

**Report to the North Carolina General Assembly's
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Agriculture and Environment and Natural Resources**



***Report on Quarterly Expenditures through the
North Carolina Flood Resiliency Blueprint
of Funds Allocated in SL 2021-180 Sec. 40.7***

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**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

Pursuant to SL 2021-180 Sec. 40.7(d)

Department of Environmental Quality
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Background

This report is submitted to meet the requirements of Session Law 2021-180 Section 40.7(d), as amended by SL 2022-43 Sec. 2 and SL 2024-32 Sec. 5.2, which requires the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to report on expenditures of funds authorized for stream debris removal and other flood mitigation strategies throughout the state. Specifically, Session Law 2021-180 Section 40.7(d) states:

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The Department shall report within 30 days of the end of each fiscal quarter in which funds are expended to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Environment and Natural Resources and the Fiscal Research Division regarding uses of the funds appropriated by this section. The report shall include a cumulative and quarterly listing of projects funded, counties where funded projects were located, and linear feet of streams cleared.

Report Structure

This report summarizes project expenditures through the NC Flood Resiliency Blueprint (Blueprint), as well as legislation impacting future expenditures. The information provided is up to date as of July 30th, 2026.

Blueprint staff began implementing projects with the \$96 million appropriated by the North Carolina General Assembly in 2024. To implement projects efficiently and responsibly, DEQ established project partnerships with fellow state agencies that administer programs with overlapping goals. Flood resilience is a complex challenge. Many state agencies and programs have missions that intersect with various aspects of flood resilience. Recognizing these areas of overlap has allowed the Blueprint to efficiently implement much needed resilience projects. By supporting the ongoing flood resilience work of Local Governments, North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM), the North Carolina Land and Water Fund (NCLWF), North Carolina office of Recovery and Resilience, and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDACS), the Blueprint has made possible the implementation of 81 projects worth over \$80 million for \$39,025,115.00 in costs to the program.

Table 1. Blueprint projects and expenditures by partner

Partner – Program	Amount	Individual Projects
DEQ Water Resources Development Grant Program	\$5,858,513.00	11
Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services StRAP	\$4,721,991.00	32
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – Land Water Fund	\$10,185,755.00	18
NC Emergency Management – 2023 Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund	\$3,910,000.00	3
Lumberton Recovery and Infrastructure Resilience - NCDPS	\$8,000,000.00	6
NC Department of Transportation	\$225,900.00	1
Direct Funding to Local Partners	\$4,434,006.00	9
Natural Infrastructure Flood Mitigation Program	\$1,688,950	1

The Blueprint partnered with DEQ's Natural Infrastructure Flood Mitigation Program within the Division of Mitigation Services to fund full delivery flood mitigation projects. The first contract was awarded 4/29/2026 to implement the Bladenboro South Main Street Flood Resiliency Project at a cost of \$1,688,950.

This quarter, the Blueprint contracted directly with local partners to fund seven projects in the French Broad Basin at a total cost of \$2,884,006. Additional French Broad projects, still in the contracting process as of 7/30/26, are not accounted for in this quarterly report.

Additionally, DEQ entered into an agreement, this quarter, with the Department of Agriculture – Consumer Services to fund a Agricultural Pond Flood Storage Pilot project. This partnership will identify and fund improvements and retrofits to farm ponds that provide additional flood storage through added capacity or improved management.

The Blueprint partnered with DEQ Division of Water Resources to fund a cycle of the Water Resources Development Grant program. That's the first dedicated solicitation fully funded through the Blueprint. The Blueprint and DWR awarded over \$5.8 million to 11 projects.

The Blueprint partnered with the Land and Water Fund (NCLWF) to fund three projects through the 2025 program cycle (in addition to 15 projects funded from previous cycles). The three projects were selected based on their ability to reduce flooding and include an innovative stormwater management in Smithfield and floodplain restorations in Clyde and Dunn.

The Blueprint provided \$50,000 for the Clyde's Downtown Building Elevation project to help fill gaps FEMA is unable to fund. The Blueprint is also supporting the City of Jacksonville's Scales Creek Watershed Improvement initiative with \$1,500,000 in order to improve the culvert crossing to the Hardison Hills Court community and restore an adjacent 1.5-acre wetlands within the floodplain.

The Blueprint partnered with NC DOT on a project to reinforce the shoulder and embankments where U.S. 74 crosses the Lumber River near the Columbus County town of Boardman. The improvements are necessary to reduce the potential for roadway damage and loss from flooding of the Lumber River. U.S. 74 is also a major east-west evacuation route making it essential to communities in need of emergency and community services during extreme weather events. The \$225,900 Blueprint investment is matched by \$1,800,000 in USDOT funds.

The six Lumberton Recovery and Infrastructure projects represent a range of project types. Two are stormwater system improvements to reduce localized flooding to housing and infrastructure. Three are fortification and retrofits for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure which will minimize the loss of function and the resulting damage and disruption from storms. One project is the relocation of PHA rental housing from areas that experience chronic flooding to an area outside of the 500-year flood plain.

