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Issues:

- None.

Summary:

- Colleton County DRC opened yesterday
- There is some coverage of the additional counties announced yesterday, when Greenville and Spartanburg were OK'd for IA and Allendale, Beaufort, Lancaster and Marlboro were added for PA.
- Lexington County employees, with help from consulting firm Amec Foster Wheeler, are making headway on assessing 600 homes. Sixty homes are being assessed daily by seven teams with 214 complete so far.
- Georgetown County reduces building permit fees by 50 percent for the next year.
- Catastrophe modeling firm CoreLogic says SC home losses will total 18 billion
- Team South Carolina event for Georgetown and Horry counties will be Friday.
- More than 3,700 people in Horry County have applied for FEMA assistance. FEMA has approved \$2.3 million in funding so far.
- Severe storms possible around Columbia today
- Debris pickup still going on in six counties.
- Residents of Jackson Bluff Road in Horry County say their property was flooded with sewage and the smell can't be eradicated. Water Authority says it wasn't sewage.
- WIS TV interviews family whose home burned down when flood or rain water got into an electrical box.
- Infrastructure Bank Board member tells DOT director to use the disaster that damaged hundreds of roads and bridges to pressure the Legislature for more funding. "Let's take this tragedy and turn it into an opportunity for more money for the DOT. The roads are slap-torn up in the state. It's time to do something."
- The U.S. Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency have set up disaster assistance centers in Columbia. The administration has partnered with the Columbia Chamber to help business owners apply for Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans.
- Richland County to hold Flood Permitting Open House to assist residents and business owners who were hurt by recent flooding, Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lower Richland High School auditorium
- Red Cross urges people to be aware of the potential dangers of mold: "If people can't see it, they might not know they're being exposed to it,"
- Clemson Cooperative Extension Service agents are working with state and federal agencies to give advice and support on handling crops exposed to floodwaters.
- Luke Bryan reschedules canceled show as fundraiser for flood aid.
- King tides expected to cause more trouble on the coast this morning. The situation is made worse because local beaches are still heavily eroded from the early October high tide and flooding.

Analysis:

- Coverage of the additional counties declared for IA and PA was very slight overnight. Haley's Team South Carolina events continue to get wide coverage and promotion. WIS TV 10 in Columbia had live coverage yesterday evening of a "town hall" gathering that included FEMA and other agency representatives, but no FEMA officials appeared on camera. The coverage does not appear preserved on the station's web site and could not be included in this report.

Social Listening Analysis:

TOPICS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA:

- **FEMA.** Conversations around FEMA and flooding continue to be minimal, with very few mentions overnight.
- **Mosquito relief.** Conversations about the prevalence of mosquitoes in areas affected by flooding continues as residents ask local news and government accounts about spraying pesticides. Most of the comments from residents are simply expressing annoyance, while many local official accounts have been [sharing guidelines](#) on dealing with mosquitoes.
- **Community relief.** Community relief efforts continue to account for most of the active conversations around the flooding. “Adopted families” programs led by of the [most active groups online](#) have been working to [collaborate with](#) volunteer donation collection centers to meet needs of affected families. These efforts are led by a small, active group of residents and have been steadily sharing information each day, with active members often sharing information across multiple pages.

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FLOODS

24 counties now eligible for FEMA individual assistance

By Matthew Stevens

[WACH Fox 57](#) Columbia, October 27th 2015

COLUMBIA, SC (WACH) - FEMA has announced that two more counties are eligible for individual assistance and 4 more were added for public assistance, Tuesday.

Spartanburg and Greenville County residents can now receive individual assistance from FEMA for damage their property sustained from the historic flooding.

Individual assistance cover essential home repair costs and can provide temporary rental assistance.

This brings the total number of counties eligible for individual assistance to 24 in the state.

FEMA also added Allendale, Beaufort, Lancaster and Marlboro Counties to be eligible for public assistance from FEMA.

To date, 34 counties have been granted some form of public assistance by FEMA.

Public assistance allows these municipalities to get help in removing flood debris and fix roads, bridge and damaged infrastructure.

Governor Haley is still urging all citizens, no matter what county they live in, to apply for FEMA assistance if you have received any property damage.

To apply for FEMA assistance call 1-800-621-FEMA or visit DisasterAssistance.gov.

ELIGIBLE COUNTIES FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE:

Bamberg, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dorchester, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Greenwood, Horry, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Spartanburg, Sumter and Williamsburg counties.

FEMA Disaster Recovery Center opens today at Rec Center

[The Press and Standard/Colleton Today](#), Walterboro, October 27, 2015

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster recovery center for Colleton County residents opens at the Colleton County Recreation Center today at 1 p.m. and will remain open until 7 p.m.

Then beginning Wednesday, the center will open at 8 a.m. and remain open until 7 p.m.

Colleton County Administrator Kevin Griffin said FEMA will have signs 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 flood victims apply for aid.

Greenwood County declared for FEMA public assistance

By MARY KATE McGOWAN

Greenwood Index Journal, Oct. 27, 2015

<http://www.indexjournal.com/news/Greenwood-County-declared-for-FEMA-public-assistance>

Greenwood County has been declared in all Federal Emergency Management Agency categories for public assistance in the aftermath of the historic flooding from early October.

FEMA spokesperson Deanna Frazier said Greenwood County qualified for FEMA's A through G categories: debris removal, emergency protective measures, roads and bridges, water control facilities, building and equipment, utilities, and parks and recreational.

The damage costs for repairs and replacements will be shared 75-25 between FEMA and Greenwood County, respectively.

Frazier said Greenwood will receive the funding through reimbursement, and there is no monetary limit.

Three ways to apply for FEMA individual assistance for Greenwood County residents: -- Call 1-800-621-3362 (FEMA) -- Visit disasterassistance.gov -- Go to the closest Disaster Recovery Center at Irmo Branch Library, 6251 St. Andrews Road, in Columbia A person applying for individual assistance needs the following information: -- Social Security number -- Proof of residency, which could include utility bill, merchant bill, driver's license with current address or CAP statement from county assessor's website for proof of property ownership -- Bank routing information -- Insurance policy number Call 211 if you need help from volunteer organizations for flood-related assistance with clearing debris, finding a place to live or assistance with flood, water and clothing and get linked up with a volunteer organization

Appeal Guidelines For Ineligible FEMA Applicants

By Kelly Matter

[WMBF-TV Myrtle Beach \(SC\)](#), October 28, 2015

FLORENCE, SC (WMBF) – If you have been ruled ineligible for FEMA reimbursement, do not reapply as this can cause more harm. If you received an ineligible letter, your next step is to appeal, not reapply, according to Public Information Officer Andrew Golden.

One may appeal any decision. If an applicant does not agree with an inspection report, with the amount of assistance, or with a denial letter from FEMA, an appeal can be made for review of the case.

The following instructions are provided by FEMA for those who received ineligible letters:

If you receive a letter from FEMA stating you are not eligible for assistance, it does not necessarily mean your case is closed. Your letter tells you how to appeal the decision and what additional information you need to provide to FEMA, in order for your case to be reviewed again. It is important to note that survivors must submit an appeal within 60 days of the date on the determination letter they received.

When survivors apply for individual disaster assistance through FEMA, their needs are assessed based on a number of factors, including eligibility requirements laid out under federal law. Sometimes people do not qualify for financial help right away. Some of the reasons for an initial turn down can be:

- You might not have gotten your insurance settlement;

- You may not have given FEMA all the information we need;

- You haven't given us proof of ownership or residence;

- You may not have returned the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loan application;

- You may not have provided records that showed the damaged property was the primary residence at the time of the disaster;

- You may not have signed essential documents.

Read your letter carefully. FEMA may only need you to provide additional information. Your appeal should include new or missing information, documents and damage repair estimates that support the appeal request.

It is important to date the appeal letter and mail it to the following address:

FEMA – Appeals Officer

National Processing Service Center

P.O. Box 10055

Hyattsville, MD 20782-7055

Appeals may also be faxed to: 1-800-827-8112.

You can also call the helpline at 800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 800-462-7585 or visit the Disaster Recovery Center at the Pentecostal Holiness Church, 620 S. Ron McNair Blvd. in Lake City, where you can talk with someone about your particular situation.

Georgetown County reduces fee for flood-related building permits

News Release

[WCBD News 2](#) NBC Mount Pleasant, October 27, 2015

GEORGETOWN COUNTY — Building permit fees for flood-related construction will be offered at a reduced rate for at least the next year, Georgetown County Council Members decided last week. Council approved a temporary 50 percent reduction to building permit fees for all qualifying flood-related projects.

The Georgetown County Building and Zoning Department reminds residents that it is extremely important they obtain the appropriate permits for construction work when making repairs to a flood-damaged home or business. This provides several benefits to property owners, including ensuring structures are properly inspected for safety. A permit

also helps ensure that only licensed contractors are working on your home or business and that the work meets all codes and standards for safety.

“We understand that residents will want to begin repairs and reconstruction as soon as possible, but it’s definitely to the property owner’s benefit to make sure they take the time to get a permit,” said Boyd Johnson, department director. “Also, most insurance companies will require licensed contractors be used and proof that properties passed inspections before they will approve payment for any future claims.”

Permits are required by the Building Code, Plumbing Code, Electrical Code and Gas/Mechanical Code. These codes are adopted as minimum safety standards for properties.

The law requires it. Failure to obtain a permit is a violation of the law and could also prove problematic in settling future homeowner insurance claims, and in selling or refinancing a property later.

The Building and Zoning Department will assess buildings and homes as expeditiously as possible, Johnson said.

Any structure that has been deemed uninhabitable and has had notice posted of such cannot be occupied until the status is changed by the Building and Zoning Department. For information, call (843) 545-3116. To assist residents with properties deemed uninhabitable by flood damage, the county will allow temporary occupation of mobile structures, such as trailers and recreational vehicles, on properties where flood-related repairs or construction is taking place.

Anyone who has repaired a flood-damaged home without permits or inspections should take corrective action now and apply for a permit.

Determining whether a permit is needed

Examples of actions that require a building permit include but are not limited to:

- Repair or replacement of water-damaged electrical outlets
- Structural repairs
- Replacement of insulation
- Any repair work dealing with mechanicals located underneath the structure.

Actions that do not require a building permit include:

- Replacing floor coverings
- Painting
- Repairing wall coverings

Demolition work done as a result of flood damage will also not require a permit. However, please notify the Georgetown County Assessor’s office, (843) 545-3017, prior to total demolition or removal of a structure including mobile homes. Please be aware that any new mobile home will require a mobile home permit prior to placement on site.

Lexington County Council approves creation of capital penny tax commission

By Rachel Ham

[Columbia Daily](#), Oct. 27, 2015

Lexington County Council members took the first of several votes Tuesday afternoon to again begin the process to put a penny sales tax on the ballot.

Much like the Penny for Progress in 2014, Tuesday’s council vote set up the capital project sales tax commission. Its members will review project proposals from Lexington County municipalities and form the ballot question with a list of projects.

Chairman Johnny Jeffcoat said council members did not discuss the timeline for appointing people to the commission, but he estimated it to be within 60 days. County Council and municipalities in Lexington County will appoint people to the six-person commission, and Jeffcoat said it is unlikely the same people from the Penny for Progress commission will be nominated because of the amount of time it requires of them.

