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Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources
16 W. Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Re: Annual Report on Dam Safety Grant Fund

Dear President Pro Tempore Berger and Speaker Hall:

The North Carolina General Assembly appropriates funds to the Department of Environmental Quality for Dam Safety Grants pursuant to § 143-215.32B. These appropriations provide grants to repair, modify, or remove North Carolina dams damaged by Hurricane Helene and other natural disasters. The law appropriating these funds requires the Department to submit an annual report (June 2025 – June 2026) detailing the projects funded, federal dollars drawn from the High Hazard Potential Dam Rehabilitation Grant Program for those projects, and locations, types, and justification of each project.

This report was prepared by the Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources in the Department of Environmental Quality. If you have questions about these reports, please contact DEQ Director of Legislator Affairs Emma Hennen, at (919) 817-0817.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'William E. Vinson, Jr.'.

W.E. Toby Vinson, PE

Director

Enclosures

cc: NCDEQ Office of the Secretary
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Projects Funded, Location, & Types Summary

	Dam Name	NC Grant Agreement #	Grant Amount Total	Award Date	State ID	Owner Type	Location	NC County	Scope Activity	Dam Design Type	Dam Purpose
1	Flowers Lake	101247-000	\$203,500	5/6/2026	CATAW-006	Private	Latitude: 35.801 Longitude: -81.158	Catawba	Construction	Earth	Recreation
2	Lake Junaluska	101243-000	\$198,275	4/23/2026	HAYWO-001	Private	Latitude: 35.527 Longitude: -82.963	Haywood	Design/ Construction	Earth, Concrete, Buttress	Recreation
3	Feeney	101249-000	\$2,559,942	6/1/2026	HENDE-003	Private	Latitude: 35.463 Longitude: -82.410	Henderson	Construction	Earth	Recreation
4	Lady Marian	101308-000	\$2,781,538	5/27/2026	MCDOW-010	Local Gov	Latitude: 35.694 Longitude: -82.026	McDowell	Design/ Construction	Earth	Recreation
5	Warrior Mountain	101251-000	\$561,000	4/27/2026	POLK-019	Private	Latitude: 35.243 Longitude: -82.278	Polk	Construction	Earth	Recreation
6	Laurel Lakes	101248-000	\$282,000	4/24/2026	RUTHE-062	Private	Latitude: 35.456 Longitude: -82.146	Rutherford	Construction	Earth	Recreation

Authorization: \$10,000,000

Total Obligated: \$6,586,255

Total Unobligated: \$3,413,745

High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) Rehabilitation Grant Program

Lake Junaluska Dam and Lady Marian Dam are participating in both the Dam Safety Grant Fund and the HHPD program. However, no federal funds have been drawn for these dams during this reporting period.

Project Selection Justification

All applications submitted during the first open funding period for qualifying dams were fully funded as indicated above. Since the total requested amount for qualifying dams was less than the available \$10,000,000, no additional requirements, merit-based rubrics, or project justifications were necessary.

NOTE: A second open period of funding opportunity was released on 2/18/2026 and closed on 6/19/2026 that will determine how the remaining unobligated funding will be disbursed. The funding selection announcement date for this second round is planned for September 2026.