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SO THIS IS THE PRESENTATION AND THERE WILL BE A POP-UP SCREEN BELOW EACH OF THOSE AND Ph MATT WILL BE IN THE MIDDLE FOR HIS PRESENTATION AND WHEN HE'S DONE, WE COULD PUT THIS CLOSER I THINK THAT WAS MORE CRITICAL IN AN AUDITORIUM WHEN THE STAGE WAS UP SO HIGH. AND LET ME JUST SEE SOMETHING. WHO SITS AT THE TABLE

PLEASE STAND BY. PLEASE

STAND BY. PLEASE STAND BY. THIS IS A TEST. I AM WRITING A TEST OF THE CLOSED CAPTIONING SYSTEM. THIS IS A TEST. .

THIS IS A TEST.

THIS IS A TEST. THIS IS A TEST.

THIS IS A TEST. PLEASE STAND BY. PLEASE STAND BY. THIS IS A TEST. SO THERE'S NOT ENOUGH KEYS TO HAVE ALL OF THIS COME OUT.

PLEASE STAND BY FOR YOUR EVENT TO BEGIN. PLEASE STAND BY FOR YOUR EVENT TO BEGIN.

>> ALL RIGHT. GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY.

I'M GOING TO TRY TO DO THIS WITHOUT THE MICROPHONE, SO IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, GIVE ME A THUMB'S UP IN THE BACK ROW ALL THE WAY BACK THERE. OKAY, GOOD.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US TONIGHT . MY NAME IS MATT ARLIN, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY. TONIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS A NEW SOURCE OF FUNDING THAT WAS PROVIDED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF CDBG-DR. THIS IS A NEW SOURCE OF FUNDING AND WE'RE HERE BECAUSE WE ANTICIPATE WHEN WE RECEIVE GUIDANCE ON OUR NEW FUNDING THAT THIS AREA WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPACTED AND DISTRESSED

FROM HURRICANE FLORENCE, WHICH ALLOWS US TO EXPAND-- EXPAND THOSE FUNDS IN THIS AREA. WE'RE HERE TONIGHT TO SHARE OUR PLAN TO USE THE MITIGATION FUNDS WITH YOU AND TO HEAR BACK FROM YOU OF WHAT YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO WITH THOSE FUNDS. I'VE GOT A VERY BRIEF PRESENTATION FOR YOU TONIGHT AND THEN WE'LL ASK FOR YOUR COMMENT ABOUT OUR PLAN AND AGAIN, I WANTED TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING OUT . I KNOW WE HAVE SOME INDIVIDUALS FROM PLANNING DEPARTMENTS AND WE DEFINITELY NEED YOUR INPUT ON THIS AND WE'RE VERY THANKFUL TO YOU HAVE HERE. THANK YOU FOR COMING. SO WE'LL BEGIN. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO THE MEETING PURPOSE, AS I SAID, IS THIS NEW FUNDING SOURCE. YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH THE CDBGDR, AND I WILL TALK ABOUT THIS AND OTHER ACRONYMS AS WE MOVE ALONG HERE, BUT THIS IS A NEW FUNDING SOURCE WHICH IS INTENDED TO ANTICIPATE OR LOOK AHEAD TO THE NEXT STORM THAT MIGHT IMPACT THIS AREA. SO WE HAVE DEVELOPED AND WRITTEN OUR DRAFT ACTION PLAN, WHICH IS HOW WE DETERMINE HOW WE'RE GOING TO USE THOSE FUNDS AND WE'RE HERE TO GET YOUR FEEDBACK ON OUR DIRECTION ON THAT PLAN. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO WHAT IS CDBG. CDBG IS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, AND THESE FUNDS ARE PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO STATES TO DO A LOT OF DIFFERENT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS. THE TWO MAIN FUNDING SOURCES THAT WE HAVE ARE CDBGDR, FOR DISASTER RECOVERY. THIS IS THE MOST COMMON ONE AND THE ONE THAT WE HAVE ACCESS TO RIGHT NOW, AND THEN THIS NEW FUNDING SOURCE, WHICH IS CDBG MITIGATION OR CDBG-MIT. WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT FUNDING SOURCE TONIGHT. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO WHAT IS MITIGATION? MITIGATION ARE ACTIVITIES THAT INCREASE RESILIENCE TO DISASTERS AND REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE

