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Meeting Date: 03.19.12

Presenter(s): Alice Keeney, Kris Noble, Averi Simmons

Title: Planner, Grant Administrator, NWDB Employee

Agency/Dept.: Office of Economic Development & Planning

Item Title: Presentation of First Quarter Department Report

Attachments: Yes

Description: The Office of Economic Development & Planning will present its activities for the first quarter of the calendar year, particularly in the area of hazard mitigation.

Times Read: First

Impact on Budget: Does not increase the budget.

Recommendation: Listen for understanding.

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Hyde County Office of Planning and Economic Development

Monthly Report
February 15, 2012 through March 12, 2012

I. Community Development Activities:

- ❖ **CDBG-SS 2010 Grant for Scattered Site Housing:** Grant in amount of \$400,000.00 is being used to repair and/or replace homes in Hyde County for low income households. Project is well under way and bids have been awarded.
- ❖ **Hyde County Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMA) 2010** - On March 5, 2012, Hyde County was notified with formal grant approval for Pre-Disaster Mitigation-Competitive (PDMC) Grant Program in the amount of \$411,282.75. These funds will be used to elevate eight (8) homes that were preapproved at the time of the application in 2010. Awaiting Grant Agreement and Funding Approval from NCDEM. Attached please find the letter from FEMA to NCDEM in regard to Project Approval: PDMC-PJ-04-NC-2011-001.
- ❖ **Hurricane Irene Hazard Mitigation and Crisis Housing Assistance:** Although the only program that has come to fruition to date is the 2012 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program, Hyde County plans to apply for hazard mitigation and disaster recovery funds provided by North Carolina state agencies in response to Hurricane Irene. It appears to be in the best interest of Hyde County to be PROACTIVE (compiling the information in advance) rather than REACTIVE (waiting for the program(s) to be announced and not having time to put required information together). Hyde County has sent out applications for anyone wishing to have their home elevated, acquired or requesting relocation. Averi Simmons is working with the Office of Planning and Economic Development, along with Justin Gibbs, and Holland Consulting Planners, Inc. to make sure that we are ready to apply for funds when the programs are announced.

A spreadsheet has been compiled by Justin Gibbs and updated by Averi Simmons using information provided by Hyde County residents who suffered flood damage due to Hurricane Irene and have reported their damage to the Office of Planning & Economic Development. This spreadsheet is being used to determine who may qualify to receive financial assistance in elevating their home. The Hyde County Office of Planning & Economic Development has contacted applicants who did not complete their applications or did not provide enough information as to damages sustained by Hurricane Irene, including elevation certificates.

On Thursday, February 9, 2012, Reed Whitesell, Averi Simmons, Alice Keeney and Mazie Smith met to discuss the Hurricane Irene Housing Strategy. (Please see Memo to Mazie Smith (attached) for a summary of that meeting. As a result of that meeting, a Mitigation Advisory Committee has been established. The first meeting

was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 9:30 AM. Members of the Mitigation Advisory Committee are:

- Alice Keeney
- Averi Simmons
- Justin Gibbs
- Jerry Hardison
- Hugh Watson
- Barry Swindell
- Mazie Smith

A Letter of Interest for Hazard Mitigation Assistance for Hyde County has been prepared by staff, executed by the County Manager and sent to NCDDEM. Along with the Letter of Interest and the Benefit Cost Analysis Spreadsheet, individual files for each of the identified homeowners including a complete application for elevation, photographs of each home, elevation certificates and tax cards have been submitted to NCDDEM via a File Share system that allows information that is too large to be sent digitally to be shared via a digital system. This practice enabled Hyde County's information to be sent more quickly than traditional avenues and saved Hyde County time and money. The Office of Economic Development and Planning intends to continue utilization of the file share website for its data needs. A copy of the Letter of Interest can be found as an attachment to this report.

While the State of NC applied for CDBG funds to assist unmet housing needs as a result of Hurricane Irene, it was recently announced that NC will receive NO funds from CDBG grants for Hurricane Irene damages. Please see attached article from Washington Daily News dated March 7, 2012. As you will see in the final paragraph of that article, NC CDBG officials have stated that the Division of Community Investment and Assistance (CI) "is exploring alternatives allowing communities to repurpose existing grants, apply for programs under the current CDBG cycle, and redirecting CDBG funds to share with the impacted communities. CI is also coordinating efforts with other state agencies including Emergency Management."

- ❖ **Additional Hurricane Irene Outreach:** The Hyde County Office of Planning and Economic Development has met with numerous hurricane victims regarding housing issues, FEMA status, referrals to United Methodist Disaster Relief Group, NC Department of Emergency Management, assistance with getting homes repaired so that Insurance Checks made payable to Homeowner and County of Hyde could be signed off by Hyde County Finance Officer, and many other Hurricane Irene related duties.

The Hyde County Office of Planning and Economic Development staff coordinated with the United Methodist Disaster Relief, Hyde County Public Utilities, Hyde County Health Department, Hyde County Sheriff's Office, the Friends of Hyde County's Historic 1854 Courthouse, the Engelhard Medical Center, Davis Ventures and others

to host UNC – Chapel Hill APPLES students from March 3-11 to assist in hurricane recovery efforts in Hyde County. This was a very successful endeavor.