The 32 StRAP projects with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services funded by the Blueprint are being disbursed through StRAP in the form of grants to local governments, Soil and Water Conservation Districts and nonprofits for stream debris removal and sediment removal. This effort benefits communities across the state in preventing future flooding, restoring streams and reducing the risk to life and property. The funding provides for debris removal for over 125 miles of streams.

The three projects funded through the NCEM 2023 Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund focus on infrastructure improvements.

Table 2. Blueprint projects and expenditures by county:

County	Projects	Funding (\$)
Avery	1	\$ 149,200.00
Beaufort	8	\$ 766,789.00
Bladen	1	\$ 1,688,950.00
Buncombe	2	\$ 1,106,780.00
Brunswick	1	\$ 344,000.00
Carteret	1	\$ 800,000.00
Chatham	1	\$ 1,407,236.00
Columbus	1	\$ 270,000.00
Cumberland	1	\$ 910,000.00
Dare	1	\$ 65,000.00
Duplin	3	\$ 158,000.00
Durham	2	\$ 1,100,000.00
Edgecombe	1	\$ 490,000.00
Harnett	1	\$ 270,500.00
Haywood	7	\$ 2,491,726.00
Henderson	3	\$ 1,060,625.00
Hyde	1	\$ 31,000.00
Johnston	1	\$ 1,458,351.00
Jones	3	\$ 872,414.00
Lee	1	\$ 1,500,000.00
Lenoir	2	\$ 777,956.00
Madison	1	\$ 789,023.00
Martin	4	\$ 1,060,000.00
Mitchell	1	\$ 346,000.00
New Hanover	2	\$ 885,150.00
Onslow	2	\$ 1,607,600.00
Pamlico	4	\$ 534,586.00
Pender	1	\$ 334,625.00
Person	1	\$ 1,250,000.00
Pitt	1	\$ 1,500,000.00
Robeson	8	\$ 12,080,300.00
Scotland	2	\$ 43,000.00
Wake	1	\$ 70,000.00
Wayne	1	\$ 151,950.00
Wilson	1	\$ 719,454.00
Yancey	1	\$ 100,000.00

In June 2025, HB 1012-Disaster Recovery Act of 2025 - Part II Section 2A.7.(a) takes \$20,000,000 away from Blueprint implementation and reallocates it “to Robeson County for State matching requirements for federal funding for the community-led Lumber River Basin Coalition waterway restoration project due to damage from PTC #8 and TS Debby.”

This change in funding will affect previous commitments and the program’s ability to fund projects identified through the ongoing River Basin Action Strategy processes. We have made adjustments to future contract amounts by \$20 million as shown in the table below.

Table 3. Funding allocation adjustments based on HB 1012

Program - Partner	Previously Committed	HB 1012 Adjustment	New Commitment
Agricultural Pond Flood Storage - Department of Agriculture Consumer Services	\$10,000,000.00	\$(1,000,000.00)	\$9,000,000.00
Natural Infrastructure Flood Mitigation Program Implementation - DEQ Mitigation Services	\$10,000,000.00	\$(5,000,000.00)	\$5,000,000.00
Resilient Transportation - NC Dept. Of Transportation	\$9,730,000.00	\$(7,000,000.00)	\$2,730,000.00
French Broad Resilient Recovery Opportunities - Direct Funding Local Governments	\$10,000,000.00	\$(1,000,000.00)	\$9,000,000.00
Funds for Actions Prioritized RBAS process	\$18,098,603.00	\$(6,000,000.00)	\$12,098,603.00

Table 4. Overall flood resilience funding allocation to date with the HB1012 adjustment is presented below. Total of \$76,142,500.

Program - Partner	Total Committed With Partners	Funded	Contracting in process
StRAP 2023 - Department of Agriculture Consumer Services		\$ 4,387,666.00	
Land Water Fund - Department of Natural and Cultural Resources		\$10,186,755.00	
Disaster Relief and Mitigation Grants - NC Emergency Management		\$3,910,000.00	
Direct Funding Local Governments		\$1,550,000.00	\$ 2,129,476
Lumberton Recovery and Infrastructure Resilience - NCDPS		\$8,000,000.00	
Water Resources Development Grants - DEQ - Water Resources		\$5,858,513.00	
Agricultural Pond Flood Storage - Department of Agriculture Consumer Services			\$9,000,000.00
Natural Infrastructure Flood Mitigation Program Implementation - DEQ Mitigation Services		\$5,000,000.00	
Resilient Transportation - NC Dept. Of Transportation	\$2,774,100.00	\$225,900.00	
French Broad Resilient Recovery Opportunities - Direct Funding Local Governments	\$2,015,994.00	\$2,884,006.00	\$4,100,000.00
Funds for Actions Prioritized RBAS process	\$11,240,090.00		
Administration		\$2,880,000.00	
Totals	\$16,030,184.00	\$53,882,840.00	\$6,229,476.00

Table 5. Projects and awards funded through the Flood Resiliency Blueprint to date.