Council did not unanimously approve forming a committee. Councilmen Ned Tolar and Bobby Keisler voted in opposition.

“Sometimes it’s easier for government to raise taxes to accomplish agenda items. A lot of times, that’s not the best way to do things,” Tolar said. “I believe we need to look at other ways to solve (the roads) problem.”

Jeffcoat said the goal is to put the question back to the people and reiterated his earlier statement that council members strongly preferred only transportation projects this time.

“We’re giving taxpayers an opportunity ... to get roads fixed,” he said. “We’re asking just for roads.”

In other business:

Public Works Director Wrenn Barrett said most roads damaged by recent flooding are now passable, but 32 roads in the county are still closed. He said the preliminary cost estimate to repair the roads and drainage is \$6 million to \$7 million, and it likely will take workers six months to a year to finish.

County employees, with help from consulting firm Amec Foster Wheeler, are making headway on assessing homes that were damaged. Barrett said 300 homes were originally on the list, but it's since grown to about 600. Sixty homes are being assessed daily by seven teams with 214 complete so far.

Officials are using FEMA's Significant Damage Estimator to determine if homes in the floodplain were damaged 50 percent or more.

"The cutoff for requiring residents to bring their house up to current code, which often means they have to raise their house up out of the floodplain ... is if they have 50 percent damage," said Angela Vandelay of Amec Foster Wheeler.

Only 25 of the 214 were damaged 50 percent or more.

If a home incurs 50 percent damage in a five-year period, the damage is cumulative and they must rebuild to current standards.

Barrett said permits are being issued now for those who need to start construction before the county completes assessment of all the homes.

Questions about FEMA assistance can be posed to representatives stationed at the Cayce-West Columbia, Lexington Main and Irmo libraries.

Team South Carolina headed to Georgetown and Horry Counties

News Release

[WCBD](#) News 2 Mount Pleasant NBC October 27, 2015

Also used by [South Strand News](#)

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Nikki Haley will visit Georgetown on Friday, October 30, for the next Team South Carolina flood relief event. Team South Carolina for Georgetown and Horry Counties will be held from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Beck Recreation Center, 2030 Church Street, Georgetown.

For those impacted by flooding in counties across the state, Team South Carolina events serve as one-stops where residents can find out about resources available to families and businesses as South Carolina recovers. Team South Carolina events bring together representatives from state and federal agencies and non-profit organizations to assist those in need in the wake of statewide flooding.

At Team South Carolina Day for Georgetown and Horry Counties residents can:

- Register for financial assistance from FEMA
- Apply for disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration
- Learn more about repairing and flood proofing their home from FEMA
- Get information about assistance for farmers with crop losses or damage from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency
- Apply for unemployment benefits from the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce
- Apply for food and financial assistance from the S.C. Department of Social Services
- Get information about mental health and other healthcare services from the S.C. Department of Mental Health and the S.C. Department of Health and Human Services
- Get help with insurance claims from the S.C. Department of Insurance
- Receive a free kit to test well water from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control
- Receive a free tetanus shot from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control

Haley in Goose Creek to help flood victims get assistance

[Associated Press](#), Oct 28, 2015

(Widely used)

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.

Disaster recovery continues for Horry County

By Amy Lipman

[WMBF](#) NBC Myrtle Beach, Oct 27, 2015

HORRY COUNTY, SC (WMBF) - More than 3,700 people in Horry County have applied for FEMA assistance. FEMA has approved \$2.3 million in funding so far.

In a press conference Tuesday, Horry County Emergency Management Director Randy Webster talked about how the disaster recovery centers are still open and will remain open with FEMA representatives until the need for them subsides.

Horry County found 350 homes damaged with an estimated \$9 million in losses, Webster said.

He said the county is working to secure funding itself for \$1 million of damage to county roads and bridges

FEMA's public assistance program will cover 75 percent of local government expenses.

"It is a significant financial impact, but hopefully we'll get the reimbursement to help even that out," Webster said.

The county is working to set up a mobile disaster recovery center that will now be able to go to the areas that were hardest hit with the Waccamaw River flooding. Everyone with any damage is still encouraged to register with FEMA.

Stephanie and Rocco Paglia have applied with FEMA and received temporary housing assistance. However, they said they want to start the cleanup process, but they don't have the money for the complete gut job the house needs until the FEMA funding comes through.

"We're cleaning it up little by little because they haven't released any funds to us yet," Rocco Paglia said. "Until we get that, I won't be able to get a crew in here to do all of the work because we can't afford to pay them."

The couple's entire house, which is on Riverside Drive, was covered in several inches of water.

"It's very, very tough to be displaced, look at your home destroyed, even your personal belongings that are all destroyed," Stephanie Paglia said.

The Paglias said they weren't told of the home's previous history with flooding until two months after they closed on the property.

"The realtors and even the homeowner told us that there was never any floods, but after we bought the house two months later, FEMA sent us a history of the house," Rocco Paglia said.

What the family really wants from FEMA soon is the money to raise the house so it is up to code and out of the flood zone.

"That is critical because if we do not raise this home, this will happen again," Stephanie Paglia said. "And we cannot go through this."

People can apply with FEMA at the disaster recovery centers at the North and South Strand Recreation Centers or online at disasterassistance.gov.

Flood victims eligible to receive disaster food assistance

By GENE ZALESKI T&D Staff Writer

[Times and Democrat](#), Orangeburg, Oct. 27, 2015

The South Carolina Department of Social Services has announced The T&D Region counties are eligible to receive Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Assistance.

The Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service has approved Orangeburg, Calhoun and Bamberg counties for the DSNAP program due to the historic flooding earlier this month. The three counties join 20 in the state to be approved for the funding.

The funding is under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

Any household that resided within one of the designated counties at the time of the flooding and suffered disaster losses that were not reimbursed may be eligible to receive temporary DSNAP assistance. DSNAP benefits are

provided via an electronic debit-like card and can be used to purchase food items at grocery stores and other authorized retailers.

Current SNAP recipients in the Orangeburg zip codes of 29018, 29039, 29047, 29048, 29059, 29112, 29113, 29115, 29118, 29142 and 29163 do not need to come to a local county office to receive DSNAP benefits. They will automatically receive a supplement on their EBT cards.

Current DSNAP recipients who do not live within the zip codes listed above and who suffered a disaster loss may go to the designated site in their county of residence and file an affidavit of loss to request a supplement to their October SNAP benefits.

Current SNAP recipients in Calhoun county do not need to come to a local county office to receive DSNAP benefits; they will automatically receive a supplement on their EBT cards.

Current SNAP recipients in Bamberg County who suffered a disaster loss may go to the designated site in their county of residence and file an affidavit of loss to request a supplement to their October SNAP benefits.

Both non-SSNAP and DSNAP residents in the affected counties seeking assistance may apply from Oct. 27 through Dec. 3 for the Disaster SNAP.

The T&D Region sites are open the week of Oct. 27-29. The Orangeburg site is open Dec. 1-3. The site locations are:

U.S Army Reserve Center, 1132 Cook Road, Orangeburg, SC 29118

Calhoun County's John Ford Community Center, gymnasium, 304 Agnes St., St. Matthews, SC 29135

Bamberg Bamberg County DSS Office, 374 Log Branch Road, Bamberg, SC 29003

Residents in any of the designated counties who meet the DSNAP income guidelines may be eligible if the household experienced at least one of the following conditions as a direct result of the Oct. 5 storms:

Damage to or destruction of the home

Loss or inaccessibility of income including a reduction or termination of income or a significant delay in receiving income due to disaster-related problems

Disaster-related expenses (home or business repairs, temporary shelter, evacuation, etc.) that are not expected to be reimbursed during the disaster benefit period

Applicants must have suffered a loss related to the flooding to be eligible for the DSNAP benefits. Households applying for Disaster SNAP must actually have lived in the disaster area at the time of the storms and must have suffered loss or damages. Applicants should be prepared to provide the following:

Proof of identity

Proof of address

Proof of income

Proof of the value of unreimbursed damages incurred as a direct result of the storm

Proof of loss or inaccessibility of income

All applications are subject to review. If it is determined that an applicant received benefits that he/she was not entitled to, the applicant will be required to pay them back.

SCDOT Continues Debris Pickup in Six Counties

[WCBF](#) News 2 NBC Mount Pleasant, October 26, 2015

Contractors working for the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to pick up flooding debris are working in the following counties on October 26:

Berkeley County – Debris pickup in College Park Estates in Ladson.

Dorchester County – Debris pickup will continue in the Ashborough subdivision, Summerwood subdivision and Tranquil Estates.

Sumter County – Crews will pick up debris in Tanglewood, Gin Branch, Ketch, Pepperidge and Dogwood Drive areas.

Lexington County – Pickups in the Coldstream and Pine Glenn subdivisions.

Richland County – Debris pick-up in the Forest Lake, Arcadia Lakes and Congaree Church area

Georgetown County – Debris pick-up on Cherokee, Gapway, Comanche Street and on Highway 51.

Property owners are reminded to separate debris into the categories illustrated in the attached chart.

Also note that contractors are collecting debris by category, so not all debris may be taken away at one time.

Contractors will make return trips to gather the categorized items.

SCDOT flood debris schedule begins for limited areas

BY MICHAEL DUKE

[Kingtree News](#), October 27, 2015

Streets lined with piles of debris are the latest evidence of the aftermath of the flood that swept across nearly the entire state. The question remains, when will it be picked up? The County began pickup on Friday. For those wishing to take debris to the landfill call 843-354-0805 to find out what is accepted. Household trash, clothes and food are not accepted at the landfill. On October 27, the SC Department of Transportation (SCDOT) will be picking up debris in Williamsburg County in the Gilland, Hammer and Marion Street areas. Contractors are collecting debris by category, so not all debris may be taken away at one time. Contractors will make return trips to gather the categorized items. Do not lean or stack debris on or near trees, poles, fire hydrants, mailboxes or other structures that will make it difficult to remove. Debris should be placed curbside, without blocking the roadway or storm drains. Categories of debris that will be collected by SCDOT: Vegetative debris – Tree branches, leaves, logs and plants. Do not bag this material. Construction/demolition material – Carpet, drywall, furniture, lumber, mattresses, plumbing materials, shingles and tiles. Appliances – Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, water heaters, dishwashers, washing machines and dryers. Electronics – Computers, televisions, stereos, radios and other devices with an electrical cord. Household hazardous waste – Cleaning supplies, lawn chemicals, oils, oil-based paints and stains, and pesticides. To date the SCDOT has 32 debris collection trucks and trailers operating and collected approx. 871 loads (42,384 cubic yards).

Water treatment plant breach leaves sewage smell in Horry County neighborhood

By Brennan McDavid

[WBTW](#), News 13, CBS, Myrtle Beach October 28, 2015

CONWAY, SC (WBTW) – Flood cleanup continues in parts of Horry County. Residents on Jackson Bluff Road say they can't seem to get rid of the smell.

"It smells like sewage...it's terrible," said Mary Margaret Preston.

Preston's home had nearly two feet of water inside during the flood. It's all gone down, but not without leaving an odor.

"You can't stay long because it's so horrible," explains Preston.

Mold fills Preston's house from the floor to the ceiling. A brown stain lines the white walls.

"We're just trying to take inventory of what we do have," stated Preston. "We are very devastated not only because of the flood, but because of the waste water sludge plant emptying onto our property."

