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Morning

Issues:

- Several reports say **FEMA** won't pay to fix private dams, which DHEC mentioned at a state Senate committee meeting yesterday.

Summary:

- A **FEMA** mobile DRC has set up in the parking lot of the Horry County Government & Justice Center in Conway and will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- DRC open in Walterboro, Colleton County.
- More coverage of the announcement about the USDA's disaster declaration for farmers in 29 counties
- More coverage of the lawsuits against SCE&G about dam releases that homeowners say flooded them
- The second to last Team South Carolina event was in Goose Creek Wednesday
- Eight percent of private well water samples have tested positive for E. Coli, says DHEC.
- As part of the state Senate committee meeting on flood damage, The (Columbia) State reports "**FEMA** money unlikely to rebuild private dams." Similar report in Charleston Post and Courier. Augusta, Ga., TV station also reports that while DEHEC gave dam owners until Friday to have an engineer look at dams that burst during the recent flood. "**FEMA** has denied money to dam owners."
- WLTX 19 covered a flood forum in Kershaw County last night at which **FEMA** was in attendance; the report centered on a woman angry about an unresolved road problem that has left flood waters in her yard
- On Wednesday, the SCDOT reported a total of 105 closures statewide, a number that includes 73 roads and 32 bridges
- Red Cross center at Lake City is helping survivors who say they're now dealing with mold in their houses. The Red Cross has 76 open cases in Florence County in which they are helping people get **FEMA** assistance.
- A state Senate panel created to study the storm's cost and potential state response met for the first time Wednesday. Not much was done. State savings could be used, its leader said.
- Richland County officials go to Nashville to hear how it rebounded from devastating floods in 2010. Among lessons the contingent hopes to learn are best practices for navigating **FEMA** policies and procedures,
- Berkeley, Horry counties plan mosquito spraying; Clarendon says it's going to cost \$1 million to spray once. "Beekeepers and cricket farmers are advised to cover their hives during the applications to their area." Cricket farmers!
- For the past week, nearly 50 volunteers have worked tirelessly to repair Meadowfield Apartments in Summerton.
- Charleston seafood restaurant's dock collapsed yesterday; no indication that recent flooding damaged it, but officials say integrity of Lowcountry's docks should be tested in the wake of flooding that damaged property in the area.
- Homes and businesses along the coast sustain more flooding from king tides
- Frustrated North Myrtle Beach residents pestered by flooding want someone to do something. "If the feds

won't dredge, somebody needs to send us a check every year to fix our property."

Analysis:

- There was widespread media coverage of the first meeting of a special state Senate committee that is studying the flood effects and how the state will cover its costs, including a reference to **FEMA** not paying for fixing private dams. Haley's Team South Carolina events are winding down. The last one is Friday. There are more than 200 references to FEMA in this edition of clips.

Social Listening Analysis:

Topics from social media:

- **FEMA.** Conversations around FEMA and flooding were minimal overnight.
- **Flood repair.** [Richland County](#) and the [American Institute of Architects Columbia chapter](#) are promoting events that provide useful information about permitting and rebuilding after floods. The information for these events was shared by several local community groups, without much commentary.
- **Community relief.** Homeowners affected by the floods are sharing progress updates from their [clean up](#) and [rebuilding](#) efforts. Coordination of matching up "adopted" family needs with a [community hub for donated items](#) has progressed and many volunteers have begun reporting and gathering needed items. Plans for a [large clean up and boarding effort](#) this weekend in Gills Creek led by an established community page are being shared by many volunteers, with additional requests for materials and help. There has also been a slight increase in the number of posts asking about affordable contractors and help with [acquiring rebuilding materials](#).

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Floods

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center comes to Conway

WMBF Myrtle Beach-Florence NBC, Oct 28, 2015 4:34 PM EDT

The following is a news release from Horry County Government:

A mobile **FEMA** Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) has begun operations in the parking lot of the Horry County Government & Justice Center located at 1301 Second Avenue in Conway. The unit will be in place seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. to assist individuals in the Conway area who have sustained a loss (major or minor) from the flash floods as well as the ongoing flooding issues.

FEMA is urging people who have not already registered for assistance to call 800-621-3362 and **FEMA** field inspectors will be sent to those properties to do a damage assessment within 2-10 days. **FEMA** officials want everyone to know that they don't have to wait for an inspector to begin clean up. **FEMA** field inspectors will carry proper credentials (IDs) so they can be easily identified. Any questions relating to the authenticity of a **FEMA** representative, can call Horry County Emergency Management for verification at (843) 915-5150.

The other two **FEMA** DRC locations are still in operation in the following locations:

- North Strand Recreation Center, 120 Highway 57 South, Little River
- South Strand Recreation Center, 9650 Scipio Lane, Myrtle Beach

These DRCs are open seven days a week from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. and are staffed by personnel able to assist Horry County citizens with: answers to questions, referrals to agencies that may be able to provide further assistance, housing assistance and rental information, crisis counseling, disaster related legal services, disaster related unemployment, assistance through the Small Business Administration, status of applications being processed by **FEMA**, and other valuable services. **FEMA** also encourages people to document, document and document. The more photos and information you can provide, the better. Also keep a record of your receipts if you have to go out and buy supplies for cleaning or repairs.

Some disaster survivors affected by the severe storms and flooding in South Carolina may receive a letter from the **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** saying they are ineligible for disaster assistance.

If that happens, do not be alarmed or discouraged. It may mean that **FEMA** does not have all the information needed to make a decision regarding an applicant's disaster assistance.

Several reasons exist for why flood survivors receive ineligibility determination letters and yet may be eligible for assistance. For example, the applicant may still need to:

- Return insurance information;
- Provide information to prove occupancy or ownership of the damaged property;
- Fill out all necessary paperwork; or
- Complete and return the U.S. Small Business Administration loan application.

Applicants with insurance should contact their insurance company and ask for a settlement letter detailing exactly what is covered under their claim. They should mail insurance settlement information to **FEMA** – Individuals & Households Program, National Processing Service Center, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-7055.

Flood survivors have up to 12 months from the date they registered with **FEMA** to submit insurance information for review. **FEMA** cannot provide money to individuals or households for losses already covered by insurance.

FEMA reminds applicants to return the completed SBA loan application even if they choose to decline the loan. Completing the loan application is a necessary step if applicants are to be considered for some other forms of disaster

assistance.

Applicants who wish to appeal a decision may do so in writing within 60 days from the date the ineligibility letter was received. Guidelines for appeals can be found in the Applicant's Handbook sent to everyone who registered with **FEMA**.

Ineligibility Letters

Flood survivors who need to update their application information or have any questions about disaster assistance can call the **FEMA** Helpline at 800-621-3362. Phone lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern time, seven days a week until further notice. Individuals with hearing difficulties can use the TTY number, 800-462-7585. Applicants may also register online at with any computer, smartphone or tablet at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. Follow the link to "apply online for federal assistance." Survivors may also choose to visit a Horry County Disaster Recovery Center (DRC).

FEMA center open at Rec Center

[The Press and Standard/Colleton Today](#), Walterboro, Oct 28, 2015.

The **Federal Emergency Management Agency's** disaster recovery center for Colleton County residents opened at the Colleton County Recreation Center Tuesday afternoon.

The center will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week until further notice.

Colleton County Administrator Kevin Griffin said **FEMA** will have signage at the recreation center, located at 280 Recreation Lane, Walterboro, to direct residents to the **FEMA** disaster recovery center.

Representatives from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, **Federal Emergency Management Agency**, U.S. Small Business Administration and other agencies are at the centers to answer questions about disaster assistance and low-interest loans. They can also help survivors apply for aid.

To date, 612 Colleton County residents have applied for **FEMA** aid, said William Lindsey, **FEMA** representative. Statewide, over 69,000 have applied and \$51.5 million has been given out in assistance. The Walterboro center will be open "until the need no longer exists," Lindsey said.

It is not necessary to visit a center to register for and receive state/federal disaster assistance. If possible, survivors should register with **FEMA** before visiting a recovery center.

To register, go online any time to DisasterAssistance.gov or call the **FEMA** helpline at 800-621-3362. Help is available in most languages and phone lines are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

Disaster survivors who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY may call 800-462-7585 to register.

Those who use 711 or VRS (Video Relay Service) or require accommodations while visiting a center may call 800-621-3362.

All disaster recovery centers are accessible and equipped with tools to accommodate disaster survivors who need disability-related communication aids.

Colleton County is part of a group of 16 counties in South Carolina currently eligible to apply for individual assistance. This assistance can include money for temporary rental assistance and essential home repairs for primary homes, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help survivors recover from the effects of the disaster.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to call the Colleton County Emergency Preparedness Agency, 843-549-5632.

Additional disaster recovery centers are open in affected South Carolina counties. For information call the **FEMA** helpline at 800-621-3362 or go online to www.DisasterAssistance.gov or <https://www.FEMA.gov/disaster/4241>.

FEMA money unlikely to rebuild private dams, Heigel says

FEMA doesn't fund private dam repair

DHEC forced to lower some ponds

Management of Gills Creek dams 'somewhat disorganized'

BY SAMMY FRETWELL

[The State](#) (Columbia), Oct. 28, 2015

Prospects are dim that the **Federal Emergency Management Agency** will pay to fix private dams that crumbled during a devastating storm in South Carolina earlier this month, the state's environmental protection agency chief said Wednesday.

Catherine Heigel, who heads the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, said **FEMA** might pay to restore public roads across dams, but not to repair or replace the dams themselves.

FEMA's position is that "the dam is the private property owners' responsibility to be rebuilt," Heigel said during

a Senate hearing in Columbia. “Then once that’s done, they’ll pay for the road repair.”

The issue is a big one in the Columbia area, where up to 23 dams broke as a result of the Oct. 4 storm that contributed to flooding. At least six of those dams were in the Gills Creek watershed, an area dominated by a chain of private residential ponds from northeast Richland County to the Congaree River.

Many lakeside owners are pushing for federal money to repair the private dams, arguing, among other things, that the small lakes control flooding and the earthen dams are needed to support public roads across them. But skeptics question whether many of the dams should be rebuilt – particularly with federal funds – because they support private ponds that have changed the natural ecosystem.

“We will continue to work that issue and try to find a path to resolution,” Heigel said. “I don’t know what the answer ultimately is going to be on that for these private dam owners.”

After the Senate meeting, **FEMA** spokesman Harry “Leo” Skinner said the agency doesn’t usually provide money to repair private dams, although it will provide matching money for roads. Skinner said **FEMA** might pay to build a bridge in the spot where a dam once supported a road, but the new bridge could not exceed the cost of putting the road back to its original condition.

Wednesday’s hearing, called to examine flood relief efforts in South Carolina, also provided other details about the state’s struggles with aging, earthen dams that broke or were damaged as a result of the Oct. 4 deluge. All told, 36 dams burst across South Carolina, according to DHEC, although several other non-regulated dams that broke have been identified by The State newspaper. South Carolina has about 2,400 regulated dams, most of which are owned privately.

Two weeks ago, DHEC ordered the owners of 75 ponds to lower water levels. Heigel said her agency had been forced to pump water out of some of those ponds because the owners did not follow DHEC’s directive.

