Macon County



Press Release For Immediate Release Macon County Emergency Services October 8 2024 Warren Cabe, Director

Damage totals have been compiled for Macon County after the remnants of Hurricane Helene passed over the area last week. Two (2) residential structures were damaged to the extent that they are uninhabitable. Twenty-four (24) structures will require extensive repairs, twenty-eight (28) structures will require at least some repair, and three (3) other structures experienced at least some issue that requires some minor attention. There may be more reports of damage as time allows residents and property owners to survey their remote or second home locations.

A representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been assigned to Macon County and has arrived to begin setting up their disaster recovery processes for the residents of Macon County. They will be making site visits and are working toward setting up Disaster Recovery Center locations where the public can meet face-to-face with their representatives to discuss and apply for recovery options. The locations and hours of those locations will be announced as soon as they are available and their support staff arrive. There is a link on our webpage at <u>www.maconnc.org</u> as well as a contact number where assistance can be requested as well.

A distribution center has been established at Holly Springs Plaza at the vacant Ingles location to collect donations and distribute items to people in need both inside and outside of Macon County. As more recovery programs become available, information will be available at that location as well.

An email has been established for residents to submit unmet needs and other requests. Send information to <u>Heleneneeds@maconnc.org</u> and the request or information will be routed to the most appropriate agency, department or individual.