Project Name	Applicant	County	River Basin	Project Type	Supportin g Partner	DEQ Award	Projected Constructio n Start Date	Implementation Notes
Avery SWCD	Avery SWCD	Avery	French Broad	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 149,200.00	completed	Project completed and closed. Total completed work is 9,601 feet of stream debris removal. Final reimbursement made on 6/19/2025.
Town of Robersonville	Town of Robersonville	Martin	Tar-Pamlico	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 255,000.00	completed	Project complete and closed. Total completed work is debris removal on 34,694 feet of stream.
Town of Parmele	Town of Parmele	Martin	Tar-Pamlico	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 245,000.00	completed	Project complete and closed. Completed work includes 49,000 feet of stream debris removal.
Pender Soil & Water Cons District	Pender Soil & Water	Pender	Cape Fear	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 334,625.00	TBD	Grantee is preparing bid contracts for upcoming contracts.

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Town of Rowland	Town of Rowland	Robeson	Lumber	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 500,000.00	completed	Project completed and in process of closing out contract. Completed work includes 31,993 feet of stream debris removal.
Pamlico SWCD	Pamlico SWCD	Pamlico	Neuse	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 148,810.00	completed	Stream debris removal began in Dec 2025 and completed in Jan 2026. Site inspected. Pending contractor invoice. Marked as Final report but will keep open for SOW revision if new sites identified.
Edgecombe County SWCD	Edgecombe County SWCD	Edgecombe	Tar-Pamlico	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 490,000.00	underway	Stream debris removal work completed on Moccasin Creek, Mitchell Swamp and Knight Canal. Inspection completed March 2026.
Mitchell SWCD	Mitchell SWCD	Mitchell	French Broad	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 346,000.00	underway	All debris removal sites are complete. Stream stabilization on Cane Creek is still in design phase. Work is planned to begin 2Q2026.
Martin SWCD	Martin SWCD	Martin	Tar-Pamlico	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 185,000.00	completed	Work is complete; pending payment. Total completed work is 43,770 feet of stream debris removal.
Robeson County Church and Community Center	Robeson County Church and Community Center	Robeson	Lumber	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 140,816.00	completed	Project complete and closed out. Total completed work is 19,249 feet of stream debris removal.
Robeson County Drainage District 1	Robeson County Drainage District 2	Robeson	Lumber	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 132,500.00	TBD	First quarterly report was due 4/30/2025. Quarterly reporting is still outstanding.
Town of Pembroke	Town of Pembroke	Robeson	Lumber	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 159,184.00	Completed	Project complete and closed out. Total completed work is debris removal on 8,964 feet of stream.
Town of Bear Grass	Town of Bear Grass	Martin	Tar-Pamlico	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 375,000.00	completed	Work is complete. Completed work includes removal of woody debris from 75,000 feet of stream.
Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District	Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District	Wayne	Neuse	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 151,950.00	underway	Snatchilt Clearing has completed all previous segments in Dec 2025. New segments will be added to use the majority of the funds. Debris removal was

								completed on 31,053 feet of stream.
Town of Beulaville, N.C.	Town of Beulaville, N.C.	Duplin	Cape Fear	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 33,000.00	Completed	Project completed and closed. Total completed work is stream debris removal on 1,800 feet of stream.
Town of Magnolia	Town of Magnolia	Duplin	Cape Fear	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 10,000.00	unknown	First quarterly report was due 4/30/2025. Quarterly reporting is still outstanding.
Town of Leland	Town of Leland	Brunswick	Cape Fear	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 344,000.00	completed	Removed debris from Jackeys Creek 8863 lf, removed 5 beaver dams. Additional debris cleanup of 20,953 lf on another section of stream
Loves Creek Tributary 2 - Section 4	Town of Siler City	Chatham	Cape Fear	Stream Restoration	NCDACS	\$ 85,150.00	unknown	<i>Awaiting the first quarterly report with status update.</i>
City of Washington	City of Washington	Beaufort	Tar-Pamlico	Sediment Removal	NCDACS	\$ 14,130.00	Underway	Scope of Work Revision Addendum #2 to encumber remaining funds on contract was submitted 12/22/25 and approved on 12/23/25. Completion of work to complete contract will be performed during the first quarter of 2026, weather permitting. Work on Strap 13A, one of the two last addendum sites completed as of 3/4/2026; awaiting contractor availability to complete the remaining segment 12A.
Ditch ID9	Town of Vandemere	Pamlico	Neuse	Sediment Removal	NCDACS	\$ 123,495.00	underway	Phase 1 work completed - debris removal, bank stabilization, seeding sediment control and inspection. RFP submitted.
Hasty beside the church Water Creek	Scotland SWCD	Scotland	Lumber	Sediment Removal	NCDACS	\$ 35,000.00	Completed	Project completed. Total completed work includes sediment removal on 4,955 feet of stream, and woody stream debris removal on 6,171 feet of stream.
StRAP 1- West 9th 10th	City of Washington	Beaufort	Tar-Pamlico	Sediment Removal	NCDACS	\$ 4,650.00	Completed	Project complete

