

# Planning and Partnering for Hurricane Response & Recovery

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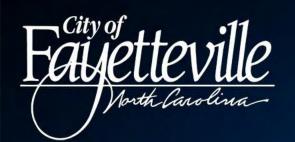
### Background





### City Government Organization

- Council / Manager form of Municipal Government
- Fourteen Departments with approximately 1877 employees
- Public Services Department with 178 employees
  - Engineering Division
  - Streets Maintenance Division
  - Traffic Services Division
  - Solid Waste Division
  - Real Estate Division





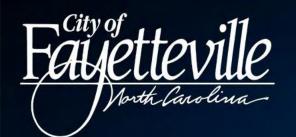
### Hurricane Matthew – 2016 Engineering Division Preparation

### Planning Activities

- Established a communications plan for Engineering Division
  - Cell phone and address list of key individuals with locations during the storm
  - Instructed to call in with status in the event of family/household emergency and/or once the storm had passed
  - Instructed to be "on-call" and monitor employee hotline for information on reporting back to work
- Established shift plan for Streets Maintenance Division

### Partnering

- Engineering Division contacted two on-call consultants to gauge availability for post-storm infrastructure assessments
- City provided liaison to Cumberland County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)



- Category 5 Hurricane –
  September 28, 2016 to October 9, 2016
- Catastrophic damage and a humanitarian crisis in Haiti
- Widespread devastation in the southeastern US
- Made landfall near Myrtle Beach, SC as a Category 1 hurricane on the morning of October 8, 2016





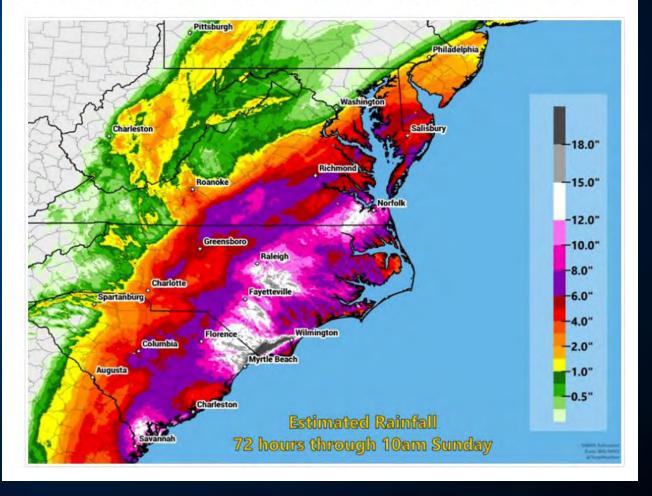
- Impacts Across North Carolina
- Twenty-six people died in stormrelated incidents across North Carolina
- Nearly 900 people were rescued by boat crews by the morning of October 9
- Unprecedented flooding across the state with Fayetteville and Lumberton among the hardest hit communities





- Impacts in Fayetteville
- 50 homes substantially damaged within the floodplain; dozens of others damaged outside the floodplain
- Two neighborhoods isolated from emergency services
- Multiple dam breaches and culvert wash-outs
- Damage to historic bridge

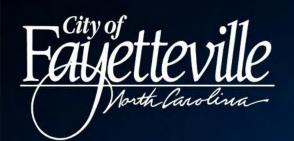




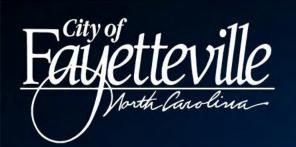


### Hurricane Matthew – 2016 Engineering Division Response

- Notified at 8:30 AM on Sunday, October 9, 2016 to report to the Cumberland County Emergency Operations Center at 10 AM
  - Director, City Engineer, & Construction Manager
  - Conducted site visits across the City
  - Allow director to witness scope of destruction
  - Verify the magnitude of damage and validate road closures
  - Confirmation that repairs would exceed City staff capacity
  - Preliminary visual assessment