LONG-TERM RISK OF LOSS OF LIFE, INJURY, DAMAGE TO AND LOSS OF PROPERTY, AND SUFFERING HARDSHIP BY LESSENING THE IMPACT OF FUTURE DISASTERS. SO AGAIN, WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEXT DISASTER WITH THIS FUNDING SOURCE, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN PREVENT SOME OF THOSE LOSSES THAT WE'VE HAD HERE IN THE PAST. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO THE USE OF THESE MITIGATION FUNDS IS NOT REALLY TO DIRECTLY REPAIR A DAMAGED PROPERTY OR TO REBUILD SOMETHING THAT WAS DAMAGED BY THE STORM. INSTEAD, WE'RE LOOKING AHEAD. THAT'S THE MAIN FOCUS OF THESE FUNDS. AND TRYING TO PREVENT THAT ADDITIONAL DAMAGE IN THE FUTURE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. ALONG COME THESE NEW FUNDS FROM HUD. HUD RELEASED THE RULES FOR THESE FUNDS ON AUGUST 30th, 2019. IN THOSE RULES, THEY AUTHORIZED FOR US TO SPEND \$168 MILLION IN THE MOST IMPACTED AREAS FOR HURRICANES MATTHEW AND FLORENCE, WHICH IS WHY WE'RE HERE TONIGHT AND WE FINISHED OUR DRAFT OF THAT ACTION PLAN NOVEMBER 7th, 2019 AND IT'S BEEN AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT SINCE THEN SO WE'RE IN WHAT WE CALL THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OF THAT PLANNING PROCESS RIGHT NOW. SO IF YOUR FEEDBACK TONIGHT GETS INCORPORATED INTO THIS PLAN, WE ANSWER EVERY COMMENT THAT YOU MAKE IN THIS PLAN. SO WHETHER YOU SPEAK IT TONIGHT OR WHETHER YOU WRITE IT IN TONIGHT, WE WILL ANSWER IT IN THE ACTION PLAN. SO YOU CAN SEE HOW YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS PLAN KIND OF AFFECTED OUR PLANNING PROCESS HERE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO THE STATUS OF THESE FUNDS, AS YOU HEARD EARLIER, WE HAVE BOTH CDBGDR, AND CDBG MITIGATION FUNDS COMING TO US FROM HUD. SO WE HAVE \$236.5 MILLION FOR HURRICANE MATTHEW RECOVERY ONLY. SO WE HAVE THOSE FUNDS TODAY. WE ARE ABLE TO SPEND THOSE FUNDS

TO REBUILD HOMES, TO REBUILD DAMAGE
INFRASTRUCTURE, TO BUILD HOUSING
OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY
THE STORM FOR MATTHEW ONLY. COMING TO
US NOW AND WE'RE IN THE PLANNING PROCESS
OF USING THESE FUNDS ARE THESE
MITIGATION FUNDS SO THIS IS THAT \$168
MILLION GRANT FROM HUD THAT WE'RE PLAN
NING TO USE AND WE'RE HERE TONIGHT TO
DISCUSS WITH YOU FOR BOTH MATTHEW AND
FLORENCE MOST IMPACTED AREAS. THE FINAL
FUNDS FOR NOW, \$542.6 MILLION FOR CDBG
DISASTER RECOVERY FOR FLORENCE. SO WE
WOULD LOOK TO BE IN THIS AREA AGAIN DOING
DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECTS FOR THOSE
FUNDS SO I KNOW THAT'S OF GREAT INTEREST
TO EVERYBODY, AND WE WILL BE DEVELOPING
PLANS FOR THAT WHEN THOSE FUNDS ARE
AVAILABLE TO US. THEY'RE NOT YET
AVAILABLE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE'RE
NOT ABLE TO ADDRESS HOW WE USE THOSE
FUNDS QUITE YET, BUT WE WILL BE PUTTING
A PLAN TOGETHER FOR THAT. NEXT SLIDE,
PLEASE. SO BACK TO THE MITIGATION FUNDS,
WE WANT TO SHARE OUR APPROACH TO HOW WE
USE THESE FUNDS, AND SO WHAT I'VE GOT UP
HERE IS OUR PLAN TO USE EACH OF THESE
FUNDS FOR EACH OF THESE PROJECTS. SO WE
HAVE \$8.4 MILLION TO OPERATE THE GRANT.
THAT IS AN AMOUNT THAT COMES FROM HUD AS
A LIMIT FOR US TO SPEND. SO IT'S VERY
TYPICAL TO HAVE THAT JUST TO OPERATE THE
GRANT. THAT'S WHAT IT COSTS TO MAKE
EVERYTHING KIND OF ROCK. WE ALSO ARE GOING
TO BE PLANNING SOME PLANNING ACTIVITIES
. SO BUILDING NEW PLANS, PUTTING
TOGETHER BETTER PLANS, THOSE KINDS
OF ACTIVITIES, \$8.4 MILLION FOR THAT. AND
THEN AS YOU CAN SEE, OUR LARGEST
PROJECT AND OUR BIGGEST CONCENTRATION
FOR THE USE OF THE MITIGATION FUNDS IS \$109
MILLION FOR PROPERTY BUYOUT. SO THESE
ARE VULNERABLE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES
THAT WE WILL COORDINATE WITH LOCAL