Strap 2 - West 12th 13th	City of Washington	Beaufort	Tar-Pamlico	Sediment Removal	NCDACS	\$ 5,550.00	underway	Scope of Work Revision Addendum #2 to encumber remaining funds on contract was submitted 12/22/25 and approved on 12/23/25. Completion of work to complete contract will be performed during the first quarter of 2026, weather permitting. Work on Strap 13A, one of the two last addendum sites completed as of 3/4/2026; awaiting contractor availability to complete the remaining segment 12A.
Azalea Behind Church Water Creek	Scotland SWCD	Scotland	Lumber	Sediment Removal	NCDACS	\$ 8,000.00	Completed	Project complete.
Ditch IDs 14-31	Town of Vandemere	Pamlico	Neuse	Sediment Removal	NCDACS	\$ 171,041.00	1/6/2025	Wetland and riparian buffer delineations are underway for permitting applications. Began bidding process; engineering contract delayed due to other projects.
Strap 5 - East 9th Street	City of Washington	Beaufort	Tar-Pamlico	Sediment Removal	NCDACS	\$ 12,600.00	12/4/2024	. (See above comments about Washington projects)
Ditch ID 10	Town of Vandemere	Pamlico	Neuse	Sediment Removal	NCDACS	\$ 91,240.00	1/6/2025	Wetland and riparian buffer delineations are underway for permitting applications. Began bidding process; engineering contract delayed due to other projects.
Strap 4 - E 12th 13th	City of Washington	Beaufort	Tar-Pamlico	Sediment Removal	NCDACS	\$ 4,500.00	12/4/2024	Project complete
Strap 6 - Bennett Street	City of Washington	Beaufort	Tar-Pamlico	Sediment Removal	NCDACS	\$ 8,550.00	12/4/2024	Project complete
Strap 3 - East 13th 14 th	City of Washington	Beaufort	Tar-Pamlico	Sediment Removal	NCDACS	\$ 12,000.00	12/4/2024	(See above comments about Washington projects)
Swamp Road Ditch	Hyde SWCD	Hyde	Tar-Pamlico	Infrastructure.	NCDACS	\$ 31,000.00	underway	Mulching and some clean up on Swamp Road Project
Nickelson Branch	Town of Wallace	Duplin	Cape Fear	Infrastructure.	NCDACS	\$ 115,000.00	completed	Used 50% report to notate final quarterly report. Provided final budget report in Jan 2026. Work focused on Boney Mill Pond and stream outflowing structure-completed repairs included stream debris removal, removal of pond sediment, repairs to outlet structure,

								bank stabilization around outflow pipe, and maintenance of head wall.
Beaufort SWCD	Beaufort SWCD	Beaufort	Tar-Pamlico	Stream Debris Removal	NCDACS	\$ 132,500	completed	All work completed on last project- total work completed to date is 40,700 feet of stream debris removal. No work done this quarter. Additional sites being evaluated for proposals in August
Little Buffalo Creek MIT	Sanford	Lee	Cape Fear	Infrastructure.	NCDPS	\$ 1,500,000.00	May 2026	The contractor has made excellent progress with the construction of the floodplain culvert. The floodplain culvert barrel has been constructed, and the contractor has started replacing the backfill over the culvert. The riprap protection along the streambanks has also been placed. All that remains is the replacement of the road and cleaning up the site for demobilization.
Lyon & Ivy Culvert Replacement	Fayetteville	Cumberland	Cape Fear	Infrastructure.	NCDPS	\$ 910,000.00	7/1/2024	April – Clearing and grubbing / tree removal for project in stage areas 3 & 4. May – Installed water line in Lyon Road (stage 3) and drainage pipe from Rogers Drive to Lyon Road June – Started sewer line work in Lyon Road
East Fire tower Rd Drainage & Stream Resto.	Greenville	Pitt	Tar-Pamlico	Infrastructure.	NCDPS	\$ 1,500,000.00	6/2/2025	During the reporting period, the project continued advancing through the 90% design phase, including roadway plans, grading, profiles, plan sheets, culvert and structural layouts, and traffic control revisions. Permitting work progressed through FEMA CSR development, no-rise analyses, erosion and sediment control documentation, permit drawings, StormCAD modeling, and coordination with NCDOT, FEMA, USFWS, and Section 404/401 requirements. Traffic Maintenance Plan updates continued, while

								prior geotechnical findings supported design with no new geotech or survey work completed. The team also prepared public engagement materials, maps, and easement exhibits, continued stakeholder coordination, and completed grant management tasks, including monthly reporting and preparation of RFRs 1, 2, and 3.
2022-FRR20 Upper Pigeon River Flood Mitigation	Haywood Waterways	Haywood	French Broad	Flood Risk Reduction	NCLWF	\$ 800,000.00	August, 2026	Property acquisition date has been set for July 22. State funds received in advance of closing. The applicants have dollars secured post- acquisition to begin restoration and public access design and implementation shortly thereafter. Expect restoration and access construction to be completed before the end of year. Additional analysis has occurred at and nearby the mill site for potential easement opportunities and hydrology opportunities related to resiliency. Progress continues on previously funded Pigeon River access project. There is no timeline established, as negotiations continue with Two Banks Development on the drop yard.
2022-FRR26 Adkin Branch Flood Mitigation Phase I Construction	Kinston	Lenoir	Neuse	Flood Risk Reduction	NCLWF	\$ 472,750.00	10/31/2025	No major updates for this reporting period. The table below shows the percentage of work completed by task on Phase II Engineering Services that will result in the design and permitting needed to get the project ready to bid. Phase II is 58.43% complete. Phase 2 Description Lump Sum Fee Total Completed Percent Completed Project Management \$88,960 \$54,265.60 61.00% Data Collection \$28,710 \$19,120.86 71.00% Field Surveying, SUE, Geotech