Heigel also told senators that public efforts to stabilize northeast Richland’s Beaver Dam in the days immediately after the storm actually caused problems for another dam downstream at Silver Lake. She did not provide details, but said the problems show how interconnected the Gills Creek watershed is.

The HDR Engineering firm is assessing the Gills Creek system for Heigel’s agency. As it stands now, the system is not managed cohesively. Dams in many cases are owned by private residents’ associations that are “somewhat disorganized,” Heigel said.

That’s part of the reason some dam owners did not comply with DHEC’s orders to lower lake levels by Oct. 20, she said. Some questioned whether they have the authority to do so, she said. She did not say how many lakes DHEC had pumped out, but told the committee work was ongoing Wednesday in Saluda, Richland and Anderson counties. Dam owners have until Friday to come up with new plans on what to do with the damaged and failed dams.

Senate committee receives damage reports for historic flood

By Gavin Jackson

[Charleston Post and Courier](#), Oct 28 2015

COLUMBIA — A S.C. Senate committee signaled a willingness to use a variety of sources to cover damage costs, which remain unknown, from the historic storm earlier this month.

The committee, composed of senators from the hardest hit areas in the state, heard words like “significant,” “reluctant” to speculate on costs, “cost sharing” and comparisons to Hurricane Hugo thrown around from five agency heads describing financials on Wednesday.

Bonding, reserve funds and surplus money is on the table, committee Chairman Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, said. Adding the state will “furnish whatever money needs to be furnished,” which is something his Finance Committee will be taking up for multiple budget years.

“Reserves are for extraordinary times and this is extraordinary times,” Leatherman said. “But we’ll look and see at all the resources we have, but we gotta find them (funds).”

It took three months to get the entire cost of the 2014 ice storm, said Kim Stenson, director of the S.C. Emergency Management Division. He estimates it will be several weeks until a storm number is finalized.

“In terms of public assistance, there is a cost share. Normally **FEMA** will pay 75 percent of eligible costs,” Stenson said. “But there is a 25 percent non-federal cost share which will have to be borne by the state or local jurisdictions.”

In 2014, that 25 percent cost share totaled \$48.3 million for state and local agencies.

To date, **FEMA** has approved 24 counties for individual assistance and 34 counties are approved for public assistance.

Numbers Stenson did have showed 1,400 houses suffered significant damage over \$10,000, and more than 30,000 houses had damage under \$10,000, according to **FEMA**. So far \$51 million has been made available to individuals from **FEMA**.

Christy Hall, interim director of the state Department of Transportation, said DOT is fast-tracking its participation

in federal aid programs with **FEMA** and the Federal Highway Administration emergency relief program.

“The **FEMA** program is not intended to come in and replace something that really and truly doesn’t need to be replaced,” Hall said. “It’s intended to come in and get it to a safe and serviceable state of condition.”

The highway administration will cover 100 percent of emergency repairs made in the first six months to portions of the federal system, such as Interstate 95.

Road and bridge repairs directly related to the disaster will be reimbursed at 75 percent by **FEMA**.

Inspections found many affected bridges to be in the same condition as before the storm, whereas erosion heavily damaged bridge approach roads, Hall said. Re-inspections of the bridges have already been ordered as a precaution.

Sen. Larry Grooms, R-Charleston, worries about forthcoming, unseen damages to road surfaces, a concern that will likely exacerbate already poor road and bridge conditions in the state and funding issues.

“Part of our assessment process will be to estimate, over a period of time, what we think currently unseen damage, that will reveal itself over the mid-term to long-term, what that looks like,” Hall said. “We’ll try to formulate an estimate for that.”

Repairs to damaged roads that span dams will be covered for reimbursement costs, but Catherine Heigel, director of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, said **FEMA** told her repairs to the dam structures will not be covered.

“The position they have taken is that the dam is the private property owner’s responsibility to be rebuilt and once that’s down they’ll pay for road repair,” Heigel said. “We will continue to work that issue and try to find a path to resolution.”

As a result of heavy rains, 36 dams failed throughout the state; 31 were regulated by DHEC. Another 43 dams are in need of repair.

DHEC plans to request additional funds to cover dam inspection and regulation from the General Assembly.

The S.C. National Guard pulled resources from around the region during the event and incurred significant costs, Col. Bradley Owens said. More than 200 people were saved by Guard efforts.

The Guard has ongoing operations in Columbia and lower Richland County as well as work on 25 roads.

State Law Enforcement Division Chief Mark Keel said some looting did occur in the state, but “very few reports were substantiated.”

South Carolina Senate meets to discuss flooding recovery costs

WAGT NBC, Augusta, Ga., Oct. 28, 2015

COLUMBIA, S.C. – South Carolina Senate members met in Columbia Wednesday to begin studying the cost of this month’s historic flooding, speaking with members of the Emergency Management Division, SCDOT, DHEC, and SLED.

The South Carolina Department of Transportation Secretary Christy Hall says as of yesterday, road closures are down 79% since October 5.

Andrew Leaphart of the DoT says the state could have never prepared for the record flooding, but the agency is extremely proud of their recovery effort. “We have dedicated as much man power and resources to this event as I feel that we would ever be resourced to do.”

The committee did not decide how much money would be needed for each federal agency to help the state recover from the flooding. This was their first meeting since the panel was created on October 16.

Senate leader: State could dip into savings for flood costs

Associated Press, Oct. 28, 2015

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - The leader of the South Carolina Senate says lawmakers could dip into state savings to cover costs associated with this month's catastrophic flooding.

A panel created by Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman to study the storm's cost and potential state response met for the first time Wednesday. Agency officials are still calculating those costs.

Leatherman said options include borrowing or using state surpluses.

The State newspaper of Columbia reports (<http://bit.ly/1NBiYFi>) unbudgeted costs include 4,100 state National Guard members being called up to assist. The Guard reports saving 209 lives from the fast-moving waters.

The **Federal Emergency Management Agency** is expected to pick up 75 percent of the Guard's expenses, which include fuel and mileage.

State Senate members study cost of historic flooding

By ksuraci

WCBF NBC Mount Pleasant, October 28, 2015

COLUMBIA, SC— State Senate members met in Columbia Wednesday to begin studying the cost of this month's historic flooding.

President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman leads the chamber's budget writing committee.

They spoke with members of the emergency management division, the South Carolina department of transportation, DHEC, and the state law enforcement division.

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Lawmakers say determining cost of flood damage could take months

By Will Whitson

[WIS TV 10](#), NBC Columbia

COLUMBIA, SC (WIS) - Praise for South Carolina agencies was given during Wednesday's Senate flood relief meetings.

"I think everything they did was right," Sen. Hugh Leatherman said. "There wasn't anything I heard this morning that they could have done differently."

However, there was also a sense of worry within the room as well.

"I'm concerned that this flood has made our bridge system in the state weaker," said Sen. Harvey Peeler.

In the first of three meetings, lawmakers heard testimony from the South Carolina National Guard, South Carolina Emergency Management Division, South Carolina Department of Transportation, the Department of Health and Environmental Control, and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Each agency provided lawmakers with a rough estimate of the costs of keeping the state going. Those numbers, according to Senator Harvey Peeler, gives the state a frame of reference since their last disaster of this scale to hit South Carolina was Hurricane Hugo.

Looking back, Hugo cost the state \$6 million in 1989.

Using the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index, that total price tag is just under \$12 billion.

OYS: Deadline for Damaged Dams

By: Liz Owens

[WRDW](#), Augusta, Ga., CBS, Oct 28, 2015

AIKEN COUNTY, S.C. (WRDW)-- The clock is ticking for dam owners in South Carolina. Department of Health and Environmental Control gave dam owners until Friday to have an engineer look at dams that burst during the recent flood.

There are six dams in Aiken County under the emergency order by DHEC. **FEMA** has denied money to dam owners.

Jamie Pool's pasture is now full of deep ravines after his neighbor's dam burst. Corbett Lake Dam is near his property line. It gave way during the storm. "It breaks my heart to see it and to know how hard my family worked for something to be destroyed in a matter of seconds," Poole said.

"All this you got to realize was a pasture. There was a fence here and this was for grazing in the winter," the farmer said. "A couple \$100,000? I'm not even sure where to begin to be honest with you," Poole estimated.

He doesn't know where to turn for help since he doesn't even own the dam. The owner isn't getting help either **FEMA** denied money to private dam owners although DHEC is requiring each owner to fix it. The dam owners have until Friday, October 30th, to turn over a plan from an engineer.

"We would like to see it fixed one way or the other. Like I said, it is heartbreaking," Poole said. He is also nervous. He worries until the dam is repaired his home is at risk. "There is still a hole here. It still could go by my house. So yes, I still hold my breath."

Sixty-three dams in South Carolina are under **FEMA**'s emergency order. However, none have been deemed an immediate threat to the public.

Berkeley, Dorchester included in Department of Agriculture's disaster areas

Christina Elmore

[Charleston Post and Courier](#), Oct 28 2015

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has declared 29 South Carolina counties, including Berkeley and Dorchester,

disaster areas in the wake of historic flooding this month that inundated much of the state, the Governor's Office announced Wednesday.

Gov. Nikki Haley requested the disaster designation in a letter on Oct. 19, according to a news release.

The declaration will enable eligible farmers in impacted counties to receive emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency, the release said. Those in need have eight months from the declaration date to apply for the assistance.

Other counties listed in the disaster declaration: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Chester, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda, Sumter and Williamsburg.

The following contiguous disaster counties may also be considered for assistance: Abbeville, Anderson, Beaufort, Charleston, Chesterfield, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, McCormick, Marlboro, Spartanburg, Union and York.

For more information, contact the Farm Service Agency's South Carolina office at (803) 806-3830 or go to fsa.usda.gov.

Gov. Haley announces disaster assistance for farmers

By Karina Bolster

[WCSC Live 5 CBS Charleston](#), Oct. 28, 2015

COLUMBIA, SC (WCSC) - Governor Nikki Haley announced Wednesday farm operators in 29 counties can seek disaster assistance.

The United States Department of Agriculture Secretary, Thomas J. Vilsack, issued a disaster designation for counties in the state that suffered damage and losses due to the rain and flooding.

This comes following Haley's request for "disaster designation" in an October 19 letter.

This will give approved farm operators an opportunity to be considered for certain assistance from Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met.

The assistance will include FSA emergency loans.

"Farmers in eligible counties, which include both primary and contiguous counties, have eight months from the date of a secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans," a statement from the Governor's office reads.

"FSA considers each emergency loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of production losses on the farm, and the security and repayment ability of the operator.

Twenty-nine counties were designated as primary natural disaster areas after the USDA determine a large amount of production loss had happened.

Those counties include:

Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Berkeley, Calhoun, Chester, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda, Sumter and Williamsburg.

Thirteen counties were designated as contiguous disaster areas:

Abbeville, Anderson, Beaufort, Charleston, Chesterfield, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, McCormick, Marlboro, Spartanburg, Union and York.

Haley In Goose Creek To Help Flood Victims Get Assistance

[Associated Press](#), October 29, 2015

GOOSE CREEK, S.C. (AP) – Gov. Nikki Haley is in Goose Creek as part of an effort to help people impacted by historic flooding get assistance.

Haley is spending some time in Goose Creek on Wednesday at the Goose Creek Community Center.