- ❖ **Administration of Hurricane Liens** - The Office of Planning and Economic Development continues to manage administration of Deeds of Trust placed on homes repaired and/or replaced through state disaster assistance funds from previous hurricanes. The administration is the responsibility of the County of Hyde and was previously administered by the Hyde County Manager and Finance Office. Due to frequent management changes in those offices during the past 10 years the Office of Planning and Economic Development has overseen this program. Most Deeds of Trust from Hurricane Floyd (1999) are not due to expire until 2013-2014 resulting in frequent requests for assistance from homeowners.
- ❖ **CDBG – Community Revitalization (CR) – Lake Swamp Road Project -**

The CR project is near completion. The project includes housing (new construction, renovation and demolition), extension of water lines, extension of sanitary service and basic grading and paving to the residents on Lake Swamp Road in Engelhard. Holland Consulting Planners has been competitively selected to perform the administration of the project while Quibble has been competitively selected for engineering services. Kris Noble is serving as the county liaison for the project. Clint Berry is advising on utility design and Jerry Hardison is being consulted with regarding the construction of the structures. Glen Credle from the Water Department is serving as construction inspector of water lines while a private inspector has been hired by Quibble for overall construction inspection.

Two homes have been renovated in the Lake Swamp Road Community. A contractor has been selected through a competitive bidding process to build two new homes and construction has begun. One structure will be demolished.

Public works including County water and sewer service from the Engelhard Sanitary District have been installed at each of the home sites. Sealed bids were received by Hyde County in the Manager's Office on Wednesday, August 10, 2011, and Carolina Marine Structures of Wanchese was contracted with for this work.

The following work is complete:

- Installation of approximately 1,835 lf of 6-inch diameter potable water supply line extension, two post type hydrants, service laterals, and all related appurtenances.
- Installation of approximately 1,500 lf of 2-inch diameter sanitary force main extension, six 1,000 gallon septic tanks with simplex pumps, service laterals, and all related appurtenances.

The project has had one time extension and one amendment to the contract to provide additional time for the inspector. Final inspection of all public works is completed.

Also, under the local option funds that are a part of the CDBG-CR program, two homes in other areas of the County, Scranton and Swan Quarter, are receiving elevation and/or replacement assistance.

II. Business Development:

- ❖ **CDBG-SBEA 2009 Grant for Small Business Entrepreneurship Assistance:** Grant in amount of \$245,000.00 is in progress. Grant Awarded in January 2010 to County of Hyde to support small business expansion for three businesses and for entrepreneurial advancement efforts. After grant was awarded, two of the businesses withdrew their commitments (due to health reasons and economic conditions) and Hyde County re-advertised for other businesses to replace the two that had withdrawn. Another business was selected via proper procurement procedures and was approved by the Hyde County Board of Commissioners and the NC Department of Commerce's Division of Community Assistance. With funds from the CDBG-SBEA 2009 Grant, Williford Auto Supply, Inc. will be building a new NAPA Store in Engelhard, Williams Markets, Inc. will add a garden center to Swan Quarter Supply and Tackle, and entrepreneurship training will be offered.
- ❖ **Small Business Requests for Assistance** - The Office of Economic Development and Planning receives approximately 10 - 15 requests each month from existing and potential business owners for assistance in start-up and operation of their businesses. Each requesting business is educated on the importance of planning, particularly business planning, and then referred to a Business Counselor, Michael Twiddy, with the Small Business Technology Development Center. The relationship between those small businesses and the SBTDC is fostered by the Office of Economic Development and Planning with continued support, requested information and facilitation of meetings and meeting space.

III. Strategic Planning -

- ❖ On January 18, 2012, the Office of Planning and Economic Development met with Lee Padrick, Brad Hufford and Tre Smith from the NC Division of Community Planning to discuss updating the Strategic Economic Development Plan for Hyde County. It was explained to NCDPC that the County Manager, having a specialization in organizational development, would like the strategic plan to encompass planning for the entire county and not just for economic development goals.

To get further definition of what the strategic plan should encompass, a pre-steering committee meeting was held on Monday, February 20 from 2 pm to 5 pm via the telecommunications equipment with participants on both the mainland and island side. NCDPC facilitated the meeting. Attendees included the Hyde BOC Chair, Ocracoke's Commissioner, County Planner and Grant Administrator, Emergency Manager and staff and individuals identified by the Ocracoke community.

On Monday, March 5, 2012, Lee Padrick and Brad Hufford from NCDCP presented a resolution and work plan to the Hyde County BOC which is attached. The Office of Economic Development and Planning will also attend a community meeting in Ocracoke on March 15, 2012 to hear the report back to the community from Saltwater Connections. Saltwater Connections has been working with scenic byway coastal communities, including Ocracoke, to develop a strategic plan for scenic byway coastal communities. Public input gathered by Saltwater Connections will possibly be incorporated into the overall County Strategic Plan to avoid duplication of effort by community groups.

IV. Special Projects

- ❖ **Engelhard Sanitary District (ESD)** - The ESD has been placed on moratorium for violations in regard to the liner of the wastewater treatment lagoon. The Moratorium has been advertised as required by NCDENR. A civil penalty was accessed by mail on December 30, 2011, in the amount of \$2,768.

On January 12, 2012 the Engelhard Sanitary District Board met along with the task force members and representatives from Enviro-tech to discuss all aforementioned correspondences and to develop a plan of action. The Board voted to submit to NC DENR an application for a Special Order of Consent. In order to accurately predict a compliance schedule, identify funding sources and certify the application independent professional services are required. The ESD Board further voted to issue a Request for Proposals with services to include completing the SOC application and completing an alternative analysis for the repairs and/or replacement of the lagoon.

The Board will issue the request and accept the proposals to be reviewed by the ESD Board in March. An independent consultant and plan of action will be selected at that time and the fully certified and complete SOC application will be submitted to NC DNER by April 2012. The Grant Administrator is working as a liaison between the ESD Board and NC DNER.