								\$271,550 \$241,951.05 89.10% Stakeholder Engagement \$32,300 \$8,721.00 27.00% Design of Improvements \$551,250 \$341,775.00 62.00% Permitting \$183,560 \$33,040.80 18.00% Design Phase Meetings \$18,760 \$5,515.44 29.40% Reimbursable Expenses \$6,000 \$625.00 - Additional Services \$27,500 - TOTALS \$1,208,590 \$706,277.99 58.43%
2022-FRR12 South Ellerbe Restoration Project	Durham	Durham	Neuse	Flood Risk Reduction	NCLWF	\$ 500,000.00	Early 2027	NCLWF grants will be used for Phase 3B, which is expected to be advertised for bid in August, 2026, and under contract by the end of 2026. Phase 3A is currently under construction, and includes work to realign utilities. Work performed during Phase 3A is not eligible for use of NCLWF funds. Phase 3B will follow Phase 3A.
2022-FRR28 Lumberton Loop Five Mile Branch and Saddletree Swamp Confluence	Lumberton	Robeson	Lumber	Flood Risk Reduction	NCLWF	\$ 800,000.00	4/30/2026	All six property-owner letters of intent were secured in January 2026. Permitting remains underway and is expected to be completed by July 2026. Design is progressing on schedule, with surveys, hydraulic modeling, and schematic design complete, and construction documentation about 60% complete toward the August 2026 milestone. Conservation agreements are nearly finalized, with the final plat ready for recordation and deed restriction language approved, on track for June 2026. The Design-Build Agreement was executed

								in December 2024, with the GMP expected before the Notice to Proceed. Stream restoration construction is planned to begin in February 2027, pending permits, with overall completion still targeted for August 2027. Current cost estimates remain within the target range, and final GMP is expected by January 2027.
2022-FRR29 Maple Street Green Stormwater Improvement Project	Maysville	Jones	White Oak	Flood Risk Reduction	NCLWF	\$ 355,600.00	11/30/2024	The town sent a letter to property owners and never heard back from them. Since the board has voted to do eminent domain. We are currently with the town attorney for the path forward. Also the town is waiting on the status of the BRIC grant since its been reinstated.
2024-051 TCF Schoolfield	The Conservati on Fund	Robeson	Lumber	Acquisitio n	NCLWF	\$ 800,000.00	Projected Closing date 2/28/2026	TCF is still working with the family that owns the property, active negotiations regarding purchase price.
2024-428 Wilmington - Wisteria and Clearbrook - Restoration	City of Wilmington	New Hanover	Cape Fear	Restoratio n	NCLWF	\$ 800,000.00	6/1/2026	All property acquisitions have been acquired by the city, and all property owners have been provided their compensation. The contract has been fully executed, and a pre-construction meeting was held in May. The construction start date is July 6th, 2026.
2024-056 TLC Low grounds	Triangle Land Conservan cy	Johnston	Neuse	Acquisitio n	NCLWF	\$ 800,000.00	Projected Closing date 7/21/2026	Due diligence documents have been received, reviewed by NCLWF and now with DNCR legal for final approval. Closing is tentatively re-scheduled for July 30, 2026.
2024-038 WRC Big Swamp	NC Wildlife Resources Commissi on	Robeson	Lumber	Acquisitio n	NCLWF	\$ 800,000.00	Closing date to be determined.	WRC closed on the 2,519 acre property in March 2026 and it is now in State ownership. NCLWF coordinating with WRC on grant close out.

2022-FRR02 Bailey Creek Nature-Based Tributary Improvements	Aurora	Beaufort	Tar-Pamlico	Flood Risk Reduction	NCLWF	\$ 704,809.00	6/1/2027	The engineering firm completed 30% designs and submitted them to CAMA for major permit review. After a May 27 on-site scoping meeting, CAMA indicated the project could not be permitted as designed due to impacts to coastal wetlands, and mitigation was not supported by permitting agencies. The project is now being redesigned. The team is considering a more traditional floodplain capacity improvement approach that directs water west of the tributary into floodplain storage areas. A meeting with Nutrien is scheduled for July 1, and updated concept designs are expected within a month for Land and Water Fund approval. Participation from east-side property owners will likely no longer be needed, except potentially for access easements. This permitting issue has delayed the timeline, but the team hopes design can still be completed this year and construction finished before the July 2027 grant deadline. An extension will be requested if needed. The consultant is also continuing to develop construction bid documents pending final design approval under the project MOA.
2022-FRR35 Newport River Restoration Initiative Phase II	NCCF	Carteret	White Oak	Flood Risk Reduction	NCLWF	\$ 800,000.00	7/1/2026	The consultant is still developing the construction bid documents to be advertised. The consultant is waiting on the final approval from the Federation for these designs per the MOA between the Federation, NCCLT, and NCLWF.
2022-FRR03 Caswell Farm Water Farming Demonstration and Research Project	NCSU	Lenoir	Neuse	Flood Risk Reduction	NCLWF	\$ 305,206.00	8/31/2026	Construction is complete, pre-installation monitoring complete.

