



Pender County Planning and Community Development

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Funding Approved for expedited acquisition through FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

PENDER COUNTY – Pender County received notification from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety that 25 properties have been selected for buyout through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program’s expedited acquisition project.

“Pender County is pleased to be able to assist our citizens through this long-term recovery process and looks forward to additional opportunities,” said Kyle Breuer, Planning and Community Development director. “These mitigation actions will help us meet our goal of becoming more resilient from future storm events.”

The goal of the expedited acquisition project is to remove vulnerable properties from the Special Flood Hazard Area as quickly as possible. The selected properties were severely impacted by Hurricane Florence.

Upon completion of the buyout process, the deed for each property will be signed over to Pender County and land use will be restricted to the conservation of natural floodplain functions.

Pender County is still awaiting notification of more funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The State’s Hazard Mitigation Branch is currently reviewing applications that were submitted for acquisition, elevation and mitigation reconstruction in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence.

“This is an important step in our long-term recovery from Hurricane Florence,” said George Brown, Pender County Chairman Board of Commissioners. “These properties were at risk of continued flood damage.”

Pender County Planning and Community Development will post updates on the County’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Website, which can be found at <http://www.pendercountync.gov/pcd/planning-community-development/flood/hurricane-florence-hazard-mitigation-grant-program-hmgrp/>.

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