Preston is referring to waste from the Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority. The plant is located two miles up the road from her home. Representatives with the utility company told News13 off camera, that a drainage pond had overflowed from too much rain. They notified DHEC within 24 hours, but could do nothing to prevent the overflow until the rain stopped.

Preston says she was not notified of the spill and has yet to see anybody from Grand Strand Water and Sewer come to the community to effort a clean-up.

"I don't care if you disinfect it up ten times, there is no way we can live here," Preston exclaims.

Representatives with Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority say the drainage pond that overflowed was not filled with raw sewage. They also told News13 they haven't received any complaints about the overflow and if someone has a complaint, the company will address it.

Mother, daughter look to start over after losing home to fire caused by flood

By Billie Jean Shaw

[WIS TV 10](#) NBC Columbia, Oct 27, 2015

MANNING, SC (WIS) - Madeline Billups said her whole life burned down before her very eyes on October 4th.

"It went so fast," she said. "The smoke was so severe. We couldn't even get back in."

Billups said water got into a socket during the flood, causing the home she lived in for 16 years to go up in flames. According to Billups, the walls caught fire before the flames reached the foot of her daughter's bed.

"Literally, the end of my bed was on fire," Janice Lawrence said. "If you could take a look, you could see where I snatched the bed out. I snatched all the covering off my bed to try and stop it where me and my mom could put it out, but when I ran into the kitchen to get the fire extinguisher, my fingers were so burnt, I couldn't get it to work."

Everything they own was destroyed by the fire, according to Billups. However, what makes this situation hard for Billups and her daughter is knowing someone is trying to capitalize off their tragedy.

"I came to check the mail yesterday and I noticed that the air conditioners were gone," Lawrence said. "I was like, 'Who would want them?' But then I realize they want the copper out of them. A good friend of my brother called me and my mom to let us know that he seen a black Chevy truck over here. Matter of fact, he said they were inside the house."

Now, they're left to pick up the pieces of their home.

"We need help," Billups said. "We really do. We really need help."

During these difficult time, the two women are holding on to the only thing they didn't lose.

"One of the things that did get saved was our Bible," Billups said. "Thank God for that. It had to be a reason the Lord didn't let this get destroyed."

Statewide road/bridge closures down to 113; many to be long term repairs

[WCIV](#), ABC Mount Pleasant, Oct 27, 2015

CHARLESTON, S.C. (WCIV) -- More than 79 percent of roadways that were shut down during widespread flooding across the state earlier this month have reopened, state officials said Sunday.

South Carolina Department of Transportation officials say steady progress has left the state with 113 road closures as of Tuesday, Oct. 27. Some roads that remain closed may be shut down until sometime after Nov. 26.

Officials said 425 highway workers in 67 teams are working on reopening the remaining roadways.

SCDOT officials said while the number of closed roads across the state is significantly lower, drivers are still encouraged to use caution and not attempt to drive around barricades.

Interstate I-95 is open in both directions. To see major routes open throughout the state, click here. Highway Patrol officials warn the integrity of some roadways has been compromised resulting in bridge collapses and roads being washed out.

FEMA has opened a recovery center in Holly Hill. Details here.

LOWCOUNTRY ROAD CLOSURES

Georgetown Co. from SCDOT 8 a.m. Tuesday

Gapway Rd from Kent to the end of the dirt road (Est open by Oct 31)

Old Pee Dee Road from Hicks Dr. to Carvers Bay Rd. (Est open after Nov. 26)

Plantersville Rd from Jackson Village to Exodus Dr. (Est open by Oct 31)

Williamsburg Co. from SCDOT 8 a.m. Tuesday (Est open after Nov. 26)

Battery Park Road from Hemingway Hwy to Friendship Church Rd

Cade Road from S-504 (Bradley Bay Rd) to S-118 (Bartells Road)

Old Georgetown Road from Midway Road (S-45-84) to Bartells Road (S-45-118)

From Dorchester County Officials 2 p.m. Thurs (no update 8 a.m. Tues)

Sandridge Rd. in Dorchester between Grant Dr. and the Church @ 1069 Sandridge Rd is closed as of 10/17-pipe failure.

Dorchester County is operating a call center to provide information about road closures and other storm related issues to residents and property owners. The numbers for the call center are (843)-832-0393 and (843) 563-0393.

From Summerville town officials 1:30 p.m. Monday Oct 12 (no update 8 a.m. Tues Oct 27)

Reneau Blvd. - Closed/Under Repair

Old Trolley Road extension to Ladson Road (near Jessen Boat Landing) - Closed

Dorchester Rd. at Sawmill Branch Canal (near Old Trolley Rd.) - Partially Open/Under Repair

All other roads that were previously closed are now open.

Sidewalks

Parkwood Drive sidewalk - Under Repair

Old Trolley Road sidewalk at Iron Gate Subdivision - Under Repair

S. Gum Street near E. 6th South Street- Washed Out

Jessen Boat Landing: The boardwalk at Jessen Boat Landing & the ?Oakbrook? Rotary Centennial Walking Trail are closed until further notice for flood related repairs.

The SCDOT Call Center is also operational 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Phone: 855-GO-SCDOT (855-467-2368)

SCHOOL UPDATES

All Lowcountry school districts are operating on normal schedules.

Dorchester District Two officials said the early release day scheduled for Wednesday, October 28 will be full instructional days for students. Also, the teacher work day scheduled for Monday, October 19 will be an instructional

day for students. District officials also announced three makeup days in 2016: Jan. 15, Feb. 15, and three dates still to be determined.

Dorchester County District 2 officials also said Givhans Alternative School near Summerville will remain closed after raw sewage and standing water were found inside. The 150 students who attend to the school will be relocated temporarily.

CCSD makeup days are Oct. 23, Nov. 3, March 25, and June 3.

BCSD makeup days will be Oct. 19, Jan. 4, and March 14.

OTHER CLOSURES

--Roper St. Francis facilities closed or relocating due to flooding:

•St. Luke's Family Practice located at 1435 Stuart Engals Blvd. in Mount Pleasant is permanently relocating due to structural damage caused by flooding. The practice will reopen Tuesday in Suite 110 of the Medical Office Building at Roper St. Francis Mount Pleasant Hospital.

--Roper Hospital Diagnostics and ER - Northwoods, Roper St. Francis' emergency department in North Charleston, will be closed for the next several weeks. The facility closed after flood water damaged the facility's interior. Repairs soon will begin, and we will let you know when those are finished. The facility is located at 2233 Northwoods Blvd. Until then, the public can continue to receive emergency care at the following Roper St. Francis facilities, all of which are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

- Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital, 2095 Henry Tecklenburg Dr. in West Ashley
- Roper Hospital, 316 Calhoun St. in downtown Charleston
- Roper Hospital Diagnostics & ER - Berkeley, 730 Stoney Landing Road in Moncks Corner
- Mount Pleasant Hospital, 3500 N Hwy 17 in Mount Pleasant

The Edgar Allan Poe/Sullivan's Island Branch Library will reopen on Monday, November 2 when building repairs and the drying process is completed.

The Poe/Sullivan's Island Branch, which is in a fortification/bunker built for the Spanish-American War, suffered water damage that ruined the floor covering and damaged some books and furniture. It was one of two branches of Charleston County Public Library system damaged in the recent flood. The other library – West Ashley Branch in South Windermere – has reopened already.

Residents are encouraged to visit either the Mt. Pleasant Regional Library or the Village Branch Library until Poe reopens. If someone placed a hold on an item for pickup at Poe/Sullivan's Island, those materials have been transferred to Mt. Pleasant Regional Library.

CANCELED/POSTPONED EVENTS

--From Boone Hall officials: "The Boone Hall Pumpkin Patch will be open Monday-Saturday 9am-6pm and on Sunday from 11am-6pm. Boone Hall Fright Nights is South Carolina's largest haunted event and this event also will resume operations this Friday - Saturday - and Sunday at dark with four attractions. Advance tickets that were purchased online for dates when the event was closed due to the weather will be honored any night the event is open through October 31st. See event details and purchase advance tickets online at: <http://boonehallfrightnights.com/>"

--The Teachers Supply Closet Golf Tournament at Stono Ferry scheduled for Friday has been postponed to Nov. 20.

--The Goose Creek Fall Festival has been rescheduled to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31 on the grounds of the Municipal Center in Goose Creek.

State transportation chief urged to leverage flood damage for more funding

By Gavin Jackson

[Charleston Post and Courier](#), Oct 27 2015

COLUMBIA — The head of the state Department of Transportation said Tuesday more money wouldn't have prevented the damage to roads and bridges caused by historic flooding earlier this month.

State Transportation Infrastructure Bank Board member Rep. Chip Limehouse, R-Charleston, told interim DOT director Christy Hall Tuesday to use the disaster that damaged hundreds of roads and bridges to keep pressure on the Legislature for more funding.

"Let's take this tragedy and turn it into an opportunity for more money for the DOT," Limehouse said. "The roads are slap-torn up in the state. It's time to do something."

The cost of fixing roads and bridges that were washed out by flooding won't be known until mid-November, Hall said.

"I'm not trying to put you on the spot," Limehouse said. "I'm trying to get you more money." Limehouse said.

"I think the answer is the same," Hall said. "I don't think anybody could prepare any more than we had for a storm of this magnitude."

Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, who also sits on the board, said getting more money for the transportation department is always a goal.

"I'm going to get money for DOT any way I can get it," Leatherman said. "The flooding event is one thing. The DOT's needed money for a long time."

Since the flooding, 80 percent of roads and bridges have been repaired and reopened. Work is still underway in 17 counties on 79 roads and 34 bridges, Hall said.

Infrastructure Bank Board members informally agreed to look into redefining the scope of Interstate 526 in Charleston as the county looks to find additional funding. The project's been in limbo since 2012 over the agreement among DOT, the infrastructure bank and the county.

An amended agreement is needed to adjust what DOT can build with the \$420 million it has from the infrastructure bank as the cost for building the final eight-mile section has jumped to more than \$700 million.

"I think you're going to see something happen now on 526," Limehouse said. "If it doesn't happen now then I don't know what else we can do."

All three parties expressed a desire to move forward on the extension of I-526 from U.S. Highway 17 in West Ashley, across Johns and James islands to the James Island connector. But who is responsible for legal fees, cost overruns, whether the project will be done in phases and securing additional funding are still up in the air.

Charleston County Council Chairman Elliott Summey said his council will soon decide how to raise the \$300 million needed. Limehouse and DOT Commission Chairman Jim Rozier say it's a heavy burden on the county that could result in tolls or a sales tax.

Rozier said a possible, additional \$150 million was approved by the SIB but hasn't been approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee.

The city of Charleston will start drawing \$88 million in infrastructure bank funds next year for the final phase of the city's drainage project. Construction continues on the \$25 million second phase from President Street to the Ashley River.

The \$71 million Berlin G. Myers Parkway, in Summerville, is in its final phase. The 3.5 miles will be complete in fiscal year 2019. The infrastructure bank provided \$30 million for the project.

Lexington County Council takes first step for 2016 ballot on tax for roads

BY TIM FLACH

[The State](#) (Columbia), Oct. 27, 2015

LEXINGTON COUNTY SC--The push for a 2016 referendum on a penny sales tax increase for road improvements in Lexington County got off to a bumpy start Tuesday.