2022-FRR16 Hofmann Forest Water Farming Demonstration and Research Project	NCSU	Onslow	White Oak	Flood Risk Reduction	NCLWF	\$ 107,600.00	4/30/2025	During the reporting period of January 10, 2026 to May 18, 2026, the project team continued monitoring water quality at three sites and tracking tree growth in both experimental and control plots. Key construction progress included raising a previously built berm in February 2026, following contractor quotes obtained in January. No new issues with permits, agreements, or design documents were reported, and several deliverables were noted as not applicable at this stage. The project timeline has been officially extended to November 2027. Overall, the project is progressing as expected, with field monitoring ongoing and construction adjustments completed.
2022-FRR61 Whiteville Stormwater Park	Whiteville	Columb.	Lumber	Flood Risk Reduction	NCLWF	\$ 396,814.00	6/30/2026	The Whiteville Community Space project continues to advance on schedule, with significant construction milestones reached since the previous update. Recent work includes hydroseeding around the ponds and eastern sidewalk, completion of the bandshell pre-construction meeting, and commencement of structural bandshell construction through installation of rebar, poured footers, and poured columns. Upcoming activities include the arrival of the block mason to begin CMU installation, delivery and erection of structural steel beginning June 22, and installation of temporary power. With 26 days remaining until substantial completion,

								the project is progressing efficiently toward its next major deadlines and remains aligned with the established construction timeline. Construction is expected to reach substantial completion on July 15, 2026 , with final completion scheduled for August 14, 2026
2022-FRR24 Lower Mud Creek Floodplain Restoration and Flood Reduction Project	Henderso nville	Henders.	French Broad	Flood Risk Reduction	NCLWF	\$ 604,625.00	9/30/2025	The project consists of two components - floodplain restoration and land acquisition. 1. Floodplain restoration - Construction, led by Shamrock Construction & Remediation, LLC has been moving along very smoothly. The Brevard Church Site is largely complete and planted except for the smart water structures, which will be installed in the coming weeks. The Wilson Site construction has begun and significant work has been completed on the bank grading and berm removal. Construction is scheduled to be complete by Sept. 15, 2026. Wildlands Engineering will conduct construction admin. EcoForesters has been retained to complete invasive species management on the project sites. 2. Land acquisition - This update remains the same, although progress has been made with Conserving Carolina and they have agreed to give the purchase option to the city. --This update remains the same. A new closing date is expected to be set for early Spring 2026.
NCDPS_INF01 Pembroke Stormwater/Flood ing Improvements	Pembroke	Robeson	Lumber	Infrastruct ure Stormwater r	NCDPS	\$ 419,202.07	TBD	\$37,763.00 DEQ funds spent on engineering and CSX. A new design has been created and Environmental Review is currently underway.

NCDPS_INF02 Fairmont WWTP Improvements	Fairmont	Robeson	Lumber	Critical Infrastruct ure	NCDPS	\$ 1,304,380.2 5	12/19/2024	Project is currently in closeout phase.
NCDPS_INF03 St. Pauls Stormwater Improvements	St. Pauls	Robeson	Lumber	Infrastruct ure Stormwater r	NCDPS	\$ 200,000.00	9/9/2024	Project is complete. Awaiting final reimbursement requests and documentation needed for closeout.
NCDPS_INF04 Maxton Lift Station Improvements	Maxton	Robeson	Lumber	Critical Infrastruct ure	NCDPS	\$ 173,924.13	10/14/2024	Awaiting final documentation and info from DOL to closeout.
NCDPS_INF05 Lumberton PHA Rental Housing	Lumberton	Robeson	Lumber	Housing	NCDPS	\$ 5,275,326.4 3	TBD	ERR expired and was just redone and posted.
NCDPS_INF06 Lumberton EOC Legend Rd. Water Supply	Lumberton	Robeson	Lumber	Critical Infrastruct ure	NCDPS	\$ 627,167.12	9/2/2024	Project in punch list phase. Awaiting final closeout documentation and reimbursement requests.
Protecting US 74 at the Lumber River		Columbus	Lumber	Critical Infrastruct ure	NC DOT	\$ 225,900	TBD	Agreement signed June 2025. Design and engineering is nearing completion.
Main Street, Pollocksville	Pollocksville	Jones	Neuse	Infrastruct ure	Local	\$ 120,000	TBD	<i>FEMA BRIC funding litigation has been resolved, however estimated cost projections have increased in the interim. Awaiting receipt of those new estimates for evaluation.</i>
Wilson City Jetstream Park Ponds	City of Wilson	Wilson	Neuse	Nature- based	WRDG	\$ 395,254.00	TBD	May 15, 2026 – Met with NCDEQ to discuss Buffer Determination. May 21, 2026 – City staff met with an NCDEQ representative for the Buffer Determination. It was confirmed that Buffer Authorization was not required. Land control agreement is in progress for Starship Pond. Access permission granted for permitting preparation. Anticipated completion date: 10/31/2026. Permitting completion date: 10/31/2026. Design Plan, Engineering, and Bidding: 30 % completed with finalization to begin once contract with NC State is