- ❖ **CDBG-Contingency Infrastructure** - The CDBG-Contingency Grant in the Infrastructure category The \$600,000 sewer improvement grant will connect 44 residential lots to the Engelhard Sanitary District through construction of a 7,650 LF 6-inch SDR 21 PVC force main extension eastward from the existing western terminus of the existing ESD force main. The project was permitted prior to the moratorium on the ESD and it is allowable to move forward with this project while the ESD Lagoon failure is being examined and rectified. Holland Consulting Planners (HCP) has been selected to complete the CDBG administration and Hobbs Upchurch & Associates (HUA) has been selected to provide engineering services. Kris Noble met with representatives from HCP and HUA for a progress meeting on Wednesday, January 11. Bid documents will be complete by the end of February with construction expected to begin in May 2012.

❖ **Mattamuskeet Lodge Sewer** – While construction at the Mattamuskeet Lodge is slow at best, Hyde County still holds grant receipts to move forward with the sewer. Grants from the NC Rural Center, Clean Water Management Trust Fund and Golden Leaf are on hold until the \$241,120.00 shortfall in funding can be reached. The NC Department of Commerce is contributing to the project through the CDBG-Infrastructure Grant mentioned above. A total grant allocation of \$2,264,950.00 has been awarded at this point. All grant funders require reporting which is being completed by the Office of Economic Development and Planning.

❖ **Historic Courthouse** –

Renovation of the first floor of the Historic Courthouse is near completion. The: two issues remaining included repair of the plaster in the two eastward rooms and mold remediation. The plaster has been repaired according to the recommendation for repair of the plaster from the NC Historic Preservation Society. The NCHPS must approve any renovation that modifies the structure's historic integrity. The mold remediation of the first floor of the building has been completed. The remaining cosmetic finishing including but not limited to replacement of casing of brick exposures, sealing of brick exposures, cleaning, prepping and painting of the entire first floor is complete. Electrical conduit is being replaced and lighting is being reinstalled during the week of March 12- 16. Metal grates are being ordered to safely cover the drains in the floor. Upon completion of the work and reconciliation of the budget; if funds remain they will be used to install proper drainage around the building to alleviate some of the moisture within the brick walls. The Office of Economic Development and Planning is working collaboratively with the Office of Soil and Water to design a drainage plan around the building.

At this point, the first floor of the building is tenant ready. After final inspection a Request for Proposals should be issued by Hyde County for potential tenants for the space. After proposals are received, Hyde County can make a more informed decision about future use of the space.

The Friends of the 1854 Historic Courthouse have expressed an interest in occupying space for the use of an Arts Center and are coordinating an effort on March 17 for prospective artists/tenants to view the space. A copy of the Meeting Agenda is attached and will include art space tours, communication of the vision of the group for the space and a Pig Pickin' provided at the Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department.

The NCSTEP grant that provided the majority of the funds for this project is in the closeout stages with reports and financial reports being prepared by the Office of Economic Development and Planning. All quarterly reports for 2011 have been completed along with a recent Reimbursement Request. Final Reports and Reimbursement requests are being compiled and will be submitted by the end of March.

- ❖ **ARRA Energy Grant** - The Grant Administrator has resumed the administration of the ARRA Energy Grant formerly administered within the Finance Office. Averi Simmons has completed a check off sheet issued by the State Energy Office. Davis Bacon regulations are strict on ARRA funded projects and contractors must comply with all reporting to get paid and for the County to be reimbursed. The goal before that meeting is to have all reporting brought up to compliance, all vendors paid, a comprehensive and correct detail of monies spent and a plan of action to draw down the remaining funds in energy saving measures that will save the county money. A pre-audit meeting was conducted in December to aid in the close-out of the grant. All paperwork associated with the ARRA Grant has been organized according to a check-list issued by the State Energy Office by Averi Simmons, Administrative Assistant and is ready for close-out. The ARRA Energy Grant is in the closeout stages. The Energy Grant has addressed energy savings issues at County owned buildings and modifications have included lighting changes, installation of LED lighting, weather stripping and weatherization, and new energy efficient VFD pump installation at the water plants. The grant is given to Hyde by the NC Department of Commerce State Energy Office and has required a tremendous amount of administrative time. Final audits by the State Energy Office were held in February. An inspector visited all project sites on February 2-3. An Energy Auditor visited all project sites on February 6-8. The Grant Administrator coordinated the worked with both auditors during inspections. A final audit of the grant paperwork was completed in February. Final payments to all vendors have been made and final reimbursements have been received.

- ❖ **Engelhard Marine Industrial Park (EMIP)** - Development of the Engelhard Seafood Industrial Park is well underway. Design Build Services for Improvements to the Engelhard Industrial Seafood Park made possible by a Golden Leaf Grant have been let for bid. A contract has been executed with Godfrey Construction from Kill Devil Hills for design build services for a 5,000 SF metal building to be constructed on Lot 1, Engelhard Industrial Seafood Park, and Hill Street, Engelhard, NC. Earthwork has been completed at this time. Footers are slated to be poured February 14. Building materials are on site. All permits have been acquired. A budget revision has been requested by Golden Leaf to move funds from Contingency to Electrical to cover the costs to upgrade the site to III Phase service by Tideland EMC. The Office of Economic Development and Planning is actively working with the Department of Commerce and the Wanchese Industrial Seafood Park to plan and implement action to develop the entire park. A tenant has been selected to provide Agricultural and Marine Diesel Repair at the site.