### What we found...



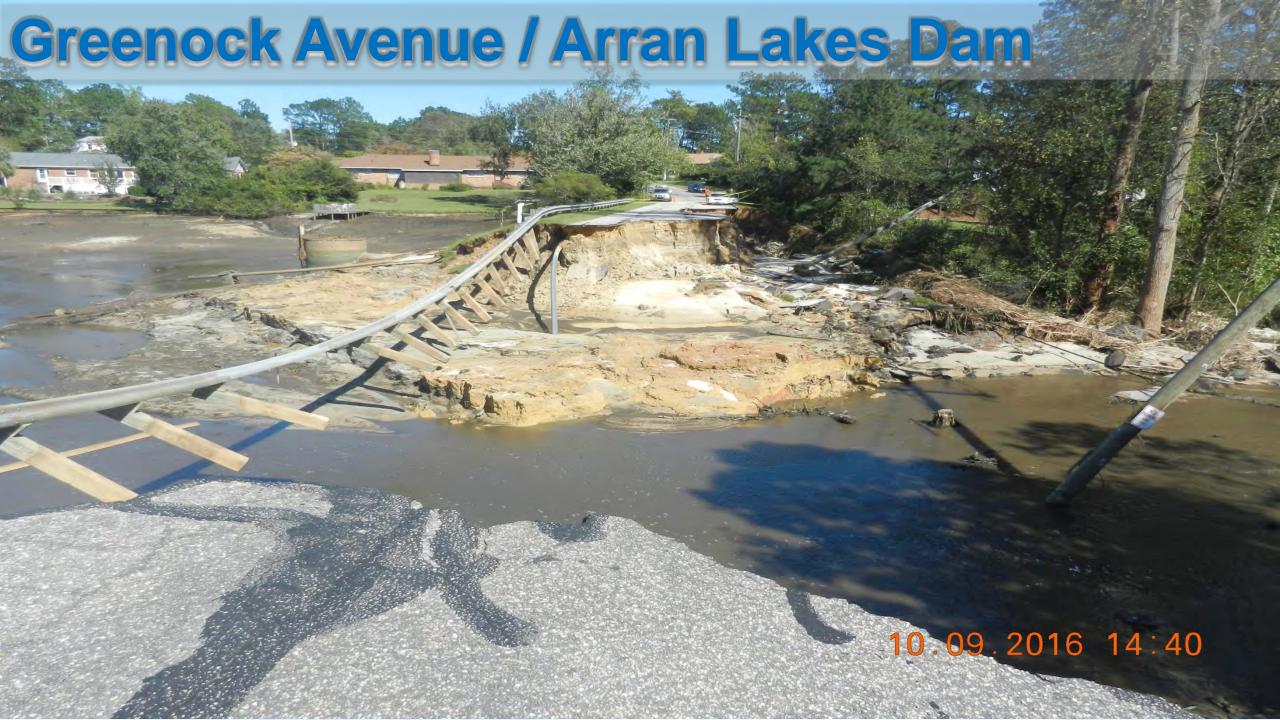
### Hurricane Matthew – 2016 Major Infrastructure Damage













### Greenock Avenue / Arran Lakes Dam











# Mirror Lake Drive / Mirror Lake Dam









### Hurricane Matthew – 2016 Engineering Division Response

- Response phase lasted approximately 30 days
- Partnering
  - Contacted on-call engineering consulting firms to perform post-storm engineering evaluations of major infrastructure including bridges, dams, and culverts
  - Contacted local construction firm to perform emergency repair of washed out roads that provided single point of access to neighborhoods
- Planning
  - Attended FEMA kick-off meeting and site visits
  - Identified FEMA procurement requirements
  - Issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select program manager and engineers to begin repair process



### Hurricane Matthew – 2016 Engineering Division Recovery

- Recovery phase is on-going
- Planning
  - Obligation of FEMA and State funding
  - City Council appropriation of project funding
- Partnering
  - Residential housing assistance coordinated with Cumberland County officials
  - Selection of Program Manager
    - Freese & Nichols, Inc. Raleigh, North Carolina
  - Selection of Design Consultants
    - Fleming & Associates Fayetteville, North Carolina
    - WK Dickson Raleigh, North Carolina
    - Hazen Raleigh, North Carolina
    - Schnabel Engineering Greensboro, North Carolina
    - STV Charlotte, North Carolina

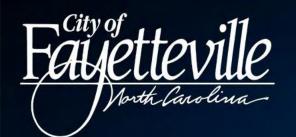


### Hurricane Matthew – 2016 Engineering Division Recovery

- Recovery still on-going
  - Residential buy-out process still underway
  - Some residents have never returned to their homes
  - Only two of six major infrastructure projects complete
    - Bridge approach and culvert
    - Dam and culvert underway
    - Dam and bank repair yet to be started
- Anticipated completion in mid-2020 of all projects
  - Potentially four years to recover from infrastructure losses
  - Residential losses may never be able to be fully recovered