At the Team South Carolina event, organizers say flood victims can find out what resources are available to them as South Carolina recovers from the flooding.

People can sign up for financial assistance, apply for disaster loans and learn about repairing and flood proofing their homes. They can also get information about health care services from the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Free tetanus shots and well water testing kits are also available. Similar events have been held elsewhere across the state.

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Gov. Haley and Team SC in the Tri-County

By Karina Bolster

[WCSC Live 5, CBS Charleston](#), Oct. 28

GOOSE CREEK, SC (WCSC) - Gov. Nikki Haley has not been working behind her desk lately, but out in the counties affected by the flood almost one month ago.

Haley was in the Tri-County Wednesday as part of Team South Carolina Day.

"I have to work," she said. "It's who I am. It's what keeps me motivated."

She has made stops all across the state to give her help with the recovery process for thousands of flood victims.

"We've got one more after this and then we'll start rebuilding after that," Haley told workers.

Updates from state agencies and non-profits were given to Haley about their work of helping families after the flood.

Next week thousands of families across the state will be able to start rebuilding, one applications with **FEMA** and other organizations are complete.

"These team South Carolina Days were to bring all the services available by **FEMA** and the state to the people," Haley said. "We've seen record crowds from 2,800 in Orangeburg to 1,200 in Williamsburg."

It's a way to get all of the services under one roof at the time.

Janet Snipe, of Goose Creek, got help Wednesday after her roof sustained damage from the amount of rainfall.

"I think it's wonderful because they have assistance with mortgages, with Medicaid... just everything is here," Snipe said.

There were also areas to pick up well water testers, food, cleaning supplies, and get tetanus shots.

"It just seemed like a good idea after wading through water of unknown quality to get a tetanus shot," said Martin Ryan, a member with the Lowcountry Community Emergency Response Team.

Care boxes were packed by Haley and her team members in double time to get out to families in the Lowcountry.

Haley said it's important for her to travel to these areas affected by the flooding, and see it first-hand.

"You can't sit behind a desk and know that you're helping families," she said. "For me, it's been very important through this process to be on the ground, hearing the stories, talking to the people, working with these agency leaders that are coming out to help them. To make sure that they understand we don't stop until we answer every person's question. We don't stop until we meet every need that we have to. Until that happens... I'm not going to stop."

Team South Carolina will make its final stop Friday, October 30, to help those affected in Georgetown and Horry Counties.

It will be held at Georgetown's Beck Recreation Center from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Haley also announced Wednesday farmers who were affected by heavy rains and flooding can seek assistance.

State Flood Relief in Berkeley County Wednesday

By Travis Rice

[WCBT](#), Mount Pleasant, NBC, October 28, 2015

Governor Nikki Haley was on the front lines of flood relief in Goose Creek Wednesday. The governor and dozens of volunteers packed supplies for the Team South Carolina flood aid event.

"This is helping individuals" said Governor Nikki Haley after loading paper towels in boxes at the Goose Creek Community Center. "You can't sit behind a desk and know that you're helping families – to me it's very important to be on the ground, hearing the stories and talking to the people." Haley said she is satisfied with how quickly the state is coming back after the flooding in October and says South Carolina is getting into the rebuilding stage. "This is just trying to keep things moving in any way that we can and reminding people if you haven't registered at **FEMA** we need you too," urged Governor Haley.

FEMA officials say they will be in South Carolina for as long as they need to be and have more than 69,000 damage cases statewide.

All Dileatha Washington wants is to open a case with **FEMA**. "I assure you I talked to everybody in the building today – almost everybody, I can say and I've had no solution to my situation," said Washington who had both the house she was renting and the one she was remodeling damaged by flooding. She does not have insurance. "All my investments, my 401k, everything is tied up in that house" said Washington "I put it all in there so I could be a proud owner instead of a renter."

Washington says officials told her that her case is very unique and must appeal. "All I'm asking for is a little help... from the people I pay taxes to," said Washington.

Team South Carolina will be in Georgetown at the Beck Recreation Center from 10am – 2pm Friday, October 30.

Residents Search for Answers at Flood Forum

By Charles Ringwalt

[WLTX 19](#) CBS Columbia, October 28, 2015

Residents in Kershaw County came to a forum looking for help with their flood recovery questions.

Kershaw County, SC (WLTX) - Many people living across the state still have questions on what to do and where to turn for help after the flood, so officials held a forum in Kershaw County hoping to answer those questions.

"I just want something to be done about it. I'm sick and tired of calling people," said Cheryll Dorris.

She said she's fed up trying to find help.

"They won't even listen to me and satisfy me," she said.

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During the flood, Dorris' neighbor's yard flooded. She said the South Carolina Department of Transportation came to relieve the flooding by creating a drainage line under Pine Grove Road, but now that water sits in her backyard.

"Our yard is just drenched," she said.

Looking for answers Dorris went to the Lugoff Fire Department where officials from SCDOT, **FEMA**, and more answered questions from those in the community.

"We've gotten a lot of questions. You know people are confused. They don't really know where to go for help. And there are so many different government agencies that people can spend all of their time every day calling around to the different agencies. We wanted to bring those agencies here to Kershaw County," said Senator Vincent Sheheen.

Senator Sheheen was one the officials who organized the event.

There, Dorris was able to talk with DOT.

"She was asking about water coming in to her yard across a road. In her situation I am unsure if that road is a DOT road, a county road or a municipal road," said Andy Leaphart, Chief Engineer of Operations for SC DOT.

After looking online at DOT's "Street Finder" web page, Pine Grove Road in Kershaw County is maintained by SC DOT.

"Certainly if it's DOT we'll be out there to fix it," Leaphart said.

"I'm just waiting to see what's going to happen. I'm waiting to see if he's really going to call me," said Dorris.

If you live in Kershaw County and have questions regarding your home Senator Sheheen says you can call county offices at 425-1500.

44,000 cubic yards of debris collected in South Carolina after flooding

By Sarita Chourey, Morris News Service

[Augusta \(Ga.\) Chronicle](#), Oct. 28, 2015

COLUMBIA — The historic flood that killed 19 people in South Carolina and devastated roadways, has also left untold heaps of debris in its wake. To date nearly 44,000 cubic yards has been collected, according to the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

"Obviously, we're not talking about a whole lot of plants and trees," said SCDOT Interim Secretary Christy Hall, during the first of an expected three meetings of a special Senate committee on flood damage Wednesday. "We're talking about wet sheet rock, furniture, cars in some instances, basically demolition material, appliances, electronics. Whatever was in a flooded structure that's brought out to the street, we will collect."

Officials will submit their costs to the **Federal Emergency Management Agency** for reimbursement. Because of a pilot program, South Carolina will be able to request 85 percent reimbursement – instead of 75 percent – within the first 30 days. The amount drops as time passes. State road closures are down from a peak of 541 on Oct. 5 to 105 as of Wednesday. All Interstate highways are open, while 11 primary routes are still closed. Efforts to pick up people's ruined possessions have been taking place in a variety of ways, with state officials working in some areas and city and county officials handling it in other places. As of Wednesday, there were 28 debris collection trucks and trailers in use, according to the state agency.

Sen. Larry Grooms, R-Berkeley, said the transportation agency "hasn't been portrayed in a very good light in the last year or so." But he said state residents have experienced firsthand the agency's effectiveness, as SCDOT employees were seen working in the rain, toiling around the clock, and inspecting bridges. But Grooms also wondered if surface conditions for infrastructure had deteriorated, posing a yet-undetermined challenge.

"The whole state got wet," he said. "The soil moved. It moved a lot in some places, very little in others." Hall acknowledged "currently unseen damage that will reveal itself over midterm to long-term," and said an estimate would be underway.

The meeting came just before Aiken and Edgefield counties were among 29 that U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack assigned a disaster designation for damage and losses because of the flood.

As a result, farm operators in those counties and counties contiguous to them are eligible to be considered for emergency loans from Farm Service Agency, if they meet eligibility requirements.

ROAD CLOSURES: Repairs continue from historic flooding event

By Live 5 News Web Staff

[WCSC](#) Live 5 CBS Charleston, Oct. 28, 2015

CHARLESTON, SC (WCSC/AP) -Authorities across the Lowcountry continue to report widespread road and bridge closures. On Wednesday, the SCDOT reported a total of 105 closures statewide, a number that includes 73 roads and 32 bridges.

Click here for more information from the SCDOT about statewide closures and resources involved in restoring roads that were damaged.

Georgetown County, SCDOT reports the following road closures:

Old Pee Road from Hicks Drive to Carvers Bay Road - Closed because of a road washout - Projected to reopen after Nov. 26

Plantersville Road from Jackson Village Road to Exodus Drive - Closed because of road washout - Projected to reopen by Saturday

Orangeburg County roads, according to SCDOT

Sandspoint Road from SC-6 to S-137 - Projected to open by Nov. 26

Cleveland Street from the state park to S-563 - Because of a partial or full collapse of bridge - Projected to reopen after Nov. 26

Williamsburg County, SCDOT reports the following roads are closed:

Battery Park Road from Hemingway Highway to Friendship Church Road - Partial or full collapse of bridge - Projected to reopen after Nov. 26

Cade Road from Bradley Bay Road to Bartells Road - Damage to any portion of bridge (deck, rail, median barrier, column, beam, pier, etc.) - Projected to reopen after Nov. 26

Old Georgetown Road from Midway Road (S-45-84) to Bartells Road (S-45-118) - Closed due to road washout - Projected to reopen after Nov. 26.

Mosquito problem could prove costly for Clarendon Co.

By Billie Jean Shaw

[WISTV](#) 10, NBC Columbia, Oct 28, 2015

CLARENDON COUNTY, SC (WIS) - Clarendon County officials want residents to know that they are working on the mosquito problem in the area.

In several areas throughout the county standing water remains as a result from the flood.

Many residents have complained that the water is attracting large mosquitoes making it difficult for them to continue repairs outside on their homes.

Clarendon County Administrator David Epperson says the issue is being looked into.

"We are currently looking and talking together counties as well as state agencies," Epperson said. "My procurement department is also trying to solicit contractors to determine a cost to spray mosquitoes. So that will be an unbudgeted item right now, coupled with the 1.3 million cost that we're looking at for an estimate to repair our county maintained roads."

Epperson says the state estimates it will cost about a million dollars for one spray to handle the mosquito issue.

Mosquito spraying scheduled for areas of Horry County

By Renata Miller

[WMBF](#) Myrtle Beach-Florence NBC, Oct. 28, 2015

HORRY COUNTY, SC (WMBF) – On October 29, Horry County will begin mosquito spraying in the Lee's Landing and Highway 90 area, and in Garden City on October 30.

Ground spraying operations will run from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and aerial spraying will be conducted from 7:00 p.m. until dusk. All operations will run Monday through Thursday, weather permitting.

According to a release from Horry County Government, the chemicals used for mosquito control spraying are EPA approved and pose minimal risk to both humans and animals. It is advised that individuals with asthma or other respiratory illness may wish to remain indoors with both windows and doors closed during the spraying, according to the release. The release also suggests, homegrown fruits and vegetables be washed, scrubbed or peeled prior to eating.

In an effort to keep the honeybee population safe, beekeepers are asked to contact Horry County Stormwater to identify the location of their colonies.