GOVERNMENTS, CITIES, AND COUNTIES TO HELP US FIND THE VULNERABLE PROPERTY AND HOMEOWNERS WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE BECAUSE IT'S COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY, AND WE WOULD PURCHASE THEIR PROPERTY AND GET THEM OUT OF HARM'S WAY. I'LL TALK IN MORE DETAIL ABOUT WHAT THE BUYOUT PROGRAM WILL ACTUALLY BE LIKE IN JUST A SECOND. AND THEN TO GO ALONG WITH THE BUYOUT PROGRAM IS AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WHERE WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE'LL TAKE SOME OF THOSE PROPERTIES OUT OF THE COMMUNITY, SO WE WANT TO BUILD SAFER HOUSING THAT'S AFFORDABLE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THAT COMMUNITY. WE WANT TO BUILD THAT KIND OF NEAR WHERE THOSE BUYOUT ACTIVITIES ARE HAPPENING SO PEOPLE DON'T NEED TO LEAVE THE COMMUNITIES THEY REALLY ENJOY BEING A PART OF. WE WANT TO BE SENSITIVE TO THAT AND DO SOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORK WHILE WE'RE DOING OUR BUYOUTS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO JUST SOME GENERAL RULES ABOUT CDBG MITIGATION. HALF OF THESE FUNDS WILL BE SPENT IN THE MOST IMPACTED AREAS FOR MATTHEW AND FOR FLORENCE. SO 50% OF THE FUNDS IN THOSE AREAS. HALF OF THE FUNDS THAT WE USE FOR BUYOUT WILL BE SPENT BUYING OUT THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, THE HOUSES OF LOWER INCOME INDIVIDUALS, AND WHEN WE SAY LOWER INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS, WE MEAN THOSE THAT ARE LESS THAN 80% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME. IF YOU NEED SOME HELP UNDERSTANDING HOW THAT FITS IN WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, WE'LL HAVE CASE MANAGERS WHO CAN HELP YOU WITH THAT DURING THE BUYOUT PROCESS OR DURING YOUR CASE MANAGEMENT PROCESS FOR DR FUNDS WHEN THAT BECOMES AN OPTION FOR YOU IN THE FUTURE. FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS, 100% OF THE FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING WILL BE FOR LOWER INCOME INDIVIDUALS. SO WHEN WE'RE FUNDING--

WHEN WE'RE FUNDING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT, IT IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE LOWER INCOME FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLDS IN THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THOSE OPPORTUNITIES. SO THAT'S GENERALLY HOW WE'RE GOING TO BREAK OUT THE USE OF THOSE FUNDS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. NOW BACK TO THE BUYOUT PROGRAM, 65% OF THE ENTIRE GRANT FOR MITIGATION WILL BE FOR PROPERTY BUYOUT. OUR GOAL WITH JUST THOSE MITIGATION FUNDS, JUST THAT 168 MILLION AND ACTUALLY 109 MILLION FOR BUYOUT IS TO BUY BETWEEN 600 AND 900 VULNERABLE PROPERTIES IN AREAS THAT WE WORK WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO IDENTIFY AS HIGHER RISK. WHAT WE'LL DO IS PAY THESE PRE-STORM VALUE, OR THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY BEFORE IT WAS DAMAGED, AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR THE RESIDENTS-- FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE RESIDENCE WE'RE BUYING SO THEY CAN RELOCATE SOMEWHERE SAFER. THEY'LL BE OUT OF THE FLOODPLAIN AND THEY'LL BE ABLE TO BE OUT OF HARM'S WAY AND MAYBE EVEN PURCHASE A NEW PROPERTY WITH THE INCENTIVE, THE MONETARY FUNDS, THE MONEY THAT WE'RE ABLE TO GIVE TO THEM TO RELOCATE. AND THE AREA WHERE THEY WERE, THEIR HOLD HOUSE IS CONVERTED INTO GREEN SPACE.