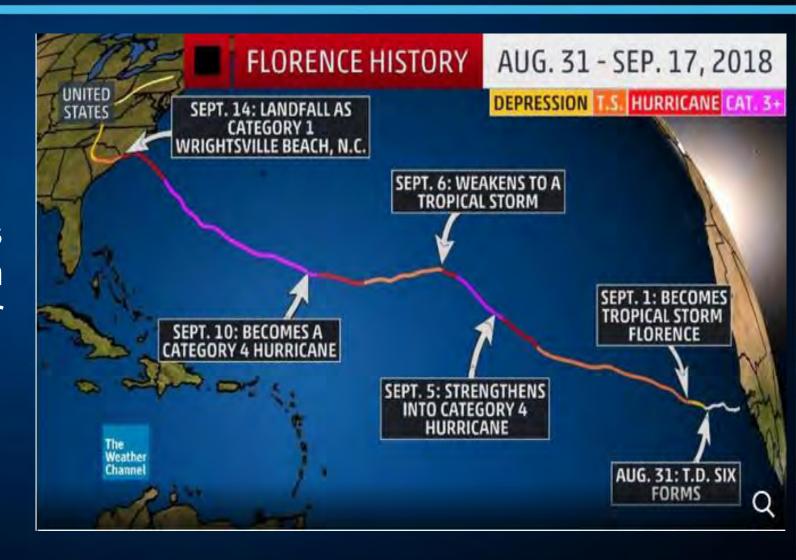


### Hurricane Florence - 2018



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- Category 4 Hurricane August 31, 2018 to September 17, 2018
- Made landfall near Wrightsville Beach, NC as a Category 1 hurricane on the morning of September 14, 2018





### Hurricane Florence - 2018 Engineering Division Preparation

### Planning Activities

- Updated communications plan for Engineering Division and expanded to the entire Public Services Department
- Established a City Coordination Center with key Department representatives independent of County EOC
- Prepared RFQ for program manager and submitted for advertising

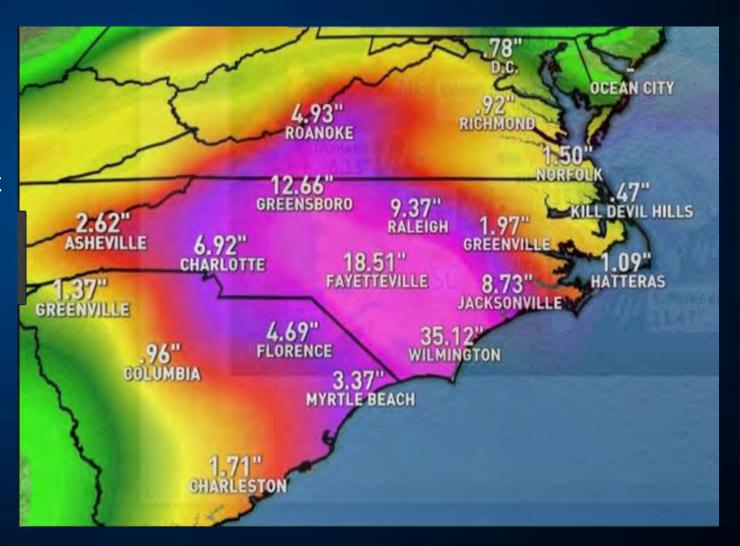
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### Hurricane Florence - 2018

- Impacts in Fayetteville
  - Dozens of homes flooded
  - Minor infrastructure damage
    - Separated pipe sections at culvert outfall
    - Debris accumulation at bridges
    - Additional bank failure at a Hurricane Matthew project
- Relatively mild compared to Hurricane Matthew but still millions of dollars in damages





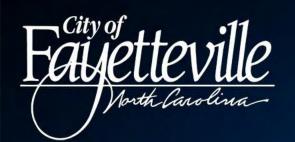
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- Recovery phase is on-going
- Planning
  - Obligation of FEMA and State funding not yet complete
    - Additional documentation needed
  - City Council appropriation of project funding not yet complete
    - Finance office will not recommend appropriations without federal and state commitments
- Partnering
  - Selection of Program Manager and Design Consultant
    - Freese & Nichols, Inc. Raleigh, North Carolina