A divided County Council created a six-member advisory panel that will recommend a package of projects the tax would finance.

That step was approved 7-2 as some council members don't like asking for higher taxes for road repairs.

"We need to look at other ways to solve this problem prior to rushing into this," Councilman Ned Tolar of West Columbia said.

Other council members say the penny tax is the only way to assure long-wanted improvements happen.

"We're giving our taxpayer the opportunity to get our roads fixed," Council Chairman Johnny Jeffcoat of Irmo said.

Tolar joined Councilman Bobby Keisler of Red Bank in wanting to wait and see if the Legislature will settle on a fuel tax hike that will produce more road revenue.

It's estimated the penny tax would produce \$35 million annually during an eight-year span before it expires unless renewed by voters. That's five times the extra income the county might gain from a higher state fuel tax.

Council members can't dictate what projects will be proposed by the panel, whose members are likely to be named by Jan. 1.

But council members have made it clear the package must be earmarked totally for roads instead of other uses such as parks, paths, drainage and libraries to gain their agreement for a referendum in November 2016.

Some of the projects chosen are expected to come from a list developed for an unsuccessful bid for the tax in 2014.

But part of the package might be devoted to repairing some of the 146 roads damaged by recent floods.

Fixing them might cost as much as to \$7 million, County Public Works Director WrennBarrett told council members.

Making those repairs “is not going to be from lack of effort,” Councilman Todd Cullum of Cayce said. “It’s going to be from lack of money.”

If adopted, the county sales tax would go from 7 to 8 cents per dollar of purchase. Groceries and prescription medicine would be exempt.

Anti-tax forces are lining up in opposition, warning that the projects chosen must focus on easing congestion and increasing safety.

Senate panel begins to discuss flood costs, state spending

[Associated Press](#), Oct. 28, 2015

(Widely used)

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A South Carolina Senate panel is beginning to study the costs of this month's catastrophic flooding and how much the state should spend to help residents recover.

The panel meets Wednesday for the first time since Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman created it Oct. 16.

Leatherman appointed four Democrats and five Republicans, including himself.

As Senate Finance chairman, Leatherman leads the chamber's budget-writing committee. The Florence Republican says the Legislature will provide "whatever amount of money is needed" to help residents recover quickly. But to do that, he says legislators need to figure out what's being done and how much is necessary to complete the work.

Leatherman says the special panel's first task is to hear from various state and federal agencies involved in flood relief efforts.

Columbia Chamber, Minority Business Development Agency offer small business flood assistance

By Kelly Petty

[Columbia Daily](#), October 27, 2015

Two agencies are coming to the aid of business owners who were impacted by the floods in the Midlands earlier this month. The U.S. Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency have set up disaster assistance centers in Columbia.

The administration has partnered with the Columbia Chamber to offer representatives in the city to help business owners apply for Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

The association's physical disaster loan pays for damage that is not covered by insurance and can include equipment, machinery and inventory. The economic injury disaster loan offers capital for business owners who are unable to meet operating expenses.

Some businesses might be eligible for both loans.

Representatives with the Small Business Association will help businesses in designated counties within the federal disaster zone.

“The amount of damage in our region has been overwhelming, but the outpouring of support has been heartwarming,” said Carl Blackstone, Columbia Chamber president and CEO. “Now is the time when we help businesses reopen their doors. I encourage those who have been affected, both physically and economically, to spend a moment to talk to a representative from SBA.”

Minority-owned business owners can visit the Minority Business Development Agency's Business Center in Columbia to apply for the Small Business Association disaster loans and sign up for FEMA individual assistance. Owners are asked to call the business center to begin the loan process.

The Minority Business Development Agency Business Center services the entire state, but officials have made themselves available to help specifically those in the federally-declared disaster zones.

“Minority businesses are essential to the economic progress of our families, cities and South Carolina as a whole. That's why we have placed our entire team on standby to serve the minority business community,” said Camille Shaw, MBDA Business Center project director. “Additionally, we are especially sensitive to businesses located within our rural counties, many of which may not have access to the computers and high speed internet required to initiate a

claim. We are more than happy to provide the location, supplies and technical support they need to complete this process.”

The MBDA Business Center is located at 400 Percival Rd and is equipped with computers, internet, fax, telephones and office supplies to help business owners file applications.

Walk-ins are accepted from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The business center’s phone number is (803) 743-1154, and those who can’t make it to the office can get assistance over the phone.

The center at the Columbia Chamber at 930 Richland St. is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays until further notice.

All business owners can begin the loan process online by downloaded applications at the Small Business Association website or applying online here.

The last day to apply for physical disaster loan is Dec. 4, 2015, and the final day to apply for economic disaster loan is July 5, 2016.

Chance of Storms Today

By Daniel Bonds

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

Columbia, SC (WLTX) -- There will be a chance of storms later today across the Midlands, a few of the storms could be strong or even severe.

A warm will move through the Midlands today, temperatures will climb into the upper 70s to lower 80s behind the front.

Showers and storms are expected to develop behind the warm front and ahead of the cold front as well.

Some of the storms that develop could be strong or even severe. The Storm Prediction Center has the Midlands under a marginal risk for severe storms. If any severe weather develops, the greatest risk would be damaging winds.

Thursday will be warm and pleasant. High temperatures will be in the middle to upper 70s. Another cold front will approach the area by Thursday evening. There will be a small chance of an isolated shower with the frontal passage.

Pleasant weather is expected Friday and Saturday, high temperatures will be in the lower 70s. Another system will approach the area by Sunday, and the rain chances will begin to increase during the second half of the weekend.

Flood Update: Coplon’s plans designer sample sale on Main Street

[Columbia Regional Business Report](#), Oct. 27, 2015

Designer fashion store Coplon’s, severely damaged by flooding at its Forest Drive location, will open a temporary location on Main Street for the Thousand Year Flash Sale.

Designers from New York, Paris, London and California have sent items that will be sold at a fraction of their original prices. The sale, which will also include current inventory, will begin Friday and continue through Nov. 8 at 1350 Main St. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., except for noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Designers included are Oscar de la Renta, Tibi, Lela Rose, Vince, Rag & Bone, Rebecca Taylor, Rachel Zoe and dozens more. Coplon’s, which has already begun work on rebuilding as well as opening a temporary location in Trenholm Plaza, will donate a portion of the proceeds to the American Red Cross of Central South Carolina.

South State Bank develops disaster recovery loan programs

In response to the recent floods in South Carolina, South State Bank is announcing development of disaster recovery loan programs for people who live in the communities impacted by October’s historic floods. The programs include a Disaster Renovation Program and a Disaster Relief Loan for customers seeking to rebuild.

“Many of our customers, employees, neighbors and friends were affected by this disaster,” said John F. Windley, president of South State Bank. “Because the majority of these areas are not in flood zones, many of our customers are now faced with homes that are in some cases a total loss with no insurance. We wanted to do something to help our communities recover.”

The Disaster Renovation Program is a special home loan that includes a one-year, interest-only renovation period, which can be converted to a 30-year term. The rates and terms will be negotiated with each applicant based on needs and qualifications. Origination fees, commitment fees or construction administrative fees on loans will not be charged through this program.

The Disaster Relief Loan is an unsecured loan with flexible terms, which will allow individuals to borrow up to \$50,000 to help with needs incurred as a result of the recent flood.

Both the Disaster Renovation Program and the Disaster Relief Loan are available to consumers through Jan. 31, 2016.

Richland County to hold Flood Permitting Open House

An open house to assist residents and business owners who were hurt by recent flooding will be held Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lower Richland High School auditorium, 2615 Lower Richland Blvd., Hopkins.

Officials from Richland County and the City of Columbia and FEMA representatives will give information about rebuilding structures, insurance, flood plain maps, home repairs and more.

OCSD3 OKs issuing \$1.1M in bonds to repair flood damage, upgrade technology

By VALERIE SMITH

[Times and Democrat](#), Orangeburg, Oct. 28, 2015

HOLLY HILL -- All of the schools in Orangeburg Consolidated School District Three sustained damage during the recent historic flooding, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Gerald Wright reported at the October school board meeting.

Holly Hill-Roberts experienced the most damage, Wright said. Contractors are scheduled to assess the schools and provide repair estimates, he said.

Wright commended the maintenance and custodial staff for the tremendous job they did in dealing with the flooding issues.

Dr. David Longshore, district consultant, presented a resolution for the board's consideration that would authorize the acquisition of funds for technology, maintenance, vehicle and roof repairs.

Because of all the damage done by the storm, Longshore said it will be necessary for the district to utilize \$1.1 million in General Obligation Bonds earmarked for new technology (including installing wireless overlay switches in the classrooms and updating electrical panels) in all the schools. He said the district had planned to phase in the updates over several years but the storm resulted in the need for the work to be done sooner.

Longshore said the funds would be used to install the wireless overlay in the schools, purchase three vehicles for maintenance and repair the middle school's roof that split due to the heavy rain. The money would also be used to purchase a new activity bus as the old activity buses are not operational, he said.

In addition, the bond proceeds would pay for repairs at Holly Hill-Roberts, trenching and drainage work, new heating/cooling units for all but one of the schools and four new buffing machines, Longshore noted. He estimated the loan can be paid back over a three-year period.

Superintendent Dr. Jesulon Gibbs-Brown reported the principals are collecting information on students and staff who were affected by the flooding. She said guidance counselors are involved in identifying "displaced/homeless" students and staff.

Gibbs-Brown said the State Department of Education wants to add two make-up days to students' schedules as a result of school closures due to the flooding. The school board may waive this depending on what other districts decide to do. The board voted to postpone the decision on make-up days until next month's meeting.

In other business:

- The superintendent reported that because Volvo is moving to a wetlands area, the state Department of Natural Resources needs to replace that property in its wetlands bank and has chosen a 157-acre tract of land in OCSD3. The board passed a resolution approving the acquisition of the property. As a result, the district will not receive its percentage of taxes from that property. However, Gibbs-Brown noted this could open up job opportunities in the community.

- The board voted to reschedule its December meeting to Dec. 15.

- Board member Vernell Goodwin was elected as a delegate and Rev. Dennis White as an alternative for the 2015 Delegate Assembly scheduled Dec. 5-6.

- The board heard a report that students on Oct. 14 attended the Graduation Project-Credit Recovery Lab directed by Dr. Deborah Brunson. The goal is to have an 80 percent passing rate, it was noted. Students with a 52 percent average or lower will be identified and helped to make up credits in order to pass.