Citizens with requests for spraying in their area, should call Horry County Road & Drainage Hotline at (843) 381-8000.

Berkeley County announces emergency mosquito abatement plan

WCSC, CBS, Charleston, Oct. 28, 2015

BERKELEY COUNTY, SC (WCSC) - Officials say Berkeley County Mosquito Abatement will be launching a significant effort of aerial spraying over areas with the highest mosquito counts in response to a major, countywide mosquito hatch-off resulting from the 1000-year rains,

According to Berkeley County officials, the first aerial spraying by aircraft will be in the Pineville and Eadytown regions on Friday, Oct. 30.

"Due to the colder morning temperatures, this aerial application will occur from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. It is anticipated that the future applications will also take place in the late afternoon hours, between 4:30 PM and dusk," Berkeley County officials said.

Officials say due to the nature of aerial applications, the aircraft may not be able to avoid spraying over roads that residents previously requested Berkeley County Mosquito Abatement spray trucks to not spray.

"To prevent bee and cricket loss, beekeepers and cricket farmers are advised to cover their hives during the applications to their area. Beekeepers, cricket farmers and farmers of other beneficial insects are asked to contact the Mosquito Abatement Office at 843-719-4646 with their contact information, so the Mosquito Abatement Office can notify the beekeepers and cricket farmers by phone prior to the aerial applications."

Lake City flood victims say they now have a new problem to deal with

By Taylor Herlong

WBTW News 13 CBS Myrtle Beach, October 28, 2015

LAKE CITY, SC (WBTW) – The American Red Cross says they're still in recovery mode in most parts of Florence County from the flood that hit three weeks ago

So far, the organization has helped with 321 cases where families are asking for help.

Today, a new resource center opened in Lake City, and there, families say they're now having to deal with a new problem.

Mary McNair says now that the flood waters are gone, mold and mildew are setting in inside her home.

"The mold is coming in the side door. You can smell the mold, and even in the back bedrooms, you can smell the mold," said McNair.

Her daughter, Zandra McNair, is allergic to the mold, and it's inside her walls.

"The entire wall was soft, and it's still kind of soft in this area and up there," said Zandra.

Lake City College Prep Academy Principal Deloris Brown says the McNairs aren't the only ones.

"It's this time that we start seeing a lot of mildew. People start complaining. We have kids that are out sick because of it," said Brown.

Brown says that's why the school asked the Red Cross to come to Lake City, to give those families the supplies they need to recover.

"All you need to do is look at the line of cars here to see what the need still is and how much need there still is," said American Red Cross Representative Jay Bonafede.

The need was there because even three weeks after the flood, donations went out just as quickly as they came in the center.

The Red Cross says they will be in Lake City as long as the need is still there. The center is located at Mt. Claire Missionary Baptist Church 1009 East Main Street, Lake City.

So far, the American Red Cross estimates they've spent between five to eight million dollars helping South Carolina Flood victims.

In Florence County, the Red Cross is currently working on 76 open cases where they are helping families apply for assistance through FEMA. The organization also reports they have 199 reviewed cases and 46 closed cases.

2 more families sue SCE&G over flood damage to homes near Irmo

By TIM FLACH

The State (Columbia), Oct. 28, 2015

Highlights

Brings total to three; more lawsuits expected

Suits allege water released through utility's Lake Murray dam flooded homes

Releases required to protect dam, utility says

LEXINGTON COUNTY SC — Two more families have sued South Carolina Electric & Gas Co., alleging the utility is responsible for flood damage to their homes that they say was caused by water released from Lake Murray.

The lawsuits — by homeowners John Cantwell, and Robert and Kristi Sherr — bring to three the total number of actions against the Cayce-based utility in connection with the Oct. 4 flash flood in the Coldstream neighborhood near Irmo.

SCE&G let water out of the rain-swollen 47,500-acre Lake Murray into the lower Saluda River for two days, saying it was necessary to protect the lake's earthen dam. That dam was built 85 years ago to create the man-made reservoir, originally constructed to produce hydropower.

Eric Boomhower, a spokesman for the utility, responded by saying SCE&G officials "worked to the best of our ability ... to minimize the impact of lake and river levels on area residents" during the recent flooding.

Like the previous lawsuit, the new ones say SCE&G knew flooding downstream was likely and didn't give homeowners enough warning.

The suits, filed in Lexington County Circuit Court, also allege the utility failed to release enough water from the lake before the record rainfall that occurred. Lake levels were 3.5 feet below the maximum allowed before the rain and falling, geology records show.

The homes of Cantwell and the Sherrs are in a low-lying part of the hilly Coldstream neighborhood. They were among 400 Lexington County residences that flooded. More than half were near the river.

Water releases from Lake Murray started Oct. 1. A warning that significant amounts of additional water could follow downstream was issued the next day as rain started, SCE&G has said. On Oct. 4, the utility announced the lake's floodgates would open slightly more than two hours before the move.

It was the first time the dam's gates had been opened because of rain since 1969. As much as an estimated 375,000 gallons a minute were released as four of the dam's six gates were opened, partially or fully, SCE&G has said.

"SCE&G is responsible for these losses," said Jake Moore of West Columbia, lawyer for the three families. "I welcome the change to sit down with them and find an alternate way to deal with these cases."

Not everyone in Coldstream says the flooding was due to the releases from Lake Murray.

One engineer, who lives in the neighborhood, says the flooding was due to rain backing up at a rail embankment for trains carrying coal to the power plant that SCE&G operates, below the lake's dam, instead of releases from the lake.

Local farmers navigate assistance for flood damage, USDA offering low-interest emergency loans

By Christina Cleveland

[Aiken Standard](#), Oct 28 2015

Several years ago, Aiken County farmer Keith Evringham found what became his dream property nestled in a scenic wooded area of Salley.

Evringham, a retired equine practitioner from Ohio, spent the last years of his career practicing at racetracks and farms in New Jersey but when it was time to retire, found his way to South Carolina.

A horse trainer familiar with Aiken suggested Evringham stop in the area and after visiting his future property near Bailey Road, he knew it was home.

"We love the country. We love the people," Evringham said. "It's great footing and training for horses – (there's) nothing here not to like as far as I'm concerned."

Around 2005, he and his friend, New Jersey resident Dennis Heard, purchased the 165-acre property that also included a 10-acre pond.

"The pond was the deciding factor," Evringham said. "There was a lot of land for sale but this was unique. It had everything we were looking for."

Today, the property – now Most Times Farm – is a timber farm with rows of pulp and lumber wood. However, Evringham's future goals that included cattle and horses have to be put on hold.

The farm's once beautiful pond has become a stream after this month's historic flooding breached a dam located under county-owned Hoover Road. Evringham lives 10 miles south of Aiken and remembers heading to the property during the weekend of the heavy rain.

"It sounded like Niagara Falls," he said.

The dam eventually broke, which damaged the road and left property owners wondering how, where and when funding will come from for repair.

"Right now, we're between a rock and a hard place – literally," Heard said. "The road is gone and in some perfect world, an agency will hopefully tell our county: 'Here's money to fix the road and put the dam back.'"

Several government agencies are now offering aid to those affected by the state's flood. No county in the state has been approved for individual assistance from **FEMA**, but Aiken County has been approved for public assistance,

according to its website.

Additionally, the United States Department of Agriculture announced Tuesday qualified Aiken County farmers and ranchers, or cattle owners, affected by the flooding are eligible for emergency loans. Farm operators can apply for low-interest emergency loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency.

Farmers must have at least 30 percent loss to qualify and should speak with loan officer Bud Farvis, according to Farm Service Agency county director Gibson Solomons.

The amount of the loan will depend on the operation, Solomons said, but loans go up to a 20-year term, with an interest rate around 3.75 percent that could change periodically. Farmers have eight months from the date of declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of the actual losses.

Officials advise county farmers to visit their office in the agricultural building located on 1555 Richland Avenue East, Suite 600 for more information on how to qualify for the loans.

Most Times Farm's loss is a bit unique and the recovery will be as well.

With a county road over the dam, Evringham thought the dam was also owned by the county but has discovered the county is responsible for one foot of the surface of the road and the rest belongs the property owners – leaving them in an uninsured loss.

Though he insists he and his family in no way compare their loss to those who have lost lives and homes, it is one that is taking some time to navigate.

"It's a loss that we weren't prepared for," Evringham said. "How do you insure yourself for a flood when you're in the high grounds of South Carolina? You don't think of that, and I don't even know if it was an option."

He said he's been in contact with "almost every organization" from **FEMA** to USDA and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, but hasn't found how he fits in receiving assistance from the agencies.

As for USDA, the pond would have to be used for irrigation, crops or watering livestock, he said.

Evringham currently doesn't have an estimate for the damage but the pond has drained itself, resulting in a stream and a marsh. He said he has been in contact with a specialist and local engineers and has been told that it will take a major building project would be required to repair it.

"The problem is, if it's up to us, we're not rich, rich guys," Evringham said. "We're ordinary people, so it may be that we can't afford to put it back."

He's hoping if he can receive federal money, the property owners and the county can work together to restore the road and the dam.

While other farmers seeking direction on what to do next can attend a "Crop Damage Session" Friday morning at Clinton United Methodist Church, where they can meet with South Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers.

S.C. Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Aiken, said he invited the commissioner to hear local farmers' stories first hand after the county lost three private dams that sent water over farm lands. The large amount of damage is in the part of the county located near the Orangeburg and Lexington County lines.

"Once the roads were blocked off – some are being repaired – it's important that the farmers who suffered the most damage have an opportunity to learn how to be assisted or what assistant programs there are," Taylor said. "Farming has huge risks based on the weather. The difference between not having a crop and a profit and having crop and profit is the difference in having a weekend and heavy rains."

Crop Damage Session

What: Farmers meet with S.C. Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers

When: 8:30 a.m. Friday

Where: Clinton United Methodist Church, 332 Hollow Creek Road

DHEC finds E. coli in some private well water samples

By Amy Lipman

[WMBF](#) Myrtle Beach-Florence NBC, Oct. 28, 2015

GEORGETOWN COUNTY, SC (WMBF) - Even though the flooding may be over, people haven't escaped the water problems when it comes to their wells.

"That's really been the only major thing preventing us from being in the home," said Rick Cannon, who lives in Georgetown County along the Black River. Cannon said the water coming out of his tap was discolored and smelly during the flooding.

Cannon plans to make use of DHEC's private well water testing for people who experienced flooding.

DHEC has given out nearly 3,900 test kits and tested 1,249 samples as of October 26.

DHEC tests the water samples for total coliform, which is an indicator bacteria.

Thirty six percent of the samples have turned up positive for total coliform, which DHEC said is common in the environment and not usually harmful.

Total coliform indicates the possibility of other bacteria, so DHEC will then test for E. Coli because that can cause illness.

Eight percent of the samples have tested positive for E. Coli, according to DHEC. Samples continue to be analyzed daily.

The depth of the well doesn't make a difference in the likelihood that it becomes contaminated, DHEC said. Water only has to be able to get into the surface of the well.

"When that water gets over the casing, it's going to drink it," said Shane Cribbs, owner of Cribbs Well Company. "It just depends how long it was over the top of that casing and how much water actually was allowed around that seal."