- ❖ **185 Landing Road** - The Landing Road is a critical area of interest for the Office of Economic Development and Planning and our offices will be particularly focused on this area under the project entitled: Predevelopment and Design: 185 Landing Road funded by the NC Division of Marine Fisheries through Waterfront Access and Marine Industry Funds. This project is scheduled from January 2012 to June 2012

and includes the predevelopment of the site located at 185 Landing Road for commercial dockage. This property is owned by the state of NC but will be leased to Hyde County after a successful management plan has been established during the Predevelopment and Design Project.

The goal was to develop a management plan for 185 Landing Road which could be applied to the other County owned properties on Landing Road and in the entire Swan Quarter Township. The planning grant is in the amount of \$40,000 and will cover engineering, design, permitting and administrative cost. The office of Economic Development and Planning does not recommend displacing the fishermen that have been on the County docks for fifteen plus years when there is a plan to address the issue already in progress and slated to be complete by mid-year. It has been agreed that after dock restoration and clean up the management plan would require leases and rules in regard to such things as gear storage and area cleanup. We had planned to partner with Wanchese Industrial Park Authority and the NC Wildlife Commission for collaboration and advice on our management plan given some of their great successes with such projects. The condition of the County docks should be of great concern to the County but a plan is in progress to address the entire Landing Road peninsula as a whole. A management plan must be devised that serves the traditional users, generates revenue through traditional means and ecotourism avenues, makes the area aesthetically pleasing to generate tourism dollars and protects our resources which are environmental, social and cultural. Displacing another ten commercial vessels after the displacement of the ten plus vessels that left 185 Landing Road will be a hit the commercial industry does not need in the absolute worst time of the year to try to make it financially as a fishermen. It would behoove the County to approach this issue with a more long range plan in mind.

Hyde County has requested and been awarded an extension to be given on the grant until June 30, 2012. This will give staff adequate time to complete the grant requirements and ensure that the property at 185 Landing Road is developed in accordance with Waterfront Access and Marine Industry goals and objectives. We are excited to move forward on this project and allow access to the property again, as it has been left idle since the demolition of the existing structure.

The Office of Economic Development and Planning will submit to the Division of Marine Fisheries a detailed plan of action with milestones in February and will immediately begin implementation of that plan of action. Hyde is also working with the Council of State to sign a lease agreement on the property. All grant activities will be completed by June 30, 2012.

V. Capacity Building

- ❖ **CDBG-TEDG** - The Talent Enhancement Demonstration Grant was an effort by the NC Department of Commerce Office of Rural Development Programs to create for selected eastern local units of governments the opportunity to help build capacity in areas to develop appropriate and competitive CDBG grants, grant writing, economic impact analyses, community survey research and design, and feasibility study preparation.

Hyde County received this \$75,000 grant and the Grant Administrator completed a 2 year certificate program at East Carolina University entitled Grants Management and Administration. The grant was used to develop a sanitary survey along the route of Mattamuskeet sewer which was used to successfully acquire CWMTF monies. The TEDG process also lead to the successful application and funding of the CDBG-Contingency in the Infrastructure category project.

A public hearing was conducted on February 20, 2012 to close out the grant. All required reports are being compiled to be submitted upon closeout.

VI. Code Enforcement

- ❖ Subdivision Reviews - The Hyde County Office of Planning and Economic Development continues to oversee that the process for subdivisions is carried out and processed as determined by the Hyde County Subdivision Ordinance.
- ❖ Review Officer Duties - Kris Noble and Alice Keeney, from the Hyde County Office of Planning and Economic Development, along with Justin Gibbs from GIS and Emergency Services, continue to fulfill the duties of Review Officer in order that maps/plats can be recorded by the Register of Deeds Office. No plat or map can be recorded without a Review Officer's signature.

VII. Training & Events -

Trainings:

- ❖ The Northeast Workforce Development Board (NWDB) is offering classes through a State Energy Sector Partnership Grant in Green areas. Classes including energy auditing and installing, lead renovation, asbestos removal and mold remediation and inspection. Also Geo-Thermal and Solar Thermal classes are offered. All tuition is covered by the grant and the classes are available to the public and Hyde County employees.
- ❖ A 16 Hour Mold Worker Initial Course will be held on Wednesday, April 11 and Thursday April 12, at the Hyde County Government Center in the Multipurpose Room. This class will teach the basic principles of mold remediation and is being offered by the EI Group . We have received the proposal from the EI Group, who will be conducting the course. The form will be approved and executed in order to confirm the dates and location. The Multi-Purpose room has been reserved for April 11th and 12th. Hyde County will be incurring an upfront expense for the class in the amount of \$2,850 which will be reimbursed by the Northeast Workforce Development Board.

An article was printed in the February 7, 2012 edition of The Coastland Times advertising the class to anyone who may be interested. A mass email was sent to

various County departments, urging them to sign up for the class. In addition, a letter was mailed to many local general, electrical, heat/AC and plumbing contractors, motel and bed & breakfast owners, and realty companies with information regarding the class. A memo was issued to all Volunteer Fire Departments Currently, eight(8) County employees, two(2) school employees, and two(2) contractors have signed up to take the class. Currently (4) Hyde Government Employees from Planning, Public Works, Emergency Management and Cooperative Extension, along with two independent contractors and two Hyde County School System employees have signed up.

Room is still available in the class, however full applications must be received prior to Friday, March 23rd in order to attend. The Office of Planning and Economic Development is coordinating with the Public Information Officer to get the word out on the availability of the course.