Red Cross Urges Residents to be Aware of Potential Mold as They Return to Flood Damaged Homes

[Kingstree News](#), October 26, 2015

As South Carolina residents continue to rebuild their homes following the recent flooding, the American Red Cross urges people to be aware of the potential dangers of mold. "If people can't see it, they might not know they're

being exposed to it,” said American Red Cross Health Services Volunteer Pam Deichmann, a retired public health nurse from Des Moines, Iowa. “Just because you can’t see it doesn’t mean it’s not there.” Mold can be recognized from its black color and from a pungent or musty odor. It can develop almost anywhere in the interior and exterior of any structure. “When we talk to those affected, we want them to know that if things are wet – insulation, sheet rock, furniture – and have been wet for 48 hours or more, then they do have to be removed,” Deichmann said. The Red Cross offers the following cleaning tips for the removal of mold in areas after items that cannot be cleaned easily, such as furniture, wood, carpet and leather, have been permanently removed: Use bleach to clean mold off hard surfaces (floors, stoves, sinks, certain toys, countertops, flatware, plates, tools) Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners Wear rubber boots, rubber gloves, goggles and N-95 mask Open windows and doors to get fresh air when using bleach Mix no more than one cup of bleach in one gallon of water Wash an item with the bleach and water mixture. If the surface of the item is rough, scrub the surface with a stiff brush. Rinse the item with clean water. Deichmann says respiratory issues and burning sensations in the sinus area can be among the first signs you may be sensitive to mold. “There can be a variety of symptoms,” she said. “Generally, you can just not feel well because your body is trying to react to something it doesn’t quite know what it is. It can decrease your immune system so you can also catch other things.” For additional information about available Red Cross flood related services and resources, please call (855) 773-3175. For more tips on preparing for, responding to and recovering from floods, please visit www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/flood. About the American Red Cross: The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

CoreLogic: \$18B in Potential Losses from South Carolina’s ‘Record-Breaking’ Storm

By Amy O' Connor

[Insurance Journal](#), October 28, 2015

The potential exposure home insurers in South Carolina face from the early October storm that flooded the state is estimated to be over \$18 billion, according to catastrophe modeling firm CoreLogic.

Richland County had the most exposure with 8,185 damaged homes and \$1.3 billion in damage on the high-risk side and 13,027 homes and \$1.78 billion in damage to moderate-risk structures. Lexington County was next with 7,453 structures damaged and \$852 million in high-risk impact and 10,691 structures and \$1.22 billion in moderate-risk impact. The risk levels are defined by the CoreLogic Flood Risk Score, which incorporates a variety of data elements that inform the risk at the property level.

CoreLogic Flood Data

The exposure value data to the more than 159,000 homes in the 22 counties declared a federal disaster by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) represent tax assessment values for the structure only, CoreLogic reported. CoreLogic’s information was derived from its proprietary Flood Risk Score and Flash Flood Risk Score databases.

The information on the insured value of losses from the storm, which hit the state Oct. 1 through Oct. 5 bringing over 2 feet of rain to some locations, is still not available from the South Carolina Department of Insurance (SCDOI). However, numbers are trickling in as SCDOI Director Raymond Farmer issued a catastrophe claims data call to all authorized property and casualty insurance companies on Oct. 12 with a deadline of Oct. 19 for claims that had come in by Oct. 14, 2015.

According to A.M. Best, insurer losses will be tempered by the fact that standard homeowners’ policies and do not cover flood damage from rising waters, as well as the fact that not all auto policies include comprehensive coverage – the coverage is only mandatory when the auto is financed.

“Most of the top homeowners and auto direct writers in South Carolina have diverse national geographical and product profiles, and possess strong risk-adjusted capitalization, comprehensive reinsurance programs and solid overall risk management capabilities and thus prepared for events of this magnitude,” Best reported.

For the smaller, more geographically specific writers in the area with potential concentration and scale issues, it will take more time to determine the extent of the impact to capitalization and profitability, Best said.

A preliminary report from the U.S. Geological Survey estimates agriculture losses from flooding to be at least \$300 million and total damages to exceed \$1 billion.

Flood Report

The USGS “South Carolina Flood of October 2015” report said the heavy rainfall that fell in South Carolina at the beginning of October came from an upper atmospheric low-pressure system that funneled tropical moisture from Hurricane Joaquin.

USGS measured streamflows at 86 locations around the state during the storm and recorded peaks of record at 17 locations with 15 other locations ranking in the top 5 for the period of record. Almost 27 inches of rain fell near Mount Pleasant in Charleston County during this period, the highest amount recorded from the storm.

The storm led to moderate and major river flooding at selected National Weather Service river forecast points across South Carolina, with at least 20 NWS river forecast locations exceeding established flood stages. At least 17 minor dam failures occurred and strong east/northeasterly winds led to downed trees and power lines statewide.

Recovery Efforts Continue

As the rain subsided and the flood waters began to finally recede by mid-October, recovery mode was in effect and will continue for some time.

The Associated Press reported that South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley had extended the State of Emergency until Oct. 30 so the National Guard could continue assisting with clean-up efforts.

Disaster loans were available to 40 counties in South Carolina as of Oct. 21, according to the Small Business Administration. The number of counties eligible for individual FEMA assistance was at 22 as of Oct. 25. They include: Bamberg, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dorchester, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Greenwood, Horry, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Sumter and Williamsburg Counties.

Individual assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners. More than 17,000 applications and more than \$50 million in aid had been approved by Oct. 27.

“I’ve been through disasters,” said U.S. SBA Head Maria Contreras-Sweet when she visited the state, as reported by The Greenville News. “I know what it’s like to be desperate, to try and preserve your business. This is not the time to have too much pride. This is the time to pick up the phone and call those who are ready and want to help you.”

The news outlet quoted SBA as having received 1,600 loan applications in the state; 110 were approved totaling \$2.5 million in aid, as of Oct. 21.

Despite no official damage estimates, AP said the floods will likely be the costliest disaster since Hurricane Hugo in 1989, which did \$13.5 billion of damage to the U.S. in inflation-adjusted dollars, most of it in South Carolina. Haley told AP she can’t know how it will be paid for until the damage estimate is in.

“We’re going to do the assessments. We’re going to see what FEMA takes care of. We’re going to see what the state needs to do after that. I’m not touching any of the reserve (funds) because we don’t have to at this point and time. If that changes, we will deal with that,” Haley said.

Local Restaurants Rebuild After the Flood

By Bach Pham

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

LaBrasca’s reopened last week for to-go orders. Photo by Bach Pham

The historic flood that struck Columbia earlier this month left many powerful images. One of the most significant was the unexpected flooding of Gills Creek that inundated the Garners Ferry area. In addition to homes, many beloved local restaurants in the area took a major blow, suffering flood damage unlike anything they have seen in their many years in business. Despite setbacks, many of these establishments have managed to slowly get back on their feet as they rebuild and reopen their doors.

LaBrasca’s Pizza

LaBrasca’s has been serving mile-high cheese salads and “Leaning Tower” pizzas since 1966. Originally owned by the LaBrasca family, the store has since been passed to current owner Brett Wilson who has held the reins for nearly 20 years.

The damage to the store from the flood was extensive, tearing apart the carpet, booths, walls and more. To make matters worse, LaBrasca’s also had a freezer stolen after the storm, further challenging the restaurant’s rebuilding effort. Not all the news was bad, though. Their pizza oven, which has been a part of the store for the past 50 years, managed to weather the flood, ensuring their namesake would live on.

LaBrasca's reopened last week for to-go orders. They also have a pizza wagon, which set up during the State Fair this year as it always does. The wagon will continue serving in front of the store while rebuilding continues. LaBrasca's expects to reopen its dine-in side in the coming months as they complete repairs.

Julia's German Stammisch

Julia's is an iconic staple of the Fort Jackson Boulevard area. Not only is the food beloved, but so is Julia Bent herself, who is there every day making the best cakes and schnitzels this side of the hemisphere for over 20 years.

According to an update on the restaurant's Facebook page, the store received major damage during the flood, with an estimated \$30,000 in damage. Similar to LaBrasca's, everything from drywall to kitchen equipment needs to be replaced. The store unfortunately did not have flood insurance. No timeline has been mentioned, but the family appears to be hard at work to make sure Julia's can reopen as soon as possible.

Chocolate Nirvana Bakery & Café

Chocolate Nirvana has only been in its current location for slightly over a year. However, they are not strangers to Columbia, having been at Spotted Salamander's current location on Richland Street for years prior to their move to Fort Jackson Boulevard. Chocolate Nirvana started out as a wholesale bakery for restaurants, but its popularity quickly led to a full bakery business. Their signature flourless cakes are a standout that have garnered them a dedicated local following.

Chocolate Nirvana may have suffered the most damage in the area during the flood. According to general manager Jon Rogers, over 75 percent of the store was damaged — essentially everything below the ceiling. Even with repairs, initial assessments suggest that only 50 percent of the store would be fully operational in the near future. Owners Phil and Lisa Waddell hope to pass the city and FEMA's inspection this week to see if the space can be salvaged. Until then, the restaurant's timeline is uncertain. Regardless of the results of the inspection, though, Chocolate Nirvana's team expects to make a full return, one way or another.

"If we need to find another building, we will," says Rogers.

Egg Roll Chen

The Chen family has owned Egg Roll Chen since 1985. The original Chens were first generation Taiwanese immigrants. The business has managed to stay in the family from the beginning, passing the torch from one generation of Chens to the next. While Egg Roll Chen has seen some cosmetic changes over its years, the food has been consistently delicious since the beginning and a constant standout thanks to their Taiwanese dishes, such as the beef noodle soup and "yen su jee," a spicy, savory fried chicken dish over rice.

Egg Roll Chen was inundated by over two feet of water during the flood. The biggest loss was produce, which spoiled during the storm due to broken refrigerators. But despite being in the heart of the flooding at Garners Ferry, Egg Roll Chen proved to be one of the most fortunate in the end. The refrigerator and damaged freezers were fixed, the produce was reordered, and this past week Egg Roll Chen managed to pass inspection and reopen its doors.

"We truly have amazing customers who have, with time, become really good friends with us," says the Chen family, in an emailed statement. "We are so blessed to be a part of a caring community like Columbia, for such a long time."

3 Columbia churches hold joint service after flood destroys house of worship

BY GLEN LUKE FLANAGAN

[The State](#) (Columbia), Oct. 27, 2015

Agape has partnered with South Beltline Baptist Church and Palmetto Baptist Church in one building

Churchgoers say the new fellowship is a good thing

COLUMBIA, SC -- When flood waters struck Agape Family Outreach in Columbia, congregation members found themselves with no place to worship — until a neighboring church offered some saving grace.

South Beltline Baptist Church already had partnered with neighboring Palmetto Baptist Church before the flood, said Eric Bothur, pastor at South Beltline. The two flocks joined services in the South Beltline building from time to time, and when they heard about Agape's situation, they brought the third church into the fold.

Two people paddle by Agape Family Outreach on Timberlane Drive. Floodwaters destroyed the church building. Since the flood the church has been holding services with neighboring South Beltline Baptist Church and Palmetto Baptist Church. Tracy Glantz tglantz@thestate.com

"We're just trying to honor each other and respect each other and do what's best for all three congregations," Bothur said. "I believe that together, we're better. By doing things together, we're going to have a better community and better churches."

Sunday marked the third service the three churches have held together, and Bothur said the merger could continue for several months. Leonard Williams, pastor at Agape, said the church is applying for help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The past few weeks have been about letting everyone get organized after the flood, the pastors said. Going forward, they hope to blend three distinct worship styles into a service that works for everyone.

Members of the nondenominational Agape say the two Baptist congregations have welcomed them with open arms.

“It’s just remarkable how they have opened their doors to us, for us to come and still have a place to fellowship and worship God,” said Marilyn Roberts, a member of Agape. “This is really what serving the Lord is all about. It’s not about color, it’s not about denomination — it’s about one baptism and one faith.”

Palmetto Baptist likes to kick off each Sunday with a meal, said David Welsford, a leader with the church. South Beltline’s worshipers tend to be a bit older, church members said. And those at Agape like to liven things up, according to their pastor.