Cribbs had six calls in one day for wells near the Black River last week.

"I've never had to do any chlorination down here like this," he said. I've had to do it along the Big Pee Dee before, but never nothing like this."

Cribbs puts disinfectant into wells and then pumps that disinfect through the system for the following 24 hours.

He recommends people don't use the water for anything besides toilet flushing until it gets tested.

Samples can be taken to DHEC seven to ten days after the well has been disinfected. If the test is positive, the disinfection and sampling process will need to be repeated.

DHEC generally gets results for samples within 24 hours.

Sample bottles are available at any DHEC health or environmental location Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Samples can be returned Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The following DHEC locations are open for pick ups and drop offs from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through November 1: Myrtle Beach, Florence, Aiken, Charleston, Greenwood, Orangeburg, Sumter.

Richland County officials seek flood-recovery lessons in Nashville

[The State](#) (Columbia) staff reports, Oct. 28, 2015

Highlights

Nashville flooded in 2010

8 from county include council chairman, administrator, emergency-services director

Richland County council members and managers are traveling to Nashville to meet officials who helped the Tennessee city rebound from a devastating flood in 2010.

Among the lessons the Richland County contingent hopes to learn are best practices for navigating **FEMA** the policies and procedures, according to a county news release Wednesday.

Heavy rain and dam failures in early October killed 19 people across South Carolina, including nine in Richland County. The Midlands' drinking-water supply was threatened, businesses and schools closed, and much property damaged or destroyed. As of Oct. 26, more than three weeks after the heaviest rains, about 50 Richland County roads remained closed, down from a peak of 133 roads in the flood's immediate aftermath.

Nashville experienced similar, widespread devastation five years ago after a more than 13 inches of rain fell during a 36-hour period. The flood killed more than 20 people and wiped out hundreds of businesses. News outlets reported the flood caused more than \$2 billion in private property damage and \$120 million in public infrastructure damage.

Since facing that destruction, Nashville rebounded, and **FEMA** cites the city as a model of flood recovery, according to the Richland County release.

The eight-member Richland County contingent gathering Oct. 28 in Nashville for daylong meetings and tours includes County Council Chairman Torrey Rush, county administrator Tony McDonald and Emergency Services director Michael Byrd. They are expected to return Thursday, according to the release, which did not name other members of the contingent.

Richland County leaders learning flooding lessons in Nashville

By Matthew Stevens

[WACH](#) Fox 57, October 28th 2015

RICHLAND COUNTY, SC (WACH) - Richland County City Council member and management officials headed to Nashville Wednesday to hear what officials there did to recover from flooding that devastated the city in 2010.

Richland County officials were meeting Nashville leaders to hear how the Tennessee capital city was able to overcome their own severe flooding devastation.

The damage Nashville sustained 5 years ago saw 20 lives lost and caused over \$2 billion in damages.

Despite the obstacles Nashville faced, they were able to rebuild and are now an example of how to recover from such flooding.

Richland County officials will tour the city and will return to SC Thursday.

Cleanup efforts continue in Andrews

[South Strand News](#), October 28, 2015

Faith-based relief efforts continue to help Andrews residents recover from flooding earlier month.

Many of the churches in Andrews have had disaster teams on the ground helping to strip carpets, wall board and furniture in preparation to repair homes.

These groups see a need and go to work without excessive paper work or red tape. Many of the groups have disaster-relief managers who coordinate their effort with volunteer groups logging hundreds of collective hours helping residents.

FEMA support for areas hit by disaster is partially based on matching funds, and the volunteer hours are considered part of the local contributions.

Andrews resident Henry Paul captured some scenes over the past few days that show the devastation left behind as the water has receded.

Cleanup locally goes beyond flood debris

[The Times and Democrat](#), Orangeburg, Oct. 29, 2015

The state-assisted debris cleanup is underway in a number of counties in South Carolina in the wake of October's record flooding. The effort is similar to what followed devastating ice storms in 2004 and 20014, with government assistance needed to help people accomplish timely removal of major amounts of debris.

Sadly, as big a job as cleaning up after the flooding will be, accomplishing the cleanup is much simpler than solving the everyday problems with debris classified as litter.

In Orangeburg County this week, the cleanup is on – and it doesn't matter whether the focus is debris from the flooding or just the trash and garbage left by people on the roads and highways.

All Orangeburg County residents are being asked to participate in Litter Free Week, which began Saturday. The Orangeburg County Litter Initiative Group wants everyone to pick up at least one bag of trash at any location in the county between now and Oct. 30.

Participants are also asked to encourage others by taking before and after photos of cleanup locations. Submit the photos with the location of a pickup and who participated by emailing them to glewis@orangeburgcounty.org or news@timesanddemocrat.com. Photographs are being posted on The T&D's Facebook page.

Bags of trash can be discarded at the nearest convenience site, or contact Orangeburg County Litter Control at 803-533-6162 to remove the bags. For litter pickup supplies such as gloves, bags and other items, call 803-534-2409, ext. 101.

Research proves that litter negatively affects economic development and community safety. It stands to reason that if a community is a mess, the impression left with anyone interested in development is negative. And where there is one piece of trash, there will be more, and more, and more. Not caring breeds not caring.

Still the question remains: Why? Do so many people really not care about litter scattered all about their world?

In supporting cleanup efforts, civic-minded people have the right to demand that laws against littering be vigorously enforced and that efforts to educate people about litter and the problems it causes get top priority. That education requires that citizens understand the problem and how they might unwittingly contribute to it. Every litterer is not a person who simply throws out a piece of trash.

For example, uncovered vehicles are the top source of roadside litter in South Carolina. The state litter law requires that a vehicle must be loaded so as not to spill or it must be covered. Uncovered pickups, commercial trucks and trailers will usually have materials blowing or bouncing out.

The solution to the litter problem is proper handling of solid waste by people. Everyone is encouraged to be careful with trash and to help make our state cleaner. And it should go without saying that "proper handling" does not include tossing out litter onto roads and highways.

Litter Free Week in Orangeburg County is a commendable effort that is worthy of support, but wouldn't it be great if it were not needed?

Volunteers lend helping hand to flood victims in Clarendon Co.

By Billie Jean Shaw

[WCSC Live 5 Charleston CBS](#), Oct. 28, 2015

Same story aired on WIS TV, NBC Columbia

SUMMERTON, SC (WIS) - For the past week, nearly 50 volunteers have worked tirelessly to repair Meadowfield Apartments.

Most of the complex's 48 apartments were destroyed on October 4th when several feet of water got inside the homes.

"The water was up here and my grandkids and my son had to help carry some kids on their backs," Rhonda Thames recalled.

Thames has lived at Meadowfield for 20 years. She and her three children were four out of 150 residents who lost their homes.

"The furniture was wet up and some of the stuff was mildew and you can't keep stuff like that," Thames said. "All of my stuff in the living room was destroyed and my bedroom was destroyed."

After hearing the stories similar to Rhonda's, the volunteers have been working around the clock to help.

"When they called I came running. I would want the same thing to happen to me, if my property was like this," volunteer Randy Spires said.

Like Spires, many of the volunteers have worked non-stop to fix the apartments and get those residents back into their homes.

"We removed anything that the water saturated like drywall, we removed insulation, we removed that was rotten or maybe its termite rotten," volunteer Royce Bratton said. "We pressure washed with high wall pressure wash and then we come back through and treat it."

The volunteers say it feels good to help those in need by giving back and lending a helping hand and those impacted by the flooding are beyond grateful for their actions.

"It feels really great, it strengthens your faith that so many people want to help," apartment manager Babbie Jaco said.

Jaco said the repairs should be done soon and residents will be able to return to their homes no later than Christmas.

Local Organization Receives Furniture for Flood Victims

By Loren Thomas

[WLTX 19](#), CBS Columbia, October 28, 2015

Additional [video](#)

Dozens of bed Frames, box springs, and mattresses of all sizes were unloaded and put into storage on Wednesday evening.

Roger Brasley is determined to help families who lost everything during the flood. Now he has several hundred pieces of furniture that he plans to donate to people in need.

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Columbia, SC (WLTX) - Dozens of bed Frames, box springs, and mattresses of all sizes were unloaded and put into storage on Wednesday evening.

"It's a lot, it really is," says Roger Brasley.

Brasley is with the Sally R. Brasley Foundation and says they drove down to Hilton Head to pick up 30 rooms worth of furniture from the Quality Inn Hotel and Resort.

"We got there this morning and we were a little overwhelmed," says Brasley. "We were going to pick up 30 rooms worth of furniture and we got there with one tractor trailer. It was a 53 foot tractor trailer."

"We could only just bring back the beds, box springs and the frames alone and we had to leave over half of the furniture there."

However, they are going back to get the rest, which includes couches, tables and chairs.

Over the next few weeks they are expecting to pick up more than 150 rooms worth of furniture from the hotel.

"When I look at these mattresses I think about a six year old girl who may not be sleeping on a mattress right now, she's on a cot right now," says Nekoma Mack.

Over 100 new mattresses, box springs and bed frames

Over 100 new mattresses, box springs and bed frames were donated. (Photo: WLTX)

Mack says it was exhausting hauling the furniture from Hilton Head all the way back to Columbia, but she says it's all worth it in the end.

"It gives me that extra energy to push through and keep going," says Mack.

One man who was helping unload the truck says in the past he lost everything and now he can help others who are trying to get back on their feet.

"Back when I was younger I lost my house in a fire," says Kevin Precia. "It's good to know that I can help the community."

"When you first experience a loss you've got a thousand calls and a thousand people coming by," says Brasley. "Weeks later the calls stop and the visits stop and you're all alone. So the reason that we really got behind this effort was to try to do something that would be the after."

If you are a family who has been affected by the flood and need furniture, you are asked to contact them at TheBrasleyFoundation@gmail.com or on their Facebook page.

Serving the community at Kingtree Relief Cafe

[Kingtree News](#), October 28, 2015

Ronald Dobson is serving three hot meals a day at the former St. Mark Elementary School at 6628 Thurgood Marshall Blvd., Kingtree. Dobson, who is with United Peace, a non-profit organization, has set up the Kingtree Relief Cafe, in direct sponsorship from Organic Valley and multiple Williamsburg County community groups.

Dobson and his team have been serving people in need for the past week; however, he is in hopes the community will help spread the word even further. "We can't get to them," said Dobson who was also serving breakfast at the Emergency Operation Center in Kingtree. "We've got this beautiful food that we can't get to the people." Dobson said to contact him the day before for orders over 25. The food is 92 percent organic provided by Organic Valley. Citizens in need do not have to provide a **FEMA** number to be served.

The disaster relief organization is different from many organizations as they relinquish all their **FEMA** reimbursement for meals to the county they work in. When it's time to move on the organization will distribute any food left to the local citizens and food banks.

Dobson said they are also hosting a Halloween Boogey at St. Mark School all day Saturday. The event will have lots of activities and food for kids and adults.

You may contact Raymond at (608) 632-9664.

South Carolina offering ways to help kids cope with flood

[By Associated Press](#), October 29, 2015

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The full impact of South Carolina's historic flooding is yet to be known, and the University of South Carolina is offering a way to help children cope with its effects.

The university's Psychology Services Center is holding a free seminar on Thursday to address parents' concerns about their children's behaviors after a natural disaster such as the flood.