- ❖ Dave Whitmer of NWDB has been contacted in regards to providing training sessions on Ocracoke Island for various courses offered through NWDB. Averi Simmons, Administrative Assistant is coordinating those efforts.
- ❖ The Grant Administrator along with the Public Utilities Director and Finance Officer attended the UNC School of Government's Water and Wastewater Financing on March 5-6. Topics of benefit included rate structures, strategic visioning and planning and resources of funds for capital improvements.

Events:

- ❖ On March 9, 2012, the Planner and Economic Developer attended the **Northeast Economic Developers (NEED)** meeting in Edenton. This is an opportunity for all of the Northeast Economic Developers to regionally strategize in the name of Economic Development.
- ❖ On February 21-22 the Grant Administrator attended the **North Carolina Catch Summit**, where all NC Catch groups including OBX Catch and Ocracoke Fresh will meet to discuss the incorporation of an umbrella agency which would encompass all NC Catch Groups. As one statewide group, members will have a united front towards the common goal of promoting fresh local wild caught seafood, in turn supporting commercial fishermen and their contribution to our local economies. The North Carolina Catch Board was officially formed and Hyde's Grant Administrator was placed as a Board Director of this statewide group.
- ❖ On February 24, the Planner and Grant Administrator attended the **State of the Region Event with North Carolina's Northeast Commission**. Mrs. Alice Keeney was awarded the Northeast Economic Developer of the Year 2012 award for her continued efforts to promote economic development regionally.

Hyde County Office of Planning & Economic Development

Attachments to February - March Departmental Report:

- Letter re: Pre-Disaster Mitigation-Competitive Grant Program
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Letter of Interest
- Article from WDN re: No CDBG funds for N.C.
- Friends of Hyde County's Historic 1854 Courthouse re: March 17 event

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Reference: Pre-Disaster Mitigation-Competitive (PDMC) Grant Program
Project Approval: PDMC-PJ-04-NC-2011-001

Dear Mr. Hoell:

It is my pleasure to confirm that the following project sub-grant has been approved through the PDMC grant program pursuant to the Congressional appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011. The Scope of Work (SOW) and Budget submitted by the State for this PDMC project sub-grant is approved except as noted in the Conditions below. Please be advised that any proposed change in the list of participating properties represents an SOW change and must be approved by our office prior to issuance of a contract or start of construction.

PDMC Project Approval(s)	Federal Share	Non-Federal Share	Total Project Cost
PDMC-PJ-04-NC-2011-001 Hyde County, Elevation of Eight Residences	\$411,282.75	\$137,094.25	\$548,377.00

This letter constitutes programmatic approval for use of FY 2011 PDMC funds. Catherine Santana, Assistance Officer, has issued the financial award and documentation in support of this approval through eGrants on March 1, 2012 and the State has accepted the award. The funds have been obligated to the appropriate PARS account.

The CATEX for this project has been issued in eGrants. After a review of the proposed project and its environment, and provided that the conditions listed below are met, it was determined that no extraordinary circumstances, as defined in 44 CFR 10.8(d)(3), exist regarding this proposed project. The following conditions "of approval" are placed on this project.

Programmatic Conditions:

1. Changes to the list of participating properties in an approved mitigation project will be considered by FEMA but not approved automatically. The State must request a change in the approved

property list as a formal SOW Revision. The Applicant/Sub-applicant must have identified the alternate properties in the project application and must have provided a Benefit-Cost Analysis for each alternate property. The Regional Office may allow eligible properties to be substituted as long as the substitution does not change the overall nature of the project or increase the amount of the Federal share.

2. Prior to award, the Region was provided with the Applicant's signed agreement of assurances with the Sub-applicant regarding open space and deed restrictions, as well as the signed statements of voluntary participation from each property owner. The elements of this agreement are also included as Programmatic Conditions of approval for this acquisition project.
 - a. Participation by property owners is voluntary. The prospective participants were informed in writing that participation in the program is voluntary and that the Applicant/Sub-applicant will not use its eminent domain authority to acquire their property for the project purposes should negotiations fail.
 - b. The Sub-applicant agrees that land acquired for open space purposes under the PDMC program will be restricted in perpetuity to open space uses and will be unavailable for the construction of flood damage reduction levees, transportation facilities, and other incompatible purposes.
 - c. The Sub-applicant agrees to record Deed Restrictions for each affected property utilizing the Model provided on the FEMA website. At close-out, the State will provide confirmation that such Deed Restriction was recorded for each property included in the final project.
 - d. The Sub-applicant accepts all of the requirements of the deed restriction governing the use of the PDMC grant and use of the land.
 - e. Prior to acquisition of the property, in consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Sub-applicant has addressed and considered the potential future use of these lands for the construction of flood damage reduction levees, has rejected consideration of such measures in the future in the project area, and instead has chosen to proceed with acquisition of permanent open space. Documentation to this affect will be provided at close-out.
 - f. Prior to acquisition of the property, the Sub-applicant has coordinated with its State Department of Transportation to ensure that no future, planned improvements or enhancements are under consideration that will affect the proposed project area. Documentation to this affect will be provided at close-out.
 - g. Existing buildings will be removed within 90 days of settlement. The State will provide confirmation as to the date of demolition of each structure included in the final project, as well as confirmation from a site inspection that the property has been returned to "natural" or park/open space condition.

Environmental Conditions:

3. The Applicant must follow all applicable state, local, and federal laws, regulations, and requirements, and obtain (before starting project work) and comply with all required permits and approvals. If start of project work is delayed for a year or more after the date of this CATEX, then coordination with and project review by appropriate regulatory agencies must be redone.
4. Any change, addition, or supplement to the approved project SOW that alters the project (including other work not funded by FEMA, but done substantially at the same time) will require re-submission of the application to FEMA for NEPA re-evaluation before starting project work.