“We’re a little bit more upbeat — a little bit noisier,” Williams said with a laugh. “We’re looking forward to share that with them.”

The three groups will continue to meet while Agape regroups from the flood, but some churchgoers aren’t ready to let the newfound fellowship go even then. John Nicholson, a member of South Beltline, said he’d like to see the churches get together after things return to normal.

“I hope something really comes of it and it grows,” Nicholson said. “I hope this is a seed and it will be granted and will grow, because everybody needs it.”

Pilot lands in Kingstree with much needed relief

By Sully Witte

[Moultrie News](#), East Cooper, Tuesday, October 27, 2015

The Six Mile Christian Center and leader Pastor Sheila Gabrysh wanted to help those who lost so much in the South Carolina floods.

Knowing that the South Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church had set up shop at the Williamsburg County Recreation Center in Kingstree, Pastor Gabrysh went to work raising money to buy supplies and food. The Disaster Relief Kitchen and volunteers had been deployed to offer assistance.

Money donated to the effort enabled her to purchase 80 lbs. of chicken, 80 lbs. of hamburger and 60 lbs. of pork butts.

The problem was, there was no way for her to get there. Undeterred, she considered renting an airplane.

The disaster relief volunteers kind of chuckled, but lo and behold — she was on to something.

“We were calling all over the place finding out about the airport there and who might locally be able to help.

She landed upon Holy City Helicopters.

Pilot Dillon Keels said that not only would he be willing to help, he’d be willing to donate his time and services.

He packed his helicopter with 427 lbs. worth of food.

Gabrysh was unable to go with him, since there wasn’t any room, but his generosity, she said, was unbelievable.

Gabrysh’s grandchildren helped package and pack the food.

More than 10,000 meals were served by the Disaster Relief Kitchen.

“It had to be God who had a hand in this. I told them I was coming with some food and by His Grace I was able to get transportation to the disaster relief folks who just happened to be set up near a baseball field, making it easy for Dillon to land,” she said.

“I asked him on a Thursday if he would help and he landed in Kingstree on a Friday.

He deserves to be recognized,” said Pastor Gabrysh.

WLTX, Harvest Hope Food Drive is Thursday!

[WLTX 19](#), Columbia CBS, October 27, 2015

Columbia, SC (WLTX) - WLTX is partnering with Harvest Hope Food Bank this Thursday, October 29th for a food drive to help our neighbors!

The event will be held in the parking lot of our station, which is located at 6027 Garners Ferry Road, from 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.. Our friends from Harvest Hope will be here helping us meet-and-greet our viewers as they drop off donations.

Since the floods, this local organization has served over 1.4 million meals to our affected friends and neighbors. But their mission to feed families in our community never stops! With Thanksgiving and Christmas both fast approaching, the need for food donations is greater than ever.

Bojangles is also a partner in the event, and will be offering coupons to those who donate.

Help us make a difference in our community this Thursday!

United Way of Chesterfield County pitching in for S.C. flood victims

[Cheraw Chronicle](#), October 27th, 2015

United Way of Chesterfield County joined other United Way agencies from around the state to come to the aid of some South Carolina communities among the hardest-hit by flooding.

The epic rain event that hit South Carolina earlier this month with record-breaking rainfall caused flooding from Columbia to Florence to the coast.

After consulting with Tim Ervolina, president of the United Way Association of South Carolina, and Mac Bennett, president of United Way of the Midlands, the board of directors of United Way of Chesterfield County voted at its Oct. 13 monthly meeting to make donations to each of these agencies.

The donation to the United Way of the Midlands will be earmarked to help residents of Richland and Lexington counties while the donation to the United Way Association of South Carolina will be earmarked to help residents in the areas where smaller United Way groups operate.

“Donations to United Way Association of South Carolina are for regional recovery efforts and they will be allocated according to the levels of need in each area as determined by FEMA assessment reports. They may also be designated for any of the United Ways that were affected by the flood,” a news release reads, specifying the United Way agencies of Sumter, Clarendon, Lee and Black River.

According to Tim Ervolina, it appears right now that the greatest unmet needs are in Williamsburg and Clarendon counties. Mac Bennett, former resident of Chesterfield County and President of United Way of the Midlands, said he “appreciates all of the support they have received from Chesterfield County and hopes all my friends from Chesterfield County will continue to support United Way.”

Ervolina and Bennett said monetary donations are among the most needed aid at this point.

“Many people are still in need of assistance in order to get back into their homes and to start rebuilding their day-to-day lives,” said United Way board Chairman Chuck English. “It is going to take more time for their homes to be rebuilt or repaired. Donations from Chesterfield County will be helpful for many in the affected areas to meet their daily needs. It is very important at this time to show South Carolina and the nation that we Live United.”

To contribute to United Way flood relief efforts, contact resource development director Catherine Thompson by calling 843-623-5266 or emailing uwchesterfieldcounty@gmail.com.

Clemson helping ensure crop safety

[Union Daily Times](#), October 27, 2015

CLEMSON — As South Carolina farmers scramble to recover from unprecedented floods, Clemson Cooperative Extension Service agents are working with state and federal agencies to provide advice and support on handling crops that have been exposed to floodwaters.

“We have put together a fact sheet of common sense tips that will go far towards making sure that harvested crops are properly handled, and Clemson Extension is on the ground in affected areas to assist farmers and answer their questions,” said Julie Northcutt, professor and Cooperative Extension Food Safety and Nutrition Program team leader.

Since floodwaters can contain environmental contaminants, federal regulations state that crops that are under water during a flood cannot be sold for human consumption, says Northcutt.

“The FDA doesn’t recognize any method of saving or reconditioning crops where the edible portion is exposed to floodwaters. Our farmers know this and are taking precautions to ensure that flooded crops are handled properly. This includes minimizing contact between flooded and non-flooded crops,” Northcutt said.

But if the crop did not come into contact with floodwater, or if the edible portion of the crop develops after floodwaters recede, the crops may be recoverable.

Crops that were only splashed with flood water should be sent to a packing house or processing plant to be cleaned. Leafy greens should be heat-treated.

If the edible portion of a crop was not developed when the flooding happened, and it will take four weeks or more for the edible portion to develop after floodwaters have receded, then the crop is safe for human consumption.

“We recommend submitting a soil sample to Clemson’s Agricultural Services Laboratory for heavy metal testing during this time,” Northcutt said. “The Clemson lab doesn’t do microbiological testing, but your local Extension Office can help farmers find private labs for that.”

Other recommendations for farmers and back-yard gardeners include:

- Discard all fresh produce that was submerged under floodwaters;
- Thoroughly wash and fully cook any produce suspected of contamination;

This story was written by Jonathan Veit, College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences, Clemson University.

- Discard any produce that is cracked, bruised or has an open cut, scratch or other defect that could allow floodwaters inside the produce.

Farmers should thoroughly sanitize farm equipment that has been used in fields in order to prevent cross-contamination. Clean the equipment using water and detergent. After rinsing the equipment, use a garden sprayer to apply a solution of 200 ppm chlorine bleach. Prepare the solution by adding 3.5 ounces of 8.25 percent bleach to 10 gallons of potable water.

Research shows that farmers should wait at least 60 days after floodwaters have receded before replanting fields that have been flooded and soils can be tested.

South Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers says conservative estimates put South Carolina crop losses at more than \$300 million after historic rains devastated the state earlier this month.

“Right now, the most important thing for farmers to do is learn the details of their crop insurance policies and immediately contact their crop insurance agent prior to making any additional investments in their crop,” Weathers said.

This story was written by Jonathan Veit, College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences, Clemson University.

Luke Bryan Turns Cancelled Farm Date into Chance to Help SC Flood Victims

[WIN 98.5](#), Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:27 p.m. EDT

Earlier this month, Luke Bryan was forced to wrap his 2015 Farm Tour with one show outstanding. He’d had to cancel his October 3 date in Columbia, South Carolina because of the massive flooding in the area. Now the show is back on, and he’s using it to help those affected by the devastation.

The show this Sunday at Colt Creek Farm in Pelion, South Carolina, also will be accompanied by a drive to buy food and supplies for those working to pick up the pieces. Sponsor Red Gold Tomatoes has pledged to give \$20,000 worth of tomatoes, with Luke’s other sponsors chipping in as well. You can also make a donation online to Harvest Hope Food Bank, the state’s largest.

“King Tide” floods parts of the peninsula

By Travis Rice

[WCBD](#) News 2, Mount Pleasant NBC, October 27, 2015

DOWNTOWN CHARLESTON, SC — Unusually high tides made a mess of the peninsula Tuesday.

Many road closures were lifted as the water receded, but the intersection of Wentworth and Barre street still remained flooded even in the evening.

Residents in Harleston Village are no stranger to flooding and call this week’s the highest they had seen in decades. “This one block where I live is the one block in this area where it doesn’t flood,” said Will Schutze while picking up garbage spilled out from floated trash bins. “It finally got us today.”

Schutze along with other Harleston Village neighbors spent their day cleaning up debris. “It felt like it was a little bit of a sneak attack,” said Ham Morris, another resident. “The last couple of days it’s been getting higher and higher than all of the sudden it came in like a river.”

Morris with other neighbors anticipate Wednesday’s king tide will be the worst of the week and are taking the precaution of putting sandbags around their entryways. “It’s a good time to be in the sandbagging business,” laughed Henry Fielder of Hughes Lumber.

Wednesday morning’s high tide is expected to peak at 9:03 AM.

The city of Charleston has opened up its city owned garages to residents wishing to avoid the tidal flooding. Neighbors can park in the garages for free until Thursday, October 29.

Watch out on streets near tidal waters, officials urge

By Bo Petersen and Dave Munday

[Charleston Post and Courier](#), Oct 27 5:25 pm

Serious flooding occurred Tuesday morning on back streets along the sounds on the barrier islands, as well as downtown, and officials are cautioning motorists to avoid those streets during high tide hours tonight and Wednesday morning.

The National Weather Service, Charleston has another coastal flood advisory is in effect from 7 p.m. to midnight. The tide is expected to peak around 8:47 p.m. between 7.5 and 7.9 feet, after peaking at 8.69 feet Tuesday morning. Charleston streets start flooding when the tide goes above 7 feet.

A high tide flood near 8 feet high will occur at 9:03 a.m. Wednesday, with effects felt from about an hour before until noon. High tides that can cause flooding are expected through Friday morning.

“Be prepared for the possibility of road closures and minor to moderate tidal flooding that could impact properties near tidal waterways. Do not attempt to drive through areas where salt water covers roads,” the weather service said.

“We really need for people to stay off the road, particularly in the hours of the peak flooding,” said Linda Tucker, Isle of Palms city administrator.

The city of Charleston will offer free parking at all city-owned garages beginning Tuesday night so that residents can avoid flooded streets, according to a news release. Residents should take parking card upon entry, then present the card when they leave, telling the attendant they parked at the garage due to high tides and rain.

The service will be available through noon Thursday, the release said.

Several Lowcountry roads closed following historic tide levels

By Suzelle Santos

[WCSC](#), Charleston CBS, Oct 27, 2015 1:56 PM EST

Charleston officials say the city saw it's fourth highest tide level ever observed Tuesday morning.