The university says the seminar will address common social and emotional reactions after disasters and offer tips for how parents should manage their children's distress and answer kids' questions.

University psychologist Cheri Shapiro is putting on the seminar, which is open to the public.

To arrange an appointment with the Psychology Services Center, call 803-734-0378.

Flood Shows How Charity Has Changed

By Eva Moore

[Columbia Free Times](#), October 28, 2015

After the flooding that hit the Midlands in early October, Twitter and Facebook were inundated by their own figurative flood as people searched for volunteer opportunities, called for donations, offered help, made connections and more. Well known groups like the American Red Cross, United Way and the Central Carolina Community Foundation set up flood funds, and people began giving online. But there were also scores of GoFundMe campaigns and other crowdfunding pages, started mostly by friends and family of people who've lost homes and belongings in the flood, or beloved local businesses that hope to rebuild. Many of them have raised thousands of dollars.

These crowdfunding campaigns — and social media-driven charity in general — are new twists on an old way of helping. And while they have some major advantages for both donors and recipients, some are concerned that these new patterns might keep charitable dollars from reaching the people most in need.

One thing is clear: Giving has changed, says JoAnn Turnquist, president and CEO of the Central Carolina Community Foundation.

"People want to feel ownership of how their dollars are being used," Turnquist says.

Previous generations, Turnquist says, "were brought up to give to institutions, organizations that had secured the community's trust," she says. "The donors trusted that their dollars would be used appropriately."

"Move forward to 20- and 30-somethings that are tech savvy, get their information differently, from peers and online — they are motivated more by peer influencers," Turnquist says.

One such peer influencer might be social media consultant Jen Bailey Bergen. After the flood, she served as one of the administrators for the SC Flood Information Exchange on Facebook, which aggregated information about the flood. In the past, she's set up fundraising pages for Columbia friends with medical bills or a family tragedy. She says

it's an effective way for her to get involved.

"My contributions are usually along the lines of starting a campaign, getting people to care about the thing that is affecting the thing I care about," she says. "Every time, people have stepped up. ... Columbia is so much an island in that everyone here knows each other."

The scope of the flood response amazed her.

"Personally I've never seen anything like this — the way the community has come together," she says.

But others are worried that social media-driven giving is too insular.

Reports from the Pew Research Center and others have showed that higher income people use far more social media and technology than those in the lower and middle classes. Online social circles tend to reinforce existing class boundaries, not bridge them.

So with so much fundraising going on person-to-person and online, are donations going to reach all the people they need to reach?

"It's been wonderful the ways folks from Columbia and the state have poured their hearts out," says Sue Berkowitz, director of Appleseed Legal Justice Center. But she's concerned that giving to people in one's social media circle might leave others out in the cold.

"It's not that they haven't suffered terrible disasters," she says of the many people fundraising from their peers. "But people are going to give to their friends who may have means ... I worry about what ultimately will happen to lower income people who may be impacted by all this."

It's also worth noting that donating directly to a family, friend or restaurant isn't tax deductible. Also, donating through traditional charities can offer some identity protection and assurance of how funds will be used.

Still, traditional charities aren't worried about a scarcity of charitable dollars.

Joey Wallace, vice president for marketing and communications at United Way of the Midlands, says he doesn't think people are skipping donating to charities in favor of donating to their friends.

"I think what you see is people are feeling generous and they want to just give," he says, noting that many of his organization's donations are coming from people who already had given once this year during the United Way's annual campaign. "People dig deep in times of need, and we certainly live in a generous community."

Inshore fishing rebounding after floods

By Rich Crook

[South Strand News](#), October 28, 2015

Fishing throughout the area seems to have rebounded nicely from the flooding that occurred several weeks ago, alleviating many people's worst fears for the local species populations.

While most of the local rivers still remain too dangerous for offshore fishing, inshore and surf are all reportedly doing excellent with several species really beginning to heat up.

Georgetown Landing and Marina (843-546-1776) is reporting that while not a lot of boats have made very long trips out lately, the wahoo bite continues to be strong with some blackfin tuna also showing up on the end of anglers lines.

The marina also reports that the bottom fishing has continued to be excellent. Grouper, vermillion snapper, triggerfish and a variety of other fish are still being caught. Red snapper seems to show up on the end of lines but still must be released.

Bull reds have reportedly been showing up much more frequently at the Georgetown jetties. The big redfish definitely seem to prefer cut bait to live, especially blue crab chunks. Mullet strips also reportedly have been working very well. About an hour on either side of tide change continues to be the best time.

Perry's Bait and Tackle (843-651-2895) is reporting that the spot bite in the Murrells Inlet area has been excellent over the past week or so.

Flounder are still being caught but as in recent weeks, the keepers have reportedly still been slightly tougher to come by than earlier in the year.

The sheephead as always can also be had in the creeks as well as the Murrells Inlet jetties. They tend to stick close to any kind of structure there too and seem to really like fiddler crabs with some anglers having success with sand fleas and live barnacles too. Some boats have also had success with sheephead on bottom fishing trips.

King mackerel are reportedly still in the area of the Three Mile Reef and out at Belkie Bear. A few kings have reportedly also been snagged from the far end of some of the local piers in recent weeks including the Surfside Pier (843-238-0121)

Farther offshore of the inlet, the offshore wahoo bite continues to be exceptional. Tuna are still biting some from offshore and bottom fishing, especially grouper has been great lately.

Surf fishing has bounced back nicely since the flooding and there reportedly are a lot of fish in the water for

anglers to target right now. Whiting, pompano, black drum, croaker and the afore mentioned spots can all be had from the surf or the piers right now. A few isolated kings have been taken from the surf as well.

The trout bite has reportedly been heating up throughout the area in recent weeks from the inlet all the way up to the Little River area. Spotted sea trout in the 6-8 pound range are reportedly being caught.

Garden City Pier (843-651-9700) is reporting that fishing has bounced back nicely. With some favorable weather in recent days the whiting and spot bites have been excellent. Pompano, black drum and croaker are also there to be had from the pier. There have even been a few reports of big bull reds biting from the piers.

Catch-1 Sport Fishing Charters (843-450-1430) and Barrier Island Guide Services (843-446-7337) are both taking bookings for inshore and offshore charter trips.

No major injuries reported in dock collapse at Crosby's Fish and Shrimp, police say

By Christina Elmore and Prentiss Findlay

[The Post and Courier](#), Charleston, Oct 28 2015

Similar report on [WCBD News 2](#), Charleston

No major injuries were reported when a dock collapsed Wednesday, sending roughly 20 people into the water, authorities said.

Folly Beach police responded around 6:30 p.m. to the incident at Crosby's, 2223 Folly Road, police Sgt. Scott Kelley said.

A bus transported multiple people to a local hospital as a precaution.

A private party was being held on the dock when a 20-foot section of the pier collapsed, according to Ellen Schmedinghoff, a spokeswoman for Crosby's. More than 20 patrons fell into the water, she said, and local fishermen helped rescue them prior to the arrival of emergency crews.

Two people reported minor scrapes, but no other injuries were known as of 8:30 p.m., she said.

"At this time, the Crosby family is unsure what caused the collapse. Many events are held on this dock. Both the dock and the pilings are regularly inspected," Schmedinghoff said.

Speaking to reporters Wednesday night, Charleston County Council Chairman Elliott Summey said the integrity of the Lowcountry's docks should be tested in the wake of flooding that damaged property throughout the area.

Mikee Rawlings said he was diving nearby when he saw a rail rise on the dock, then several people hit the water.

"It just looked like it gave way," Rawlings said.

Charleston County officials are handling an investigation into the incident, Summey said. An official cause for the collapse was not known Wednesday night.

Check back with [postandcourier.com](#) as more details become available.

Seafood Businesses on Edisto See Water Inside After High Tides

By Ashley Yost

[WCBD News 2 NBC Mount Pleasant](#), October 28, 2015

EDISTO BEACH, S.C.—Flooding was a problem on Edisto Beach on Wednesday.

Businesses like Edisto Seafood and Dockside Bar and Grill are right on the water so when those high tides came in the water rushed right into their buildings. They had to delay their openings today because they needed to clean up all the mess the water left behind. They also say they expect the same thing to happen tomorrow.

"7.9 or 8 feet is how high it's going to get then it will go down," said Darrin Moore owner of Dockside Bar and Grill, a restaurant that specializes in seafood.

High tides and on shore winds brought water over roads and into buildings. Officials shut down sections of a couple streets. One of them being Dockside road where both Edisto Seafood and Dockside Bar and Grill sit. The owners of those two businesses were determined to get the water out.

"It always creates a mess because of the mud that comes in with it," said Moore. "So you have to clean everything and get all the water out."

Mary Evelyn Fontaine and her husband Ashley run Edisto Seafood next door and they agreed. "It's just more of a pain," Fontaine stated. "Like Darrin was saying to try to get all the water out and clean up afterwards."

Fontaine said they normally open earlier during October, but had to postpone while they cleaned out the store. "Normally we open at 10 this time of year," she said. "And we're hopefully going to open up at 12 today."

Both businesses are used to seeing high tides, but this year they've seen more flooding than usual. "They'll come in once every couple of years," Moore pointed out. "But this year...we've had quite a bit of them."

They have had to close a couple of days this month, but say it hasn't caused a significant loss for business.

"No major monetary loss or structural loss," described Fontaine, "but this is kind of a slower time of the year for us in general. If this were to happen a week in July it would be a lot different as far as just closing down for a day."

Moore agreed that his restaurant does not see a major loss, but his employees do. “They’re getting days off that they’d rather not have,” he said. “It’s getting closer to the holidays and Christmas and we want to get them in here as much as we can.”

These businesses are not the only buildings that saw water come inside...about 20 homes were damaged as well. Some of these are people’s second homes so they say they are not able to get help from **FEMA**.

More road closures are expected for Thursday morning on Edisto Beach as well.

Some Cherry Grove Residents Want Marsh Berm To Prevent Flooding

By Audrey Hudson

[Myrtle Beach \(SC\) Online](#), October 29, 2015

Cherry Grove residents along Duffy Road are frustrated with the king tides that have flooded their neighborhood several times this fall and are threatening to petition the City of North Myrtle Beach with demands that protections be put in place to protect their property.

The small group of residents who gathered during the astronomically high tide Wednesday morning to address the issue say the street flooding has poured into some homes that were not constructed on stilts, ruined property underneath raised houses, flooded lower level storage rooms and destroyed landscaping.

The neighborhood is within a block of the marsh where the water rises along with the ocean’s high tides and spills onto the street. When the king tides cover the stormwater drains along the beach, the water cannot drain and quickly fills the streets, a North Myrtle Beach official said.

Speeding trucks Wednesday ignored posted signs warning that the road was closed to flooding, sending waves into houses on slab foundations, and over a window air conditioning unit to spill water inside one home.

“A lot of people are totally disappointed in the city for not doing anything in relation to the flooding,” said Ray DeBruhl, who invited neighbors to his home to discuss the issue.

This area is several miles south of the dredging project, so DeBruhl and several other residents proposed that a berm be constructed along the marsh to block rising water during high tides.

“How can they have no water by the ocean and we have it over here?” DeBruhl asked. “The only solution has to be a berm similar to the ocean (dunes).”