SO YOU CAN REST ASSURED THAT YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE BETTER PROTECTED IF THEY DECIDE TO STAY OR THE COMMUNITY, IN GENERAL, IS BETTER PROTECTED. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PORTION OF THE FUNDS, \$32 IS GOING TO BE SPENT ON CREATING NEW MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROJECTS. SO WHEN WE SAY THAT, WE MEAN SOMETIMES BIG BUILDING COMPLEXES. SOMETIMES IT WILL BE CLUSTERED DEVELOPMENT OR MORE LIKE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT. WE'RE GOING TO PICK PROJECTS THAT ARE GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITIES. WE'RE GOING TO WORK WITH

OUR PARTNERS TO IDENTIFY WHAT THOSE PROJECTS ARE LIKE. \$10 MILLION IS GOING TO BE SPENT WITH THE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES RELOCATING PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS OUT OF VULNERABLE AREAS, SO WE'LL MOVE THEM OUT OF THE FLOODPLAIN AND RESPOND TO THE HOUSING NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY. SO \$10 MILLION FOR THAT. SO OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN AND NEAR THE BUYOUT AREAS SO THAT WE CAN PREPARE REMOVING THOSE PROPERTIES FROM THE HOUSING STOCK NEW HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE PEOPLE. AND WE'LL ALSO COMBINE THESE FUNDS WITH OTHER FUNDS THAT ARE AVAILABLE, SO WE CAN GET AS MANY NEW UNITS BUILT AS POSSIBLE. SO WE WON'T BE THE ONLY GAME IN TOWN. IT WILL BE SOME OTHER FUNDING SOURCES TO HELP US OUT. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO THIS IS WHERE YOUR INPUT BECOMES VERY IMPORTANT TO US. WE WILL CONSIDER ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS WHILE WE'RE FINALIZING THE ACTION PLAN. SO EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE THE ACTION PLAN AVAILABLE FOR YOUR REVIEW TONIGHT, WHEN YOU TONIGHT, IF YOU HAVE A COMMENT TO MAKE OR IF YOU WRITE IN YOUR COMMENT OR IF YOU EMAIL IN YOUR COMMENT, WE WILL ADDRESS IT IN THE ACTION PLAN. IT WILL BE PART OF THE ACTION PLAN. SO WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE EVERY IDEA, BUT WE WILL ALWAYS ANSWER THE QUESTION AND WE WILL ALWAYS ADDRESS WHY WE WENT A CERTAIN DIRECTION THAT WE DID. THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS OPEN NOW AND IT ENDS MONDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, AT 5:00. SO YOU DO HAVE SOME TIME IF YOU WANTED TO TAKE TIME TO CONSIDER YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PLAN. AND TONIGHT, IF YOU WANTED YOUR COMMENT PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THIS MEETING, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE, YOU CAN COME UP AND SPEAK TO US DIRECTLY TONIGHT AND IN FRONT OF THE GROUP, IF YOU'D LIKE,