5. Construction vehicles and equipment used for this project shall be maintained in good working order to minimize pollutant emissions. The contractor will implement measures to prevent spillage or runoff of chemicals, fuels, oils, or sewer-related wastes during project work.
6. Any hazardous materials found onsite, such as asbestos or lead-based paint, will also be managed in accordance with all applicable state, local and federal laws and regulations.

The terms and conditions of this award are provided in the Agreement Articles issued through eGrants by Ms. Santana. Please review these Articles thoroughly and abide by all provisions, including the following highlights:

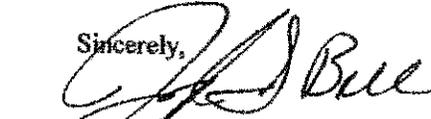
- The State will be paid in advance using the PARS System. The State may advance portions of the approved Federal share to the Subgrantee provided procedures are maintained to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds and their disbursement by the Subgrantee.
- Quarterly financial and programmatic progress reports for PDMC projects are required. The programmatic progress report will include sufficient narrative to determine the degree to which the project has been implemented and the estimated time to completion. We request that Quarterly reports be prepared and submitted in eGrants.
- The State must obtain prior approval from Ms. Santana and our office before implementing changes to the approved project SOW, including substitution of alternative properties. A change in the SOW must be approved by FEMA in advance regardless of the budget implications.
- The State must obtain prior approval from the Regional Lead Specialist before implementing changes to the approved project/sub-grant budget that exceed 10% of the approved budget. No prior approval from FEMA is required for cumulative transfers among sub-award line items of 10% or less. For cumulative budgetary shifts exceeding 10% of the entire State Grant award, the approval of Mrs. Santana must also be obtained, but not for each sub-grant revision.
- The grantee must notify FEMA as soon as significant developments become known, such as delays or adverse conditions that might raise costs or delay completion, or favorable conditions allowing lower cost or earlier completion.
- Upon completion of the PDMC project, although not specifically required, we request that the Subgrantee's closeout request along with the State's recommendation be submitted to our office for review and concurrence, prior to reimbursement for the final Federal share of eligible project costs, as is done for our Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).
- Within 90 days after the expiration or termination of the project/sub-grant, the State must submit all financial, performance, and other reports and documentation required as a condition of this award to the Regional Lead Specialist for programmatic closeout. A 90-day closeout period also applies for the entire State Grant Award upon completion of all activities. The closeout documentation for the entire Grant Award is provided directly to Mrs. Santana.
- For close-out of this project, the Governor's Authorized Representative shall send a letter of request to close the project programmatically and financially. The letter will include the following: the date work on the project was fully completed, the date of the Grantee's final site inspection for the project, the final total project cost and Federal share, any cost underrun, a certification that reported costs were incurred in the performance of eligible work, that the approved work was completed, that the required programmatic, environmental, and any other conditions were met (including attachment of any required documentation) and that the mitigation measure is in compliance with the provisions of the Agreement Articles and this approval letter.
- A copy of the Grantee's final site inspection report will be enclosed with the close-out request letter. This report will contain, at minimum, all the data fields required for final site inspection reports for our HMGP program.
- The Grantee will ensure that all documentation necessary to close the project in the Property Site Inventory is also provided in the close-out request letter.

- For property acquisition and relocation projects, signed and dated copies of the open space deed restrictions must be provided at close-out.
- The State will complete all necessary close-out procedures in eGrants as such features become functional and available.

The Period of Performance for this award is three years, March 1, 2012 through March 31, 2015. The period of performance for this sub-grant should be documented on all correspondence submitted to this office concerning the sub-grant, in addition to the quarterly report.

Thank you for submitting an application to the FY2011 PDMC grant program. If you have any questions, please contact Victor Geer of my staff at (770) 220-5659.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacky Bell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "B".

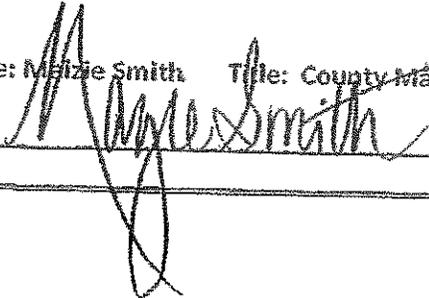
Jacky Bell, Acting Chief
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**HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM
HURRICANE IRENE (DR-4019)**

LETTER OF INTEREST

APPLICANT: Hyde County
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NAME OF YOUR JURISDICTION'S LOCAL MITIGATION PLAN: Hyde County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Print Name: Melzie Smith Title: County Manager

Signature:  Date: 3-2-12

1. Description of problem to be mitigated (if project is an acquisition or elevation, tax cards and elevation certificates must be provided, if available. If applying for funding for a Hazard Mitigation Plan, note that only proposals for regional plans will be accepted. NCEM will not be funding single- or multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plans.):

Hyde County is applying to the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management (NCDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) Program funds to elevate approximately twelve (12) primary residential structures above the 100-year or "base" flood elevation. All of these properties are severely flood-prone and suffered repetitive flood damage from Hurricane Bonnie in 1998, Hurricane Floyd in 1999, Hurricane Isabel in 2003, and Hurricane Irene in 2011. The proposed project is intended primarily to mitigate against future damages from floods, as the entire project area is within the 100-year

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floodplain. The level of protection provided would be to the 100-year event. The useful mean economic lifetime of structures to be elevated is estimated to be fifty (50) years.