The combination of rain from the remnants of what was powerful Hurricane Patricia, on shore winds, and astronomical high tides caused significant flooding in the area. City officials say the flood waters are receding and roads are starting to open.

Officials say the next high tide will be at 8:39 p.m. The tide is not expected to be as high as it was earlier, but potential rain may increase the possibility of flooding.

Residents may want to consider traveling to work ahead of the high tide, officials say.

On-and-off rain is expected throughout the Lowcountry Tuesday with some heavy showers possible. There will be a high of 71 degrees.

A Coastal Flood Warning was in effect until noon for Beaufort, Berkeley, Colleton and Charleston counties. The National Weather Service said there would be flooding as a result of high tide, which happened at 8:10 a.m.

Charleston police are reporting the following road closures:

Wentworth and Barre streets

Morrison Drive from Cooper Street to Stuart Street

America Street from Lee Street to Cooper Street

Morrison Drive from Cooper Street to Stuart Street - down to one lane open in both directions

Charleston County Dispatch is reporting the following road closure on James Island:

Central Park Road and Fleming Road

Mount Pleasant Police are reporting the following road closures:

3rd Avenue before the boat ramp

The City of Isle of Palms is reporting flooding in the following areas:

41st Ave. where it intersects with Forest Trail and Waterway Blvd. from Duck Lane

Palm Boulevard and 4th Avenue

Waterway Boulevard

Charleston County Sheriff's Department is reporting the following road closure:

Crisp Road between Highway 174 and Oyster Factory Road

King tide rolls ashore causing flash flooding, again

BY AUDREY HUDSON

[Myrtle Beach Sun News](#)/Myrtle Beach Online, Oct. 27, 2015

Astronomically high tide reaches 8.6 feet on Pawleys Island

Low-lying streets flood in Garden City Beach, North Myrtle Beach, Pawleys Island

Dunes repaired in North Myrtle bulldozed over again by waves

The king tide rolling ashore this week caused flooding along low-lying areas of the Grand Strand on Tuesday, and the National Weather Service is predicting the water will rise even higher with Wednesday morning's tide.

Businesses along Atlantic Avenue in Garden City Beach prepared for the second onslaught this month of the unusually high tides by lining doorways with sandbags.

But at the Garden City Grocery, the rising marsh water simply rolled over the makeshift blockades creating a four-inch stream from one exit to another.

"These high tides are killing us," said Holly Hughes, who owns the grocery store. "It just kept coming in the back door, we couldn't keep up with it."

"This is supposed to be a fluke," Hughes said. "This wasn't supposed to happen again."

The king tide earlier this month mixed with record rainfall and the passing of Hurricane Joaquin offshore to cause flash flooding in North Myrtle Beach, Pawleys Island and Garden City. Beach erosion was also severe in those areas, with early estimates of damage from Pawleys Island reaching nearly \$1 million.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Ray DeBruhl says Tuesday's king tide was higher than what the Grand Strand experienced in early October, and Wednesday's tide will be higher.

"We have onshore wind (Wednesday) morning, which we really don't want to see," DeBruhl said.

Winds from the southeast are expected to reach 20 miles per hour. Pawleys Island Mayor Bill Otis, Jr. called the prediction "the worst combination."

With a super tide of eight-and-a-half feet on Tuesday, Otis said the streets were flooded and the dunes were getting hammered by waves.

Some dunes in North Myrtle Beach that were damaged by the storm earlier this month and plugged last week were bulldozed by the waves again on Tuesday.

City spokesman Pat Dowling said those breaches will be fixed as soon as the king tide recedes by Friday.

"This is typical for a king tide of that size," Dowling said. "When you have a high tide in a low-lying area, it's a recipe for flooding."

Georgetown County beach access number 60 became the most recent of entrances that have been closed to the public since the previous storm, joining Garden City number 44, and Litchfield access points number 62 through 65.

"Today's high tides did this one in," Jackie Broach, county spokeswoman, said in a statement Tuesday.

Broach warned that continuing high tides could cause additional damage at access points not marked as closed, and said beach goers should be cautious when crossing walkways.

Several Georgetown County beach accesses close due to high tides

By Whitney Hill

[WMBF](#) NBC Myrtle Beach-Florence, Oct 27, 2015

GEORGETOWN COUNTY, SC (WMBF) – Georgetown County Beach Access Number 60 was added to the list of closed access points on Tuesday after being done in by high tides, according to a news release from Georgetown County.

Beach Access Number 44 in Garden City and 62-65 in Litchfield Beach are also remaining closed.

Georgetown County would like to remind residents to not ignore tape and signs that indicate a beach access is closed. These accesses are closed due to structural damage that makes them not safe for use.

The release states the accesses will be repaired and reopened as soon as possible.

As high tides may continue to cause additional damage, residents are also asked to practice caution on beach accesses that are not marked as closed.

Coastal flooding returns this evening and Wednesday

By Jamie Arnold

[WMBF](#) NBC Myrtle Beach-Florence, Oct 27, 2015

MYRTLE BEACH, SC (WMBF) - Coastal Flood Advisories are once again in effect tonight through Wednesday as astronomical high tides combine with onshore winds to produce another round of flooding and erosion along the beaches.

The nearly full moon will keep tide levels above normal through the end of the week with the highest tides, sometimes called 'Spring Tides', occurring tonight and again on Wednesday. Northeast winds tonight, and a strong onshore, southerly wind early Wednesday will produce tide levels up to 2 to 3 feet above normal.

These high tides will bring another round of coastal flooding to areas from Garden City and Pawleys Island to Cherry Grove and North Myrtle Beach. Road closures are likely in these areas. Tuesday morning's high tide resulted in many flooded roads and even some beach access stairs being washed away in Surfside Beach.

The situation will be made worse by the fact that local beaches are still heavily eroded from October's high tide and flooding. In many areas, the beach is much smaller, and dunes have been damaged, meaning erosion and ocean overwash will be worse than what typically occurs.

Coastal flooding inundates homes, cars in Charleston area; more expected

By Bo Petersen, Andrew Knapp Prentiss Findlay

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

The tide had swept to just below the top step where Brooks Harrison stood Tuesday morning at Eastside Soul Food on America Street.

"Can't do business in the middle of this ocean," he said. Harrison and hundreds of other people who live or work near the saltwater edge won't do much better Wednesday morning.

Those areas face more widespread flooding before winds turn to give them their first break, dropping the morning high tide below the dangerous 8-foot level. Coastal floodwaters Tuesday morning came from one of the highest tides on record, swamping cars, seeping into homes and snarling traffic in downtown Charleston.

The Tuesday flood came surprisingly fast, sweeping across back streets along the sounds on the barrier islands as well as downtown, and officials cautioned motorists to avoid those streets during high-tide hours Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

The National Weather Service, Charleston, forecast the Tuesday night tide to peak around 8:47 p.m. between 7.5 and 7.9 feet, after peaking at 8.69 feet Tuesday morning. A high-tide flood near 8 feet will occur about 9 a.m. Wednesday, with effects felt from about an hour before until noon.

Charleston streets start flooding when the tide goes above 7 feet. Officials on Tuesday cautioned motorists to avoid those streets in the dark during high tides.

The tides have been driven by northeast wind and a full moon that's close to Earth, strengthening the satellite's pull on the planet's oceans. On top of that, Gulf Stream flow had slowed abnormally, said Steve Gill, NOAA Ocean Service chief scientist for its oceanographic services.

"That causes a pileup of water against the Southeast coast," he said. "So you're getting slammed."

The result wasn't pretty. Water flooded downtown homes whose owners were cleaning up after similar flood tides early this month. Surf swept through sandbags into or under homes at Wild Dunes on Isle of Palms — with enough strength that it damaged a concrete column in the garage under Ocean Club Villas.

"Some of the structures are sustaining significant damage," said City Administrator Linda Tucker.

At Folly Beach, the rising Folly River left 2 feet of water in the ground-floor apartment of Ginger Genesse and Marie Andrus on East Cooper Avenue.

"This was totally unexpected," Genesse said. "It was just pouring in both the front and back doors."

Motorists headed to the Charleston peninsula from James Island, West Ashley, Interstate 26 and Mount Pleasant reported gridlock Tuesday morning. Officials urged motorists to delay trips to the city until the floodwaters recede.

Flooding also closed roads in West Ashley, James Island, Mount Pleasant and the Isle of Palms.

Charleston County sheriff's deputies watched Main Road near Limehouse Bridge. The span has been closed twice because of flooding in the last two months, but no problems were reported Tuesday.

'Coming in so fast'

In nine years of living in the community Harleston Village, Rob Kramer has seen floodwater twice enter his home on Gadsden Street. Both times came this month. After floodwater crept inside his home during the historic rainstorm earlier this month, Kramer had to rip out soggy carpets, insulation and drywall.

He had just bought a new car to replace the one he lost. Then, just before 9 a.m. Tuesday, the water flowed down Wentworth Street toward his place again.

"I just said, 'Oh, no!'" he said. "It was coming in so fast." This time the water rose 2 inches higher, he said.

The floodwater rose to more than 3 feet near Barre and Wentworth streets in downtown Charleston, where it spilled into homes, sent a Honda floating into a fence and stalled a motorist's Land Rover in the intersection. Despite signs warning them to steer away from the flooding, motorists pushed through the water in SUVs and trucks.

Waves crashed into apartment homes and lapped onto the tailgate of the Toyota pickup that Jeff Sledden bought six months ago. Inside, water sloshed on the floorboards. When another SUV went by, sending more waves toward his Toyota, Sledden emerged from his duplex and raised his arms in frustration.

"I didn't know it was going to be this bad," he said. "I wasn't able to prepare."

'Deal with it'

Onlookers said Tuesday's flooding was worse than the historic flooding earlier in the month, and streets flooded in places not seen before except during hurricanes. It was felt up and down the coast, and cut farther into already seriously eroded dunes on Isle of Palms and Folly Beach.

"There's quite a bit of erosion on the east end of the island from 12th block east to 16th block east," said Eric Lutz, interim public works director.

Roads were closed throughout the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center at the former Navy base in North Charleston, and the main road to Seabrook Island was out. Every street on Fripp Island flooded and access to the resort was closed, the weather service reported.

Georgia Highway 80 to Tybee Island was under so much water only the bordering trees and light poles were clear of the ocean.

Kramer, of Harleston, said he thinks drainage improvements would help the community. He noted that Colonial Lake, two blocks from his home, still had room for more runoff Tuesday. But city officials, he said, told him that they could do nothing about the tidal flooding.

He spent much of Tuesday morning using a rake to catch mulch and trash from blocking the storm drain outside his home. Across the road, an empty canister of hummus swirled in circles above another drain.

"I'm sure I'll be doing the same thing again. It'll be like Groundhog Day," Kramer said. "It's hard not to get bitter. But what are you going to do? I love Charleston."

Dave Munday contributed to this report.

City to provide flood parking for residents

WHAT: Parking cards redeemed free for residents with concerns about parking on flooded streets

WHERE: Any city-owned parking garage (not applicable in privately owned lots)

HOW: Pull a parking card on entering the garage. Submit the card to the attendant and say the car was parked there because the neighborhood street was threatened by tidal and rain flooding

WHEN: Until noon Thursday. Cars must be out by then to qualify for free parking

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Morning News at 7 (News)

... for financial assistance from fema... apply for disaster loans from the u.s. small business administration....ap ...