AND MAKE YOUR COMMENT THAT WAY AND IT WILL BE PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD? WE WILL COLLECT ALL THE PUBLIC COMMENTS. WE'LL ANSWER THE PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TWEAK OUR PLAN IF WE NEED TO MAKE SOME CHANGES BASED ON WHAT WE'RE HEARING. AND WE WILL SEND OUR FINAL ACTION PLAN, OUR FIRST VERSION OF THE ACTION PLAN TO HUD THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 30th, 2019, BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. HUD WILL REVIEW THIS PLAN FOR ABOUT 60 DAYS, GIVE US FEEDBACK ON THE PLAN, AND WE WILL MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENTS WE TBHEED TO MAKE FROM THEM, AND ONCE IT'S APPROVED, HUD WILL SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE AND THOSE FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU. WE WILL BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT THAT PLAN. THAT WILL BE ABOUT 60 DAYS AFTER WE SUBMIT TO HUD THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY START SPENDING THESE FUNDS. SO, WHAT WE'D LIKE TO DO NOW, WE'D LIKE TO BEGIN THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION. WE'LL TAKE JUST A MINUTE TO GET SET UP. SO WE'LL PULL OUT THE TABLE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AND YOU HAVE SIGNED UP ALREADY, WE'LL CALL YOU UP IN THE ORDER THAT YOU SIGNED UP. OTHERWISE, IF YOU ARE INSPIRED TO SPEAK, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO. THANK YOU. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME UP AND SPEAK IF YOU FEEL LIKE SPEAKING AND YOU CAN LINE UP RIGHT HERE IN FRONT OF US HERE. AND WE'LL CALL UP SPEAKERS ONE AT A TIME AND SPEAKERS WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK. WE'LL HAVE A TIME CARD UP HERE AND A TIMEKEEPER, SO YOU'LL KNOW WHEN YOU ARE RUNNING SHORT ON TIME, AND WE KEEP IT TO THREE MINUTES SO EVERYBODY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IF THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE AND CONTRIBUTE. BEAR WITH US FOR A MINUTE WHILE WE GET SET UP . WHEN WE'RE READY, WE'LL CALL UP THE

FIRST SPEAKER. THANK YOU FOR COMING TONIGHT.

[SHORT BREAK]

>> WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE REBUILD NC MITIGATION FUNDS. I WILL NOW OPEN THE PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS C.J. JORDAN AND BESIDE ME IS MISS LAURA HOGSHEAD, CEO OF NCORR. FIRST PERSON TO SPEAK IS SUSAN McHENRY . PLEASE STEP FORWARD. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK.

>> DO I ADDRESS IT TO YOU? I WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU HAVE TO FLOOD TWO TIMES IN ORDER TO GET FUNDING FROM YOUR ICC IF YOU HAVE FLOOD COVERAGE? SO I FLOODED. WATER CAME UP 16 FEET AND WE JUST GOT BACK IN OUR HOUSE, BUT WE WERE TOLD THAT WE QUALIFIED FOR THE \$30,000. WE FOUND SOMEONE. WE DO ALL THE PAPERWORK, EVERYTHING, AND THEN I'M TOLD, OH, WAIT, YOU'RE ABOVE BASE FLOOD ELEVATION SO WE CANNOT PAY THAT CLAIM. OKAY . BUT THEN THEY DO THE NEW MAPS FOR THE FLOOD, IT GOES FROM 11.2 TO 11.5 AND IT ONLY WENT UP THREE POINTS BUT THAT WATER CAME UP 16 FEET TO GET IN MY HOUSE. SO I WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THAT. AND THEN I ALSO WANTED TO KNOW THE WATERWAYS WHERE I LIVE ARE FULL OF DEBRIS. SO THAT WATER HAS NOWHERE TO GO. IT DOESN'T FLOW. IT BACKS UP AND GETS STUCK THERE . WHO IS THE PERSON THAT DOES THAT?

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT.

>> NEXT PERSON THAT INSOOD UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IS SARAH LANGESTON.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME MAKE A COMMENT. I LIVE IN A SUBDIVISION OVERMOREHEAD COUNTRY CLUB. I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT FUNDING BE DESIGNATED FOR CLEARING DRAINAGE AREAS, SUCH AS DITCHES, THAT ARE LOCATE ADD WAY FROM THE ROADWAYS BUT-- LOCATED AWAY FROM THE ROADWAYS BUT RESULT IN FLOODING WHEN THEY'RE

UNABLE TO DRAIN BECAUSE OF BLOCKAGES. MY NEIGHBORHOOD IS CONSIDERED AN EXFLOOD ZONE BUT YET HAS EXPERIENCED FLOODING OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. AT TIMES, THE WATER CAN BE HIP DEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE.

