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# Haywood County Schools Tropical Storm Fred Recovery

Lessons Learned



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Western Branch and Interim Central Branch  
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# Tropical Storm Fred Information

- Incident date
  - August 16, 2021 – August 18, 2021
- Declaration date
  - September 8, 2021
- Heavy rain caused severe flooding, flash flooding and mudslides throughout western North Carolina resulting in approximately \$30 million in damages





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# Incident





# Incident Period Process

- How we responded during the initial event
- Knowledge about the FEMA recovery program
  - Documentation
  - Policies and Procedures





## Recovery

- When we realized we needed assistance
  - Knowing what types of assistance are available
- How to receive this assistance
  - Funding
  - Training
  - Additional resources







## Lessons Learned

- What we are wanting or planning to prepare for the future
- How to achieve this goal





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# Recovery Initiatives

- Knowledge about the FEMA Recovery Program
  - History with past disasters
  - Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
  - Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG)





# Recovery cont.

- How to approach recovery of this magnitude
  - Roles
  - Responsibilities
  - Resources
  - Additional Assistance





## Lessons Learned

- Things to change in future events
- Opportunities available to have in place
  - Resource
  - Staffing
  - Mutual Aid Agreements
  - Training





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# Training

- What training is available for communities to prepare
- Avenues for preparing
  - In house staffing
  - Outside personnel
  - Departmental training





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# Centralina Regional Council

- What we offer
- Opportunities for communities



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# Tropical Storm Fred Recovery Lessons Learned

Thank You!

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