2. Description of previous damages and/or hazard history: (Attach additional sheets if necessary):

Hyde County sustained significant damage to crops, infrastructure, and commercial and residential property during Hurricane Irene. That damage is still being assessed. Attached are two assessments of damage (pre-Isabel) and Hurricane Isabel –2003) included in the county's recently-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan.

3. Description of proposed project or mitigation measure: (List structures to be protected including location. Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Many homes in Hyde County were inundated with flood waters during Hurricane Bonnie in 1996, Hurricane Floyd in 1999, and during Hurricane Isabel in 2003. As Hyde County is already economically distressed in many areas, this flooding causes an intolerable degradation of the quality of life, housing stock, and economic base of the area. While property located in the Swan Quarter community suffered only minor damage during Hurricane Irene in August 2011 due to recent completion of a stormwater management dike/levee system, a number of residential property owners in the Scranton and Sladesville communities suffered significant damage from Hurricane Irene as the center of the storm moved immediately over that area of Hyde County.

The citizens of Hyde County have been very satisfied with the HMGP elevation assistance they have received following Hurricane Bonnie (40 elevations) and Hurricane Isabel (27 elevations/4 acquisitions). Additionally, the prior HMGP programs sponsored by the county have already proved successful. Other than some minor damage to insulation and ductwork, none of the 67 homes in Hyde County elevated with HMGP funds from 1998 through 2007 received any flood damage from Hurricane Irene. Therefore, more assistance with this activity is being pursued. The county will undertake an aggressive outreach and pre-application process to identify interested owners of repetitive loss properties, including previously uninsured properties. Based on more lenient cost/benefit methodology now in place, the county anticipates submitting approximately sixteen (16) properties in the HMA pre-application package, and expects that the twelve (12) most cost-beneficial units will be approved by FEMA. Due to the fact that almost all of the flood damage since 1996 has been repetitive estuarine flooding and can be cost-effectively mitigated through the elevation process, Hyde County is not pursuing an acquisition alternative at this time. The Hyde County Board of Commissioners has discussed this issue several times in open public forums. The citizens of Hyde County clearly prefer the elevation alternative because it allows them to remain on their property without displacement, and the county prefers the elevation alternative because it preserves the county's tax base, and eliminates the need for the county to maintain small, isolated parcels of land scattered throughout the county. The county has identified no practical public use for isolated parcels acquired with HMGP funds. If the county identifies a practical public use for properties that have code enforcement issues and are unsuitable for elevation, or identifies a hardship issue making acquisition more preferable to the homeowner, it may pursue a limited acquisition activity in the final application.

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The project will take place within the planning jurisdiction of Hyde County. The implementation of this project will eliminate repetitive flood damage experienced by 12 homeowners in Hyde County through elevation of existing finished floor elevations above the Base Flood Elevation as specified by the Hyde County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, and foundation retrofitting as specified by universal engineering design standards and the North Carolina State Residential Building Code. Based upon the fact that only very minimal flood damage was observed to homes elevated with HMGP funds during Hurricane Irene in August 2011, the FEMA elevation program has already proven to be a viable mitigation alternative in Hyde County. It is expected that this proposed project will provide a significant reduction in post-disaster insurance settlements, direct FEMA payments to homeowners, and temporary displacement, uninsured losses, loss of personal property, and other primary and secondary adverse economic and human impacts resulting from flood damage.

4. Estimated Line Item Budget for Project Costs:

<u>Item Name</u>	<u>Unit Quantity</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Total Item Cost</u>
Elevation	12	EA	\$14,000	\$ 168,000
Foundation/Retrofitting	12	EA	\$44,000	\$ 528,000
Site/Elevation Survey	12	EA	\$ 1,500	\$ 18,000
Asbestos Inspection	12	EA	\$ 250	\$ 3,000
Elevation Feasibility/Design and Local Code Inspection	12	EA	\$ 2,750	\$ 33,000
Preparation of Bid Documents	12	EA	\$ 1,200	\$ 14,400
Preconstruction Interviews	12	EA	\$ 750	\$ 9,000
Resident Inspection	12	EA	\$ 3,500	\$ 42,000
Temporary Relocation Assistance	12	EA	\$ 2,000	\$ 24,000
Engineering Review	12	EA	\$ 1,000	\$ 12,000
Project Management (5%)	1	LS	\$146,842	\$ 44,800
Project Total				\$ 896,200

5. Technical Assistance Needed from NCEM: (To help us provide you with the best possible level of customer service, please indicate how much support you anticipate needing from NCEM):

- A. General, ongoing assistance and guidance
- B. Quite a bit of assistance
- C. Substantial hands-on assistance throughout the process

Please also describe the *type* of support you anticipate needing from NCEM (i.e. providing data to support a Benefit-Cost Analysis, technical writing, etc.)

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Hyde County will require some assistance with completion of the input spreadsheet for Benefit/Cost Analysis, and requests that DEM complete the BCA for the county, as well as provide some review of the e-grants application online as it is being prepared by the county's mitigation consultant.

6. Important Deadlines:

A. February 22, 2012 – Letters of Intent (LOIs) are due, along with elevation certificates and tax card information for acquisition and elevation projects.