THE DITCH THAT RUNS THE LENGTH OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD FROM WEST TO EAST ALSO RUNS BEHIND OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE ALSO EXPERIENCING RECENT FLOODING. PEOPLE IN OTHER AREAS OF CARTERET COUNTY, WAKE COUNTY, ONSLOW COUNTY, CRAVEN, NEW HANOVER AND MORE HAVE TOLD ME OVER THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF THAT THEY, TOO, HAVE OR KNOW OF SUCH AREAS NEAR THEM, AREAS THAT SHOULD NOT BE FLOODING THAT HAVE NOT BEEN FLOODING UNTIL RECENTLY AND THAT HAVE BLOCKED DITCHES AND OTHER BLOCKED WATERWAYS. AT ONE TIME, WE HAD WORK CREWS HIRED BY THE STATE AND HEADED WITH LICENSED ENGINEERS THAT KEPT CANALS AND DITCHES CLEARED UNDER A MOSQUITO ABATEMENT PROGRAM ALL OVER THE STATE, ESPECIALLY IN THE EASTERN HALF. AFTER THAT PROGRAM WAS ELIMINATED, AREAS SUCH AS MINE COULD SOMETIMES MAINTAIN HELP FROM A PRISON CREW. THAT PROGRAM HAS ALSO BEEN ELIMINATED. IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, SEVERAL OF US HAVE WORKED ON THE DITCHES MULTIPLE TIMES. SOME OF THE DEBRIS IS TOO LARGE AND NEEDS MACHINERY THAT WE DO NOT HAVE TO REMOVE IT. EVEN WHEN ONE NEIGHBORHOOD MAY CLEAR THEIR DITCH, IF IT IS DRAINAGE THAT'S BLOCKED IN A NEIGHBORHOOD DOWNSTREAM OR IN A WOODED AREA DOWNSTREAM FROM IT, THAT DITCH AND NEIGHBORHOOD ARE STILL GOING TO FLOOD. PLEASE HELP THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN MANY AREAS OF CARTERET AND THROUGHOUT NORTH CAROLINA BE PROACTIVE IN PREVENTING FUTURE FLOODING BY AT THE LOOING FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS TO CLEAR THE CLOGGED, NOT ROAD FRONTAGE DITCHES. THANK YOU.

HERE'S A COPY OF MY REMARKS.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT.

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>> THERE'S NO OTHERS WHO HAVE INSOOD UP. BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT TO HEAR FROM THE COMMUNITY, I MAKE A CALL TO THE AUDIENCE TO STEP FORWARD. I MAKE A CALL TO THE PUBLIC AUDIENCE, ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT, PLEASE STEP FORWARD. OR YOU CAN STAY WHERE YOU ARE AT AND WE WILL BRING THE MIC TO YOU. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

>> HI. I'M RHETT NEWTON. I'M THE MAYOR OF BEAUFORT AND SINCE FLORENCE, I HAVE BEEN TO NUMEROUS CONFERENCES THAT HAVE TALKED ABOUT RESILIENCE AND RESILIENCE IS A VERY SQUISHY TERM. NOBODY REALLY UNDERSTANDS WHAT THAT MEANS. CERTAINLY AT A FAMILY LEVEL, RESILIENCE MEANS BEING READY BUT FROM A COMMUNITY STANDPOINT, HOW DO WE PREVENT FUTURE EVENTS FROM HAVING EVEN MORE DAMAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY? A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, WE HAD A MAJOR FLOOD HERE IN TOWN. IT WASN'T A KING TIDE. IT WAS THE AFTERMATH OF THE NOR' EASTER THAT CAME THROUGH HERE. IT'S UNFORTUNATELY BECOME THE NEW NORMAL FOR US. WE HAVE TO BE A RESILIENT COMMUNITY . YOUR INITIATIVE IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE SEEN ANY MONEY THAT IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR TRUE RESILIENCE. SO A PLAYED THAT. YOU'VE GOT A VERY DIFFICULT CHALLENGE AHEAD OF YOU. CERTAINLY JUST A BUY BACK PROGRAM ALONE IS A VERY COMPLEX TOPIC AND WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO EXECUTE. SO ON BEHALF OF BEAUFORT, LET ME KNOW HOW I CAN BEST HELP YOUR EFFORTS, BUT AGAIN, I REALLY APPLAUD THE FACT THAT WE ARE FINALLY STARTING TO SEE FUNDING THAT'S BEING ALLOCATED. TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE GOING TO BE BEACH RENOURISHMENT,

WHICH IS NOT TRUE RESILIENCE.

SO THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND
HELP US TO HELP YOU. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT.