### Hurricane Michael - 2018



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- Devastated the Florida panhandle
- Fayetteville, North Carolina
  - Less than 2" of rain
  - Still recovering from Florence
  - Instituted the same plan
- Burke County, North Carolina
  - 9 inches of rain
  - 285 miles from the ocean
  - 455 miles from point of landfall
- Middlesex County, Virginia
  - 9.3 inches of rain
  - 740 miles from point of landfall





### Peer Community Recommendations



# Recommendations for Peer Communities

### Planning

- Hurricanes aren't just a coastal problem
- Lighting can strike twice
  - Matthew and Florence made landfall within 60 miles of each other
    - 350-400 mile wide storms
  - Florence and Michael struck North Carolina within 28 days of each other
- Have a tentative plan going into the storm
  - Who will report, where, and when
  - Who is the alternate if the primary can't report
  - How people will be transported to and from a place to rest or home
    - Consider dedicating some assets to this
- Identify funding to bring on help quickly
- Have preliminary estimates prepared before FEMA arrives
  - Large projects \$125,500
- Get to know the folks at your State Emergency Management Office
  - FEMA employees transient, temporary, inconsistent, gone

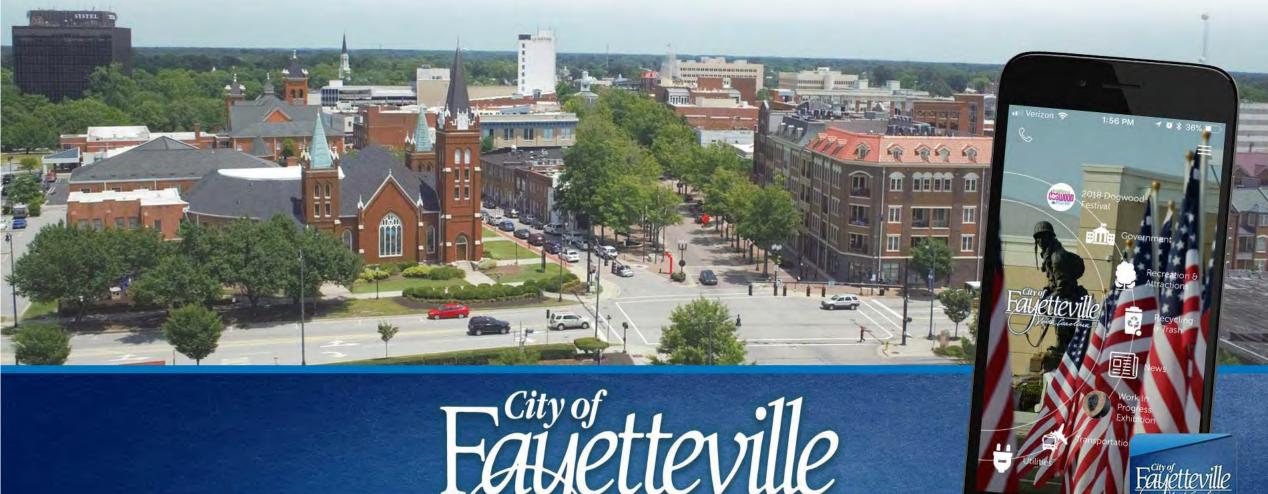


# Recommendations for Peer Communities

- Partnership
  - Outsource everything you can
    - FEMA will pay
    - Conserve staff resources
    - Survey, real estate appraisals, bid document preparation, construction inspection, design review
  - Remember your employees are victims too
    - Reporting during and after the storm
    - Check on families and homes
    - Shift work who does it and who does not
  - Have RFQ's prepared in advance
    - Find out from State if you can get federal provisions in advance
    - Advertise before the storm
      - "President Donald Trump approved Gov. Roy Cooper's request for Federal Disaster Declaration in advance of Hurricane Florence, according to a tweet from Cooper Monday night." – September 10, 2018 – CBS 17



### Questions









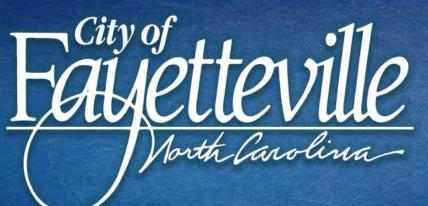












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