								complete. Anticipated Completion Date: 9/30/2026
R&F Hollow Riverbank Restoration	Town of Marshall	Madison	French Broad	Stream Restoration	WRDG	\$ 789,023.00	TBD	Project Activities this quarter: 1. Landowner and partner meetings and communication 2. Rollins landowner signatures of Permitting Authorization Forms (DEMLR) complete 3. Coordination with Town of Marshall regarding possible Town acquisition of Fortner Hollow properties 4. StRAP matching funds SOW revision to allow for Rollins side of work to proceed first complete. This will allow pending land transfer to complete without slowing overall project timeline 5. Permitting underway 6. Draft design finalized 7. Coordination with local contractors for updated cost estimates including hauling spoils per design specification. Coordination with Town of Marshall to secure space to haul spoils outside of floodplain. Design update: This quarterly progress report describes work completed toward implementing the Rollins/ Fortner Hollow Riverbank Restoration project funded in part by NCDWR. The contract with Jennings Environmental PLLC extends through December 31, 2027 for a total fee of \$85,000. Task 1: Site Assessment Topographic survey: Complete Erosion assessment: Complete SVAP2: Complete BEHI & NBS: Complete Riparian inventory: Complete Task 2: Design Development Reference reach: Partially complete Sediment transport: Partially complete FEMA flood study considering downstream dam removal: Partially complete 60% design plans for permit applications: Partially complete Task 3: Permitting USACE/NCDWR 404/401 Environmental Permits: Partially complete

								Floodplain Development Permit: Partially complete NCDEMLR Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
Stoney Creek Wetland Restoration	Tow of Nashville-Parks & Rec	Person	Tar-Pamlico	Wetland Restoration	WRDG	\$ 1,250,000.00	TBD	The contract with the grantee was fully executed on 11/20/2025. WRDG hasn't received any reimbursement requests yet.
Whispering Pines	Durham County	Durham	Neuse	Stream Restoration	WRDG	\$ 600,000.00	TBD	The contract with the grantee was fully executed on 1/28/2026. WRDG hasn't received any reimbursement requests yet.
Beaver Creek Nature Park Stream and Floodplain Restoration	Town of Apex	Chatham	Cape Fear	Stream/Floodplain Restoration	WRDG	\$ 1,407,236.00	TBD	The contract with the grantee was fully executed on 12/16/2025. WRDG hasn't received any reimbursement requests yet.
Town of Clyde Flood Resiliency	Southwestern Commission	Haywood	French Broad	Floodplain Restoration	WRDG	\$ 110,000.00	TBD	The contract with the grantee was fully executed on 12/15/2026. WRDG hasn't received any reimbursement requests yet.
Wilson City Ops Center CSW	City of Wilson	Wilson	Neuse	Nature-based CSW	WRDG	\$ 324,200.00	TBD	May and June 2026- Discussions with NC State regarding the contract continued. Permitting planned to be completed in Spring 2027
Cattail Creek Flood Resiliency	Yancey County-SWCD	Yancey	French Broad	Stream/Floodplain Restoration	WRDG	\$ 100,000.00	TBD	The project team is still pursuing matching funds for engineering services. Coordination with NCDOT is needed to clarify project scope, timelines, and land acquisition, as NCDOT is acquiring property along the corridor for road construction. Several properties are involved in the mitigation buyout process, including land owned by Dean Russell and two residential structures that must be demolished to install the controlled floodway. The Mt Farm Bridge replacement is scheduled through the State Private Roads and Bridges Program, but timing and design details must be