>> SPEAK YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

>> MY NAME IS REVEREND PHILIPS AND I'M
THE DIRECTOR OF THE CARTERET LONG-TERM
RECOVERY ALLIANCE. I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS
OR TWO STATEMENTS, I GUESS. ONE,
AND FIRST OF ALL, IT'S REALLY GOOD TO
HEAR ABOUT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SOMETHING
THAT I THINK THAT WE WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND
IN THIS PERIOD OF RECOVERY THAT WE'RE
DEALING WITH IS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING.
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING. TRANSITIONAL
HOUSING. AND THEN THE OTHER THING IS
AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN TRYING TO
UNDERSTAND THIS MITIGATION PROCESS AND
RAISING HOMES AND ALL THE DIFFERENT
THINGS THAT COME ALONG WITH BUILDING
RESILIENCY, I REALLY HOPE THAT THERE'S
GOING TO BE COMMUNICATION WITH THE
LONG-TERM RECOVERY GROUP. WE NEED TO
KNOW WHICH ONE OF THOSE HOMES MAY BE THE
ONES THAT ARE GONNA BE BECAUSE WE DON'T
NEED TO BE MESSING WITH THOSE. SO WE
NEED TO BE ABLE TO HAVE SOME GOOD
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THAT AND JUST OPEN
COMMUNICATIONS AS-- BECAUSE WE'RE
ALREADY BUMPING INTO THEM AND HAVING TO
MAKE DECISIONS RIGHT NOW ON WHICH ONES,
YOU KNOW, ARE WE GOING TO RAISE AND PUT
MONEY INTO, OR WE'RE NOT GOING TO PUT
ANY MONEY INTO THAT ONE BECAUSE IT NEEDS
TO BE RAISED AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DO
THAT. SO THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT.

>> PLEASE SPEAK YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD

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>> I'M ELIZABETH PONDER. I'M THE VICE
CHAIR OF THE CARTERET LONG-TERM RECOVERY
ALLIANCE AS WELL AS THE HOUSING CHAIRMAN
. REGARDING THAT AFFORDABLE
HOUSING, IT SOUNDS ALL FINE AND

LOVELY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE PUTTING IN ALL THIS MONEY AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT BECAUSE THIS COUNTY IS DESPERATELY, DESPERATELY LACKING IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I DO HAVE FEARS OF IT BEING TAKEN OVER BY THE HUD STRUCTURE, THOUGH, BASED OFF OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAD GONE THROUGH FLORENCE AND A LOT OF THE PROBLEMS THAT THEY HAD IN HOUSING THAT IS CONTROLLED BY HUD. THEY WERE A LOT OF OUR CLIENTS AS WELL, AND SO HAVING TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THESE ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS TO BE ABLE TO HELP THESE INDIVIDUALS WHEN THEIR ENTIRE APARTMENTS ARE FILLED WITH MOLD HAVING TO TRY TO FIND THAT TRANSITIONAL HOUSING THAT ROBBY WAS TALKING ABOUT HAS REALLY BECOME ONE OF THE FOREFRONTS OF THE PROBLEM FOR WHEN THE NEXT ONE HITS. WE HAVE ZERO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AS ROBBY HAD MENTIONED, AND SO WHEN WE ARE TRYING TO HELP THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE LIVING IN CLUSTERED HOUSING THAT ARE DEALING WITH THE MOLD ISSUE, THERE'S NOWHERE AROUND HERE FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS TO GO AND SO THE LACK OF FORSIGHT AND THE LACK OF REPAIRS MADE IN A LOT OF THE HUD HOUSING IS A CONCERN FOR ME AS WELL. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS SOMETHING THAT YOUR ORGANIZATION CAN HELP MITIGATE IN THIS PROCESS, BUT THAT CERTAINLY IS SOMETHING THAT A LOT OF OUR CLIENTS HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH OVER THE LAST YEAR AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT.

>> MAKE ANOTHER FINAL CALL TO THE AUDIENCE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. AS I STATED, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE GET THE FEEDBACK OF THE COMMUNITY AS TO EXACTLY HOW WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH THESE FUNDS. SEEING NO ONE ELSE STEPPING FORWARD, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ONE MORE CALL. IS THERE ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO STEP FORWARD FOR PUBLIC

COMMENT AND VOICE YOUR OPINIONS OR YOUR CONCERNS REGARDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MITIGATION FUNDS, OR WE CAN BRING THE MIC TO YOU? I'LL MAKE ANOTHER CALL. I WOULD LIKE FOR EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND WE ARE HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET YOUR COMMENT AND GET YOUR FEEDBACK ON THIS PROCESS. SO WE'RE HERE AND SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STEP FORWARD, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DO SO, BUT SEEING NO ONE STEPPING FORWARD AT THIS TIME, I WOULD CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND ALSO AT THIS TIME, I WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT MITIGATION FUNDS.

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