B. March 15, 2012 – Any additional documents identified by NCEM to supplement the benefit cost analysis are due. For stormwater management projects, these may include hydrology studies specific to the project being proposed. For wind retrofit projects, these may include a detailed loss history correlated to damaging events. **Please note that Mitigation projects require a FEMA-approved and adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan at the time of submittal to FEMA.** Note that applications for regional hazard mitigation plans do *not* require a benefit-cost analysis. For technical assistance with these requirements, please contact 919-715-8000 for Chris Crew, State Hazard Mitigation Officer (x277), Nick Burk, Hazard Mitigation Supervisor - Projects (x371), or Callion Maddox, Hazard Mitigation Supervisor - Planning (x325).

C. August 2012 – Final FEMA deadline to submit complete grant applications. Please note that completed and eligible grant applications will be submitted prior to this deadline as soon as they are ready.

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No CDBG funds for N.C.

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North Carolina, Beaufort County and its municipalities won't be receiving any of the \$400 million in emergency aid to help communities in eight states recover from presidentially declared natural disasters in 2011.

Although many counties, cities and towns in eastern North Carolina suffered severely from Hurricane Irene, they have been denied access to those Community Development Block Grant funds. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's website notes "these grants will support long-term disaster recovery efforts in areas with the greatest extent of 'unmet need.'"

The CDBG funds supplement other forms of disaster assistance, according to the HUD website.

The following states will receive the emergency aid (amounts are rounded off): New York, \$93.2 million; North Dakota, \$79.3 million; Alabama, \$55.5 million; Missouri, \$53.9 million; Pennsylvania, \$49.2 million; Texas, \$31.3 million; Vermont, \$21.6 million; New Jersey, \$15.6 million.

"These funds are intended to confront unmet housing, business and infrastructure needs beyond those addressed by other forms of public and private assistance," according to the HUD website. "Using a combination of federal data from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA), HUD identified those states and local communities most impacted and requiring the greatest assistance to recover due to the devastating tornadoes in the Southeast and Missouri; the remnants of Hurricanes Irene and Lee in the Northeast and New England; severe flooding in parts of North Dakota; and destructive wildfires in Texas."

John Pack, Beaufort County's emergency-management director, said HUD's decision would not deter him from seeking other forms of aid for county resident affected by Hurricane Irene.

"We have to determine where are we going to find grant funds to help these people," Pack said.

In the past five years since he's been the county's emergency-management director, Pack said such CDBG funds have "helped a lot of people."

"It's been a tool we've used in the past. ... It's a tool we no longer have in our toolbox," Pack said.

In the past, such funding has been used to help elevate houses in flood-prone areas, he said. Such funding would be useful in helping elevate houses (some owned by people who have never been affected by hurricanes or other natural disaster before) damaged by Hurricane Irene, Pack said.

"That money could have been used to help elevate those structures," Pack said.

Reed Whitesell, a planner with Holland Consulting Planners, said it's puzzling that HUD is not providing supplemental disaster-recovery aid to North Carolina in the wake of Hurricane Irene when it did so after hurricanes Fran, Floyd and others in recent years.

"Having spent several months driving around impacted areas of Craven/Beaufort/Pamlico/Hyde County, it is very hard for me to comprehend that HUD has deigned that N.C. is not to receive supplemental assistance for Irene," Whitesell wrote in an email to Valerie D. Moore, a senior research and innovation analyst with the N.C. Division of Community Investment and Assistance. "One might assume that HUD has chosen to rebuild the resort areas of rural Vermont. By copy of this e-mail, I am asking our clients to contact their elected representatives to obtain an accounting for this decision."

Whitesell said he doesn't understand how North Carolina could be denied a share of the \$400 million, considering the damage it suffered as a result of Hurricane Irene.

In an email reply to Whitesell, Moore said the Division of Community Investment and Assistance, a division of the N.C. Department of Commerce, "is exploring alternatives including allowing communities to repurpose existing grants, apply for programs under the current CDBG cycle, and redirecting CDBG funds to share with the impacted communities. CI is also coordinating efforts with other state agencies including Emergency Management."

Email Comments

Friends of Hyde County's Historic 1854 Courthouse
Special Call Meeting-February 23, 2012
MEETING AGENDA

Subject: Final Planning for Phase I, Art Community Feasibility Study

Event Date: Sat. March 17, St. Paddy's Day

Time: 10 AM-4PM

Location: County Commons, Fire Hall, and 1st floor of Courthouse

Polling Results (turn in lists)	Who has Margie's voice recorder?
Mazie Smith update	Joey Toler Update

Responsibilities:

Welcome Sign.....Pat's Exxon

Barracades.....Hyde Co. Sheriff's Office

Parking Signage.....
(Public lot, UMC lot, Cahoon/Swindell Store)

Ferry Shuttle (from/to Ocracoke).....

Registration/Orientation (10AM- Noon, W. Baracade).....
(Table, Chairs, Name Tags, Tickets, Donation Jar, Name tag return box,
Chamber, B&B Lit.; History Report Sales; Bus. Card w/ web/facebook links)

Refreshments (10- Noon, Commons).....

Entertainment (10- Noon, Commons).....

Trash Barrel (Commons).....

Smoking Area (E.end Oyster Ck Rd).....

Art Space Tour Guides (10-12, 3-4pm).....
(Sign- No smoking, food, beverage, use of bathrooms)

Food.....Swan Quarter Fire Dept.

Podium/Projector/table/ screen.....

Black-out windows.....

Microphones (2), voice activated recorder.....

Orientation:

10-12

Refreshment, entertainment on commons.
Art Space tours in old Courthouse
Trash barrel located on Commons

Smoking at designated area only.....E. barricade

Rest Rooms in Fire Hall

Noon-3 PM+

Pig Pickin' and Presentation in Fire Hall
Surrender your ticket to eat
General Discussion

Departure

Please surrender your name tag at W. barricade.