It’s not the ideal situation and everyone understands that, but they did purchase property in very low-lying areas, and the flooding that occurs is not new, it’s been going on for decades.

Pat Dowling, North Myrtle Beach spokesman

The house on 25th Avenue belonging to Steve Morgan and his wife sits atop stilts, so flooding has been limited to the lower level storage rooms, where he said a foot of water surrounded a washer and dryer and other property was ruined.

FEMA won’t pay for the damage because it’s not their primary residence, and Morgan says the constant flooding is damaging the value of his and the neighbors’ property.

“We’re just throwing money away – every time we fix something, (the water) comes back up again,” Morgan said. “If the feds won’t dredge, somebody needs to send us a check every year to fix our property,” Morgan said.

“It’s not killing the marsh, but solving a problem for people in the neighborhood. We understand there is no controlling Mother Nature, but it’s logical to protect from the backside – the backside needs to be protected as much as the (ocean) side,” Morgan said.

The marshes are under the jurisdiction of the state and federal government and even if a permit was granted to allow construction of a berm, the project would be extremely costly and the bill passed on to the homeowners, said Pat Dowling, spokesman for the city of North Myrtle Beach.

If the city had control over the marshes, Dowling said a berm is not the solution and would likely exacerbate the problem.

Homes near the marsh are prone to flooding because they are located at, or below sea level, which is why houses are now required to be constructed on stilts, Dowling said.

“It’s not the ideal situation and everyone understands that, but they did purchase property in very low-lying areas, and the flooding that occurs is not new, it’s been going on for decades,” Dowling said.

The city issued high tide warnings last week and advised residents in low-lying areas to remove valuables near the street and underneath homes.

However, Dowling agrees with the residents that drivers racing through flooded streets is a problem that contributed to flooding in low-lying homes.

“It’s not a no-wake zone, but it’s a courtesy. Creating a wake can exacerbate the flooding problem for homeowners. They shouldn’t be driving through flooded streets anyway – that’s been our mantra since the rains of September,” Dowling said.

“Everybody is frustrated, but high tides are maybe a week each month in August through November, and then some in March for a couple of days,” Dowling said.

This week’s king tide will continue until Friday and is the second extraordinarily high tide to hit the Grand Strand in October. Combined with record rainfall and the passing of Hurricane Joaquin offshore earlier this month, the Atlantic Ocean crashed through several dunes causing street flooding, while flooding farther onshore was caused when the surf covered stormwater drains along the beach.

Trains Expected To Run On New Carolina Line In February

[Associated Press](#), October 29, 2015

CONWAY, S.C. (AP) – Trains are expected to be rolling again in February on a short line railroad linking Horry County, South Carolina, and Columbus County, North Carolina.

The R.J. Corman Railroad Co. in Kentucky bought the old Carolina Southern railroad earlier this year for \$14 million.

Local media outlets report that one of the engines for the new Corman Carolina Line was put on display Tuesday. It’s been four years since an engine ran on the 100 miles of track linking the states.

Corman had hoped to have trains running by the end of this year.

But that date was pushed back because recent floods damaged some of the line. The company said it was also helping getting tracks in the Columbia area in operating order.

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LETTER: 1,000-year floods annual

[Anderson Independent Mail](#), Oct 28, 2015

Susan Peirce, Clemson

I am responding to your article "South Carolina floods leave a shared sense of memories" (10/10/15). It is a tragic story, detailing the personal impacts of this unprecedented flooding on our S.C. neighbors. My heart goes out to those who have lost so much.

Unfortunately, these rare (1 in 1,000 year) floods are now occurring on an almost yearly basis across the U.S. Moreover, in the last few days alone, intense flooding has killed hundreds of people worldwide.

These intense rainfalls are consistent with what scientists have been warning us about for years: that a warming world climate will result in more extreme weather, which includes very heavy precipitation (National Climate Assessment for the Southeastern U.S.). If we continue to ignore what scientists are telling us, global temperatures will continue to rise with even more dire consequences — not only flooding — but intense droughts, famines, and extinction of species.

We must concentrate our staggering powers of ingenuity to reduce levels of carbon dioxide (the primary greenhouse gas) to levels that will avoid these disasters. Scientists tell us that this level is 350 parts per million in the atmosphere. The most efficient and effective means to do this is to place a fee on carbon and to return the revenue equally to all citizens.

There is no time to lose. Our world is too precious.

South Carolina’s 1,000-Year Flood Requires Immediate Recovery Action

By James Bobotek, Joseph Jean, Matthew Putorti, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

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[JD Supra Business Advisor](#), Oct. 28, 2015

South Carolina was recently pummeled by a devastating storm that Governor Haley described as happening “once in a thousand years.” Compounding the resultant flooding, many dam breaks exacerbated the catastrophic losses South Carolina business owners have suffered. Clean-up costs alone are estimated to exceed \$1 billion.

As business and property owners take stock of their losses, plan their response, and examine their insurance policies and their recovery options, numerous questions will arise. How am I going to pay to repair damaged property? What is the quickest way to resume my business? Can I recover any of the profits I lost when my business was interrupted or my customers’ or suppliers’ businesses were interrupted? Are there any government funds, such as **FEMA** assistance, available?

Obtaining insurance proceeds and **FEMA** assistance is paramount in the recovery process. To help address some inevitable issues, and to assist with the initial insurance claim and **FEMA** application processes, we provide the following guidance.

1. Obtain and Review Your Insurance Policies.

To begin with, it is crucial to obtain, review and evaluate all potentially applicable insurance policies for coverage. Understanding your rights and obligations requires a thorough review of the policies to determine what coverages may apply. Property insurance is the most obvious source of coverage, but do not overlook auto policies, marine cargo policies, pollution policies and, for those facing potential third-party claims, liability policies.

When reviewing your insurance policies, note any deadlines and calendar those dates with reminders set several weeks before the deadline. Initially, calendar the deadline by which you must give notice, file a sworn proof of loss, and file suit if you disagree with the insurance company's coverage determination (bearing in mind that that date might be years in the future). Tasks that must be completed within a "reasonable" amount of time should be done as soon as practicable. Missing deadlines can be fatal to an insurance claim.

2. Assess All Possible Coverages.

With respect to storm-related damages, "first-party" policies such as commercial property policies are the ones most likely to provide coverage for an insured's own losses. Although residential policies frequently exclude flood loss, flood may be covered under commercial policies. Even when flood is not an insured peril, there may be coverage when another, covered cause (such as wind or power outage) contributes to or ensues from the loss, as in a fire caused by a flood-related transformer explosion.

In addition to providing coverage for physical damage to an insured's property, many commercial property policies also include coverage for losses due to the interruption of the insured's normal business activity due to damage to utilities, customers, suppliers, infrastructure and other critical, or dependent, properties. These extended coverages may apply, even if the insured's own property was not physically damaged. For example, depending on policy wording, damage to certain suppliers or customers may result in covered "contingent business interruption" losses. This may be critical to businesses whose supply and customer chains are disrupted as a result of the severe damage to and closure of transportation infrastructure, including roads, railroads and even intercoastal waterways.

Similarly, disruption of power and other utilities may trigger losses insured by service interruption coverage. As well, curfews, prohibitions against entry and physical obstructions to roads may trigger civil authority or loss of ingress/egress coverage. A thorough review of the insuring provisions is critical to determine whether, and the extent to which, such coverage may apply.

3. Place All Insurers on Notice.

Even if you have not yet identified all of your losses, or determined that a policy might be implicated, provide notice as soon as possible to any insurance company under whose policy you might seek coverage. Do not assume you do not have coverage. Give notice regardless. Notice is just that: notice to your insurance company that you might have a claim. It need not, at the initial stage, be too detailed, so there is no reason to delay in providing notice. Be sure to precisely follow the directions in each insurance policy regarding notice, and be aware that notice instructions might differ from policy to policy. Pay close attention to the date by which you must provide notice, to whom notice must be provided, and the form the notice must take. Insurance brokers might be best positioned to provide the notice, so consider consulting with your broker for assistance.

4. Document and Mitigate Your Losses.

Carefully documenting losses, especially before you undertake any cleanup efforts, is critically important for evaluating the loss. This includes not only property that was damaged during the storm, but also any property rendered unusable in the days following the storm—for example, inventory exposed to moisture. Take notes and photographs. Keep a log of all actions taken. Track expenses for professional fees, mitigation and clean-up costs. Establish separate accounts to track losses. Save all repair receipts and other records of additional expenses made necessary by storm-related damage.

You might also have an obligation to preserve and protect the property from further losses, including mitigating additional damage. Because such steps are required to be taken, the mitigation expenses are covered under property insurance policies. For example, if a building is flooded, the policy requires the insured to take necessary steps to dry out flooded areas; and, accordingly, provides reimbursement of such mitigation expense, subject to certain limits. Lastly, the insurer may have salvage rights to damaged property and stock, so it is important to preserve any salvageable property to the extent possible.

5. Detail Your Business Interruption and Contingent Business Interruption Claims.

Business interruption coverage reimburses the policyholder for lost profits during the time that the business was interrupted because of a certain event (here, the rain and flood). Contingent business interruption provides coverage for losses due to the interruption of business due to damage to customers or suppliers. The biggest challenging in securing coverage for either of these types of insurance is valuing and documenting the loss. Accordingly, it is crucial to keep detailed records documenting when and how their businesses were interrupted.

6. Engage Experts.

It is usually prudent to engage professional claim consultants, such as forensic accountants, particularly where there is business interruption loss. Additional experts may be needed to model the unique financial aspects of your business. Their professional fees and other mitigation expenses are frequently covered under property policies, subject to sub-limits. Usually, public adjuster fees are not covered.

It is also a good idea to retain an experienced insurance coverage lawyer, not just when you need an advocate, but to help you protect the privileged nature of your communications and to avoid many of the traps for the unwary when presenting your insurance claim. Counsel may work in the background, without revealing their involvement to insurers. Insurers typically do the same thing. Cooperate with the insurance company adjuster, but don't forget that the adjuster works for the insurer, not for you. If you need an advocate, hire your own.

7. Follow the Policy to Preserve the Claim.

After the initial notice of loss, most property policies also require that the insured later submit a sworn "proof of loss" to catalogue the damages. Although this is usually done after reaching agreement with the insurer on the amount of the insured claim, occasionally, policies require the proof of loss to be submitted within a fairly short time after the event. Insurers are usually amenable to extending these deadlines if requested, but make sure that any extensions are memorialized in writing. In addition to notice and proof of loss, insureds must also preserve and protect the property from further losses, including taking any and all steps necessary to mitigate (or minimize) additional damage, including business interruption.

8. Government Funds Might Be Available for Non-Profits Providing Critical Infrastructure and Essential Services.

Most people know that **FEMA** frequently provides funds to state and local governments and individuals. But **FEMA** and other government-based programs are also potentially available for certain not-for-profits that provide critical infrastructure and essential services. Critical infrastructure and services include: hospitals and other medical-treatment facilities, fire, police and other emergency services, power, water and sewer utilities, educational institutions, libraries, museums and zoos, community centers, and senior citizen centers and day-care centers. The program and application process can be complicated and daunting. And strict time limits apply. But a successful applicant can see **FEMA** reimburse no less than 75 percent of the eligible costs for emergency protective measures and permanent restoration costs, including debris removal and infrastructure repair or replacement. **FEMA** does not, however, pay for business interruption losses and grant recipients must reimburse **FEMA** for any benefits that are duplicated by other sources such as insurance.