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[FEMA on WTAT-CHS \(FOX\) - Charleston, SC](#)

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Morning News at 7 (News)

... there will be representatives from fema, the small business administration and other assistance programs.

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

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WACH Fox Good Day (News)

... assistance. >>> when it comes to applying for fema, here is that information. the hotline: if you got a letter denying ...



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

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WACH Fox Good Day (News)

... but privately owned dams generally aren't eligible for help from fema, and they are unlikely to be covered by private insurance, early indicators say the price to repair a dam ranges from ...



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FEMA on WFXB (FOX) - Myrtle Beach, SC

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Fox Morning News (News)

... who's been affected by the flood should register with fema people who live around dozs of lakes in south carolina are under emergency orders to repair or ...



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CBS This Morning (News)

... the case of an attack. they said how they coordinate with fema and local officials, they're working with the private sector for more resources in support. i think to your point, if the ...



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CBS This Morning (News)

... picked up the phone. i called homeland security. i called fema. i called the red cross. i got stuck in three different phone freeze. >> listening to your voice, god, ...



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FEMA on WBTW (CBS) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/27/2015 08:56:32

CBS This Morning (News)

... management will hold a press conference to discuss recovery efforts and fema eligibility status. the briefing starts at 10 this morning... at the m.i. brown public safety ...



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FEMA on WCNC-CLT (NBC) - Charlotte, NC

10/27/2015 09:58:05

Today (News)

... aren't eligible for help from fema. but the orders say homeowners must fix the dams. ...



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

10/27/2015 12:01:49

News 13 at Noon (News)

... randy webster says d-n-r continues to patrol flooded areas and fema representatives are still out helping people register for individual assistance. webster estimates more than 350 ...

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

10/27/2015 12:06:00

News 19 @ Noon (News)

... recovery effort. there will be help and disaster assistance from fema in newberry today. fema authorities will meet with victims until 7:00 p.m. richland county residents can ...

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[FEMA on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

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WIS News 10 MIDDAY (News)

... many--navigating the application process through fema to get federal assistance. team sc day was also set up in kingstree to serve florence and williamsburg counties. ...

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

10/27/2015 12:37:46

ABC Columbia News at Noon (News)

... after the historic flooding nearly three weeks ago. >> eric: fema is helping those still in need of assistance in newberry today. if you have not applied for help for flood and water damages fema ...

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[FEMA on WHNS \(FOX\) - Greenville, SC](#)

10/27/2015 16:25:33

FOX Carolina 4 O'Clock News (News)

... today is the last day for people living in newberry county to apply for fema assistance---- there are a couple of hours left... if you had damage to your home or property during ...

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

10/27/2015 17:04:49

ABC15 News at 5PM (News)

... roads and bridges. the county applied through assistance for fema. the federal assistance will remain in horry until services are no longer needed. if you are yet to register for ...

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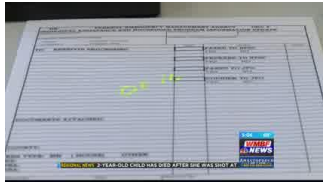
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WMBF News at 5 (News)

... been involved in. 7-hundred people in horry county have applied for fema assistance so far. fema is still in the area getting more people signed up. wmbf news reporter amy lipman ...

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

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WMBF News at 5 (News)

... million dollars of losses. fema has approved 2-point-3 million dollars to help people in horry county. people can get help for more ...



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

10/27/2015 17:32:10

WMBF News at 5:30 (News)

... from earlier this month-- if you've been ruled ineligible for fema reimbursement-- do not reapply-- that can cause more harm. if you received an ineligible letter-- your next step is to ...



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[FEMA on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/27/2015 17:47:28

WIS News 10 Live at 5:00 (News)

... -(click) >> anchor: devastating floods. >> anchor: fema is answering questions in clarendon county tonight about how flood victims can recover and rebuild. we are there. ...



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[FEMA on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/27/2015 17:50:57

WIS News 10 Live at 5:00 (News)

... about the needs that you have if you were impacted by the flood. it is fema, dso, dhcc, everyone is out here and clarendon county officials. if you can't make it tweet or facebook judy gaston and i. ...



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WMBF News at 5:30 (News)

... underway in horry county... how emergency management and fema are still working to get financial assistance to those affected plus... ...



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

10/27/2015 17:52:38

News 19 Friends @ 5 (News)

... >> to see a full list of road closures, fizz visit wltx.com. >> fema has been teaming up with home depot stores to help out. much of the information they give is geared for do it ...



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

10/27/2015 18:03:33

WMBF News at 6 (News)

... new details-- one family says the 2-point-3 million dollars of fema funding that has been approved for horry county so far - won't be enough to fix flooding damage. ...



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

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ABC15 News at 6PM (News)

... roads and bridges. the county applied through assistance for fema, the federal agency will remain in horry county until services are no longer needed. county and fema officials urge ...



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WMBF News at 6 (News)

... never any floods, but after we bought the house two months later, fema sent us a history of the house." when i visited ont h. octwaotheerr 6 was just in the living room. but it continued rising.. 12:13:15 rocco paglia, flood ...



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[FEMA on WSAV-SAV \(NBC\) - Savannah, GA](#)

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WSAV News 3 at 6:00 (News)

... tomorrow...and are still in line for help from fema. live in hilton head ashleigh holland wsav news three. it seemingly ...



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ABC15 News at 6PM (News)

... wall right there not like that. >> quite a few people had questions about fema denials, officials with the neighborhood council said some home owners got denials this week. >> little troubling to me why so ...



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10/27/2015 19:00:32

ABC15 News at 7PM (News)

... >>> some flood victims ve been denied teama ex-- teama assistance-- fema assistance. >>> a viral video under investigation, why an n officer took down a student and you hear from one of the students who ...



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ABC15 News at 7PM (News)

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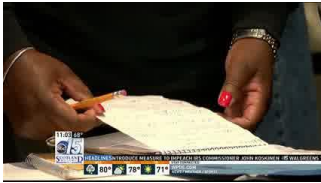
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ABC15 News at 11 (News)

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News 19 @ 4:30am (News)

... kershaw county residents can get their flood questions answered from fema today. there's a community meeting tonight at 5 at the lugoff fire department. several agencies will be there. ...



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WIS News 10 Sunrise (News)

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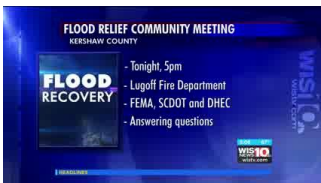
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News 13 First Morning (News)

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WIS News 10 Sunrise (News)

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

10/28/2015 05:11:49

WYFF News 4 @ 5am (News)

... upstate to the low country. allyson: we're joined now by deanna frazier with fema. how much financial assistance has fema provided in south carolina since the disaster was declared? ...



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

10/28/2015 05:13:07

WYFF News 4 @ 5am (News)

... deanna: i am assigned to this area to do media relations, but if you want to register for fema assistance you can do that in two ways. you can call us. allyson: it is on your screen. ...



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

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Good Morning Columbia (Other)

... is hosting a community meeting today at five tonight. fema... small business administration and other agencies will be in attendance. they will also be available to answer any questions that ...



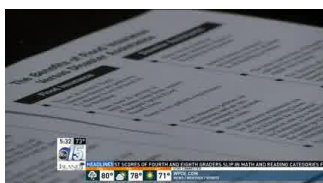
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Good Morning Carolinas (News)

... innung with a sacra face fly. upset after they say they've been denied fema assistance from this >>> some people living in florence county are you can set after they say they've been ...



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

10/28/2015 05:32:42

Good Morning Carolinas (News)

... the neighborhood council led flood forum yesterday. some homeowners asked fema why they were denied assistance. they told them to appeal because denial letter doesn't necessarily mean a closed case. ...



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

10/28/2015 05:35:17

WMBF News Today at 5:30 AM (News)

... currently- almost 4 thousand people in horry county have applied for fema assistance and so far, fema has approved 2 point 3 million dollars worth of funding. ...



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[FEMA on WCSC-CHS \(CBS\) - Charleston, SC](#)

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Live 5 News at 5:30a (News)

... for financial assistance from fema... apply for disaster loans from the small business administration, ...



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[FEMA on WCIV-CHS \(ABC\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/28/2015 05:35:54

Good Morning Charleston (News)

... s-b-a encourages people still dealing with damages to register with fema and complete a s-b-a disaster loan application. tessa) for more information on the current road closures and to ...



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[FEMA on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

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WIS News 10 Sunrise (News)

... a number of residents affected by the floods came out to talk with representatives from fema, the small business administration, a number of state agencies, county officials and the red cross. ...



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

10/28/2015 05:42:38

WYFF News 4 @ 5:30am (News)

... upstate to the low country. visiting this is deanna frazier with fema. great to have you with us. you talked earlier about the two counties in that area getting a system. ...



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

10/28/2015 05:44:24

WYFF News 4 @ 5:30am (News)

... with the flooding and all the loss they are experiencing, sometimes, fema will not be at the top of the best, but they're just trying to get by day today at this point. i want to remind them that, yes, ...



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[FEMA on WSOC-CLT \(ABC\) - Charlotte, NC](#)

10/28/2015 05:46:32

Eyewitness News Daybreak 5:00A (News)

... rig out how to replace dams. privately owned dams don't qualify for fema assistance. channel 9 investigated dams in k in north -- in north carolina. we found ...



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

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News 13 Early Morning (News)

... families and businesses the flood affected. that includes fema and disaster loan applications. unemployment and food stamp assistance. and "well water" test kits. ...



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WYFF News 4 @ 6am (News)

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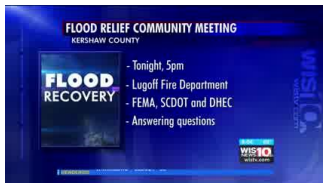
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WMBF News Today at 6 AM (News)

... almost four-thousand people in horry county have applied for fema assistance and fema has approved two-point- three million in funding so far. in a press conference..horry county emergency management ...



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News 19 @ 6am (News)

... >>> kershaw county residents can get their flood questions answered from fema today. we continue to tell you about this, because it's a great resource now as the recovery phase continues. ...



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

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Good Morning Columbia (Other)

... hosting a community meeting today at 5:00 tonight. fema, small business administration and other agencies will be in attendance. they will also be available to answer any questions that you ...



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

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Good Morning Carolinas (News)

... county tell us they're upset because they've been denied fema assistance. we'll tell you why officials are saying this doesn't mean it's the end for them. map k ...



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FEMA on WYFF (NBC) - Greenville, SC

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WYFF News 4 @ 6am (News)

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

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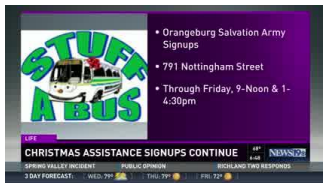
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FEMA on WYFF (NBC) - Greenville, SC

10/28/2015 06:37:47

WYFF News 4 @ 6am (News)

... or not venture, they can register by calling us at 800-621-fema or online at disasterassistance.gov. geoff: i just want to say you have also mentioned the scamming out there. ...



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

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News 19 @ 6am (News)

... the middle, kershaw county residents can get their flood questions answered from fema. >> there's another team south carolina event today. this time it is going to be in the lowcountry. ...



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