								confirmed before next steps proceed.
Linkhaw Road Flood Mitigation	City of Lumberton	Robeson	Lumber	Stormwater Infrastructure Improvement	WRDG	\$ 747,800.00	TBD	The project is in the preconstruction phase. Engineering and design, bidding/procurement, and permitting has been completed. Construction is anticipated to begin on or around 01 September 2026 and is expected to take approximately eight (8) months to complete. Current anticipated obstacles are potential delays in receiving the culvert pipe necessary to complete the project. The delay is simply due to supply chain issues and is not related to conditions at the project site or capacity.
Hatteras Village Stormwater	Dare County	Dare	Tar-Pamlico	Stormwater Infrastructure Improvement	WRDG	\$ 65,000.00	TBD	The contract with the grantee was fully executed on 12/09/2025. WRDG hasn't received any reimbursement requests yet.
Walnut Creek Stream and Floodplain	Wake County-SWCD	Wake	Neuse	Stream/Floodplain Restoration	WRDG	\$ 70,000.00	TBD	The contract with the grantee was fully executed on 12/12/2025. WRDG hasn't received any reimbursement requests yet.
2025-408 CWA Stony Run Corridor Restoration	Carolina Wetland Association	Harnett	Cape Fear	Stream/Floodplain Restoration	NCLWF	\$ 270,500.00	TBD	Project Activities this Quarter: • Partners meetings and communication • Identification of scope of work and MOA for engineering services • Permitting application and discussions • Site assessments and design updates • Aquatic surveys
2025-411 HWA Flood Resiliency Pigeon River at Clyde	Haywood Waterways Association	Haywood	French Broad	Floodplain Reconnection/Stream Restoration	NCLWF	\$ 210,500.00	TBD	The river survey and assessment are complete and supporting design, flood study, and permitting efforts. A preliminary plan has been

								prepared for Army Corps and NCDEQ permits, including tree preservation/removal planning. Work is on hold pending sewer line relocation by the Town. Funding and design are in place, with bidding expected by late July and construction estimated at 180 days. Floodplain bench construction will begin after sewer work is complete. Permit applications are targeted for August, spoil placement sites are being identified, and a conceptual design will be developed for community engagement.
2025-1003 Smithfield-College Pond Retrofit	Town of Smithfield	Johnston	Neuse	Innovative Stormwater	NCLWF	\$ 658,351.00	TBD	Contract signed in July, 2026
Clyde Downtown Core: Elevations and Floodproofing	Town of Clyde	Haywood	French Broad	Structure-Based	Local	\$ 50,000.00	TBD	Agreement Executed October 2025 April 2026 - June 2026: 1) The Town and NCEM signed and submitted the official construction funding request to FEMA in February 2026. Once an award letter from FEMA is received and executed, the Town will commence with distribution of the DEQ funds supporting the "flood insurance on-ramp" program. Anticipated "permitting" and "bidding" timelines (connected to the FEMA HMGP scope of work) have been adjusted accordingly.
City of Jacksonville: Scales Creek	Jacksonville	Onslow	White Oak	Infrastructure and Floodplain	Local	\$1,500,000.00	July 2026	From April 1 to June 30, 2026, the project team made strong progress toward the 60% permit submission

Watershed Improvements				restoration				milestone. Revised designs for stream restoration, wetland restoration, and culvert improvements were completed and refined based on stakeholder feedback, with a focus on reducing flood risk, restoring environmental functions, and improving long-term watershed resilience. The City continued coordinating with nearby property owners regarding easements and construction access to support future implementation. A funding application was also submitted to FEMA's BRIC program for supplemental construction funding, which, if awarded, could expand the project and increase flood protection benefits for the Scales Creek community.
Town of Clyde, Downtown Floodable Riverfront Park	Town of Clyde	Haywood	French Broad	Infrastructure and Floodplain restoration		\$401,226	TBD	April 2026 - June 2026: 1)The Town successfully contracted for program management, design / engineering, and permitting services requisite of the project, with service agreements in alignment with the project budget submitted to DEQ in February 2026. 2)Kick-off meeting with the project team on-site in Clyde / updates to design-bidding projects schedule provided. 4)Determinations of applicable deed restrictions and regulations were clarified and determined. 5)Schematic Design (SD) packaged delivered + review meeting (attached as Proof of Work). 6)Augmentative grant application for the pavilion component of the project was submitted to the Haywood County Tourism Development Authority (TDA), and was awarded. 6)Revised SD Site Plan + review meeting.

Town of Woodfin, Riverside Park Flood Mitigation and Stormwater Improvements	Town of Woodfin	Buncombe	French Broad	Infrastructure and Floodplain restoration		\$284,000	TBD	Contract executed.
Town of Canton, Chestnut Mountain Floodplain Restoration	Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy	Haywood	French Broad	Infrastructure and Floodplain restoration		\$470,000	TBD	Contract executed.
City of Hendersonville Lower Mud Creek Floodplain Restoration Phase I	City of Hendersonville	Henderson	French Broad	Critical Infrastructure Improvements		\$100,000	TBD	Contract executed.
City of Hendersonville Municipal Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements	City of Hendersonville	Henderson	French Broad	Floodplain restoration		\$356,000	TBD	Contract executed.
Town of Canton Park Street River Access and Stormwater Improvements	Haywood Waterways Association	Haywood	French Broad	Infrastructure and Floodplain restoration		\$450,000	TBD	Contract executed.
Swannanoa Corridor Restoration, Buncombe County	RiverLink	Buncombe	French Broad	Floodplain restoration		\$822,780	TBD	Contract executed, restoration site acquired from Grassy Creek, NC LLC.
Lakota Farm	Fryar	Guilford	Cape Fear	Infrastructure	NCDACS		TBD	Ag pond retrofit pilot project site identified
Bladenboro South Main Street Flood Resiliency Project	Bladenboro	Bladen	Lumber	Natural Infrastructure	NIFMP	\$1,688,950		Contract Awarded April 2026