South Carolina may have experienced a thousand-year flood, but by following these tips, business and property owners should be well-placed to quickly recover.

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Morning News at 7 (News)

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CBS This Morning (News)

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... carolina floods now, residents in greenville and spartanburg counties can now apply for FEMA. to date, FEMA has approved individual assistance for a total of 24 counties in south carolina, while offering public ...



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[FEMA on WOLO- COL \(ABC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

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ABC Columbia News at Noon (News)

... hosting a community meeting at 5:00 tonight. FEMA, small business administration, nd other agencies will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about assistance. ...



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... flooding across the state ... two more upstate counties are being approved for FEMA relief. relief. we'll tell you which two areas are now eligible for money to rebuild and repair. repair.plus...the republican ...



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Live 5 News at 5 (News)

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[FEMA on WPDE \(ABC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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ABC15 News at 5PM (News)

... host an event where residents will be able to register for FEMA assistance. friday's event will be from 10:00 until 2 at the beck recreation center in georgetown. ...



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[FEMA. on WCBD-CHS \(NBC\) - Charleston, SC](#)

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News 2 at 5PM (News)

... expect the same thing to happen tomorrow. FEMA -- >> officials cuts on sections of a couple streets. we spoke to the owners of these ...



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[FEMA. on WYFF \(NBC\) - Greenville, SC](#)

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WYFF News 4 @ 5pm (News)

... next year. gabrielle: and more areas have qualified for FEMA assistance. nigel: and for the debate on cnbc. why tonight could be a make or break moment for some ...



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[FEMA. on WMBF \(NBC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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WMBF News at 5 (News)

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FEMA on WJCL-SAV (ABC) - Savannah, GA

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WJCL 22 News @ 5 (News)

... walterboro. the state emergency management division...FEMA...and other agencies will be there explaining assistance programs. tonight: a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms ...



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FEMA. on WYFF (NBC) - Greenville, SC

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WYFF News 4 @ 5pm (News)

... trials. nigel: eligible for flooding assistance from FEMA. what you need to know. jeb bush had the best record. billions in pork, vetoed. ...



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FEMA on WYFF (NBC) - Greenville, SC

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WYFF News 4 @ 5pm (News)

... tonight... mor upate countie gabrielle: more upstate counties have been approved for FEMA assistance following this month devastating flooding. nigel: plus, our national school report card is in, and it is not ...



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FEMA on WYFF (NBC) - Greenville, SC

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WYFF News 4 @ 5:30pm (News)

... cleanup. >> this is a pretty major disaster.allyson: FEMA has already granted \$51 million of aid to residents, but more could be on the way. the media relations director ...



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FEMA on WIS - COL (NBC) - Columbia, SC

10/28/2015 17:33:28

WIS News 10 Live at 5:00 (News)

... after the flood- and fast tracking federal relief from FEMA and the federal highway relief fund. but even with federal funds, road repairs are going to cost a lot of money. ...



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FEMA on WCBF-CHS (NBC) - Charleston, SC

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News 2 at 5PM (News)

... we can and reminding people if you haven't registered a FEMA, we need you to. >> we are here for as long as the ...



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FEMA on WCBF-CHS (NBC) - Charleston, SC

10/28/2015 17:35:36

News 2 at 5PM (News)

... travis rice, news 2. >> well, if you're experiencing similar problems with FEMA, you are told to continue your appeal. >>> wisconsin promise -- governor ...



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FEMA on WTOG-SAV (CBS) - Savannah, GA

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WTOG News at 5:30P (News)

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FEMA on WCIV-CHS (ABC) - Charleston, SC

10/28/2015 18:02:51

ABC News 4 @ 6 (News)

... any flood damage? >>reporter: with a clip board in hand, FEMA core members directed those suffering from flood damage to the proper location. >>woman: cleaning supplies? ...



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FEMA on WCIV-CHS (ABC) - Charleston, SC

10/28/2015 18:04:31

ABC News 4 @ 6 (News)

... if you're unable to get to those events, you're advised to call FEMA at 1-800-621-3362. specialists will be there to help you begin the application process in getting government aid. ...



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FEMA on WYFF (NBC) - Greenville, SC

10/28/2015 18:06:52

WYFF News 4 @ 6pm (News)

... from noon tomorrow because of the situation. carol: FEMA has approved help for 24 counties, and they are offering public assistance in 34 counties. individuals could receive up to ...



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FEMA on WRDW (CBS) - Augusta, GA

10/28/2015 18:07:24

News 12 at 6 PM (News)

... help....he doesn't even own the dam.the owner isn't getting help either...FEMA denied money to private dam owners in the state although dhcc is requiring each owner to fix it.the dam owners have ...



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FEMA on WIS - COL (NBC) - Columbia, SC

10/28/2015 18:08:01

WIS News 10 at 6:00 (News)

... what they can receive in terms of federal relief. FEMA will provide public assistance to government agencies affected by the flood or had to use resources in the flood response. ...



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FEMA on WCSC-CHS (CBS) - Charleston, SC

10/28/2015 18:18:27

Live 5 News at 6 (News)

... were to bring all the services available by FEMA and the state to the people. we've seen record crowds from 2,800 ...



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FEMA on WCIV-CHS (ABC) - Charleston, SC

10/28/2015 19:07:20

ABC News 4 @ 7 (News)

... if you are unable to get there, you could call him a at 1-800-621-FEMA. specialists will help you begin the application process. >>> in tonight's crime report, charleston police have arrested ...



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FEMA on WYFF (NBC) - Greenville, SC

10/28/2015 23:05:41

WYFF News 4 @ 11pm (News)

... carol: people in greenville and spartanburg counties can now apply for FEMA aid. the news comes after the historic flooding across south carolina. to date, FEMA has approved ...



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FEMA on WBTW (CBS) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/28/2015 23:05:59

News 13 at 11 (News)

... dollars helping south carolina flood victims. meanwhile... a mobile FEMA disaster recovery center opened today in conway. it's in the parking lot of the horry county government and ...



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FEMA on WLTX - COL (CBS) - Columbia, SC

10/28/2015 23:06:11

News 19 @ 11 (News)

... >>reporter: looking for answers, she twenty the fire department where officials from FEMA and more answered questions from the community. >> we have a lot of questions. they don't know where to go. there ...



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FEMA on WBTW (CBS) - Myrtle Beach, SC

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News 13 at 11 (News)

... businesses impacted by the floods. that includes FEMA and disaster loan applications. unemployment and food stamp assistance. and "well water" test kits. ...



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FEMA on WPDE (ABC) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/28/2015 23:07:57

ABC15 News at 11 (News)

... the ground. over 90% or volunteers. >>> there's now a mobile FEMA disaster recovery center set up in conway on second avenue. the unit will be there seven days a week. ...



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FEMA on WIS - COL (NBC) - Columbia, SC

10/28/2015 23:10:16

WIS News 10 Nightcast (News)

... reopened after the flood and fast-tracking federal relief from FEMA and the federal highway relief fund. families in lower richland county will get ...



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Federal Emergency Management Agency on WOLO- COL (ABC) - Columbia, SC

10/28/2015 23:12:19

ABC Columbia News at 11 (News)

... include borrowing or using state surpluses. the Federal Emergency Management Agency is expected to pick up 75 percent of the national guard's expenses... which include fuel and mileage. in consumer news ...



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FEMA on WMBF (NBC) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/28/2015 23:22:39

WMBF News at 11 (News)

... of the 24 counties declared individual assistance by FEMA. this story on wmbf news dot com.. breaks down all the important dates for each county.. ...



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FEMA on WACH - COL (FOX) - Columbia, SC

10/28/2015 23:38:33

WACH FOX News at 10 (News)

... money is needed to pay for the recovery. >> how to apply for FEMA relief. the number is on your screen. if you have any doubts about whether you qualify or not it's ...



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FEMA. on WLTX - COL (CBS) - Columbia, SC

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News 19 @ 11 (News)

... >>reporter: looking for answers, she twenty the fire department where officials from FEMA and more answered questions from the community. >> we have a lot of questions. they don't know where to go. there ...



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FEMA on WPDE (ABC) - Myrtle Beach, SC

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FEMA on WIS - COL (NBC) - Columbia, SC

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WIS News 10 Sunrise (News)

... officials from richland county, the city of columbia, and FEMA will be at an open house from 5:30 to 7:30 at the lower richland high school auditorium. homeowners and business owners ...



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FEMA on WRDW (CBS) - Augusta, GA

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News 12 This Morning (News)

... comes through. and they will have to do it without help from FEMA. FEMA denied money to private dam owner in south carolina. owners have until friday to turn a plan over a repair plan from an engineer. ...



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FEMA. on WLTX - COL (CBS) - Columbia, SC

10/29/2015 05:08:44

News 19 @ 5am (News)

... representatives from the state transportation department and FEMA were there. <"we've gotten questions. you are confused. really know where to go for help. and there are so many different ...



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FEMA. on WJCL-SAV (ABC) - Savannah, GA

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WJCL 22 Morning News (News)

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FEMA. on WHNS (FOX) - Greenville, SC

10/29/2015 05:14:52

Morning News @ 5 (News)

... flooding.greenville and spartanburg counties have been ááapproved by FEMA for individual assistance. that means those who suffered losses from the flooding can apply for help with rent, ...



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[Federal Emergency Management Agency on WOLO- COL \(ABC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

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Good Morning Columbia (Other)

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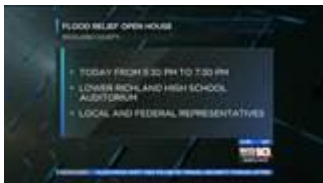
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[FEMA. on WBTW \(CBS\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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News 13 Early Morning (News)

... helped in more than 320 cases in florence county alone. a mobile FEMA disaster recovery center is now open in conway. it's in the parking lot of the horry county government and justice center ...



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[FEMA. on WJCL-SAV \(ABC\) - Savannah, GA](#)

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WJCL 22 Morning News (News)

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[FEMA on WYFF \(NBC\) - Greenville, SC](#)

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WYFF News 4 @ 6am (News)

... lives from the fast-moving waters. FEMA is expected to pick up 75% of the expenses which include fuel and mileage. coming up on this thursday morning, dale, you are say one ...



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[FEMA. on WLTX - COL \(CBS\) - Columbia, SC](#)

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News 19 @ 6am (News)

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[FEMA on WACH - COL \(FOX\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/29/2015 06:11:55

WACH Fox Good Day (News)

... that's less than 10,000. >> reporter: now is the time to apply for FEMA -- FEMA relief. the hotline number on your screen. >>> officials say i've if ...



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[FEMA. on WJCL-SAV \(ABC\) - Savannah, GA](#)

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[FEMA on WACH - COL \(FOX\) - Columbia, SC](#)

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WACH Fox Good Day (News)

... than two decades ago. >> and now is the time to apply for FEMA relief. the FEMA hot he line is on your screen. you can also apply at disaster a assistance. gov, even if you ...