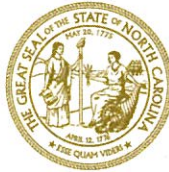


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November 14, 2017

Mr. Frank Skaggs, Director
United States Small Business Administration
Office of Disaster Assistance
Field Operations Center – East
101 Marietta Street Northwest, Suite 700
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2725

Dear Mr. Skaggs:

On October 23 2017, Watauga County, North Carolina, suffered severe damages as result of flooding and heavy winds. The county reported storm damage that included destroyed/damaged homes and businesses because of flooding and fallen debris. In addition, there were reports of obstructed roads in the county due to flooding and fallen debris. An initial joint assessment (SBA, State, and County) was conducted on November 2, 2017. Initial reports from this assessment indicate that Watauga County had at least 25 homes and businesses with major damage.

Under the provisions of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster assistance program found in 13 C.F.R. § 123, I request that the SBA make a disaster declaration for Watauga County, and the contiguous counties of Ashe, Avery, Caldwell and Wilkes. This disaster declaration will provide low interest loans to the citizens and business owners affected by this event. The State of North Carolina will not be receiving Individual Assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for this event.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If additional information is required to assist you in your determination, please contact Joe Stanton, Assistant Director for Recovery, North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, at 919-218-6325.

Very truly yours,


Roy Cooper

Attachment: SBA Final PDA Summary