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>> OKAY. WE'LL GET STARTED. MY NAME IS LAURA AND I AM THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SPENDING YOUR EVENING WITH US. I HOPE YOU HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE TABLES OUT FRONT AND LEARNED SOME-- THINGS ALREADY. YOU WILL LEARN MORE TONIGHT AS WE PROCEED. I WOULD LIKE THE LOCAL OFFICIALS TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY STANDING. I SAW A COUPLE. DON'T BE SHY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. SO I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE REASON THAT WE'RE HERE, WHO WE ARE AND WHY WE'RE HERE TONIGHT. SO NCORR, THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY, IS THE OFFICE THAT ADMINISTERS THE CDBGR FUNDS FOR MATTHEW AND FUTURE FUNDS FOR FLORENCE. WE ARE A NEW OFFICE THAT WAS SET UP TO STREAMLINE THE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN OFFERED UNDER REBUILD NC AND TO MAKE THE PROGRAM STRONGER AND BETTER FOR A STRONGER AND BETTER RECOVERY FOR NORTH CAROLINA. WE ARE NEW AND WE ARE HERE TO TALK ABOUT NEW FUNDING. SO I WANT TO APOLOGIZE UP FRONT IF THERE WAS ANY MISCOMMUNICATION ABOUT WHAT THIS MEANING IS-- WHAT THIS MEETING IS. THIS MEETING IS NOT TO LOOK BACKWARD AT THE CDBGR FUNDS. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CDBG AWARD, WE HAVE CASE MANAGERS OUT FRONT. WE WILL KEEP OUR CASE MANAGERS OUT FRONT THIS ENTIRE TIME. IF YOU HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL QUESTION, I WANT YOU TO TAKE THAT INDIVIDUAL QUESTION TO OUR CASE MANAGERS BECAUSE WHAT WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT IS THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS FOR THE MITIGATION FUNDING. SO THE 168 MILLION THAT HUD HAS GIVEN US FOR MITIGATION FUNDING IS LOOKING AHEAD. CDBGR ALWAYS LOOKS BACK, RIGHT? IT LOOK IT LOOKS BACKWARDS TO FIX THE

DAMAGE THAT IS STILL THERE FROM A PREVIOUS STORM. THIS MITIGATION FUNDING, WHICH IS NEW FOR THE COUNTRY AND NEW FOR NORTH CAROLINA, IS ABOUT LOOKING FORWARD. WHAT CAN WE DO TO PREVENT DAMAGE IN THE FUTURE? SO WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THE OPTIONS ARE UNDER THAT FUNDING AND TO RECEIVE YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THAT FUNDING. WE REALLY NEED YOUR INPUT ON THIS BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GET IT RIGHT AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HEAR THE NEEDS OF YOUR COMMUNITIES SO THAT WE CAN WRITE THOSE INTO THE ACTION PLAN, HAVE HUD APPROVE THAT ACTION PLAN AND THEN MOVE FORWARD. AGAIN, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR PARTICULAR AWARD, PLEASE SEE OUR CASE MANAGERS BUT FOR RIGHT NOW, I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO MY COLLEAGUE, MATT ARLIN, AND THEN WE WILL HAVE A SHORT PRESENTATION AND MOVE TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION. WE HAVE A LIST OF FOLKS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, SO WE WILL CALL ON THAT LIST IN ORDER. THANK YOU.

>> THANKS, LAURA. EVERYBODY HEAR ME OKAY, I THINK. MY NAME IS MATT ARLIN. I'M HERE ON THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY, LIKE LAURA SAID EARLIER. WE ADMINISTER THE REBUILD NC PROGRAM, WHICH I'M SURE MANY OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. TONIGHT, WE'LL BE DISCUSSING A NEW SOURCE OF FUNDING, WHICH WE'LL CALL CDBG-MITT, OR MITIGATION AND WE'RE REALLY HERE TO LISTEN TO YOU. SO THIS PRESENTATION WILL BE VERY BRIEF AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO BE LISTENING TO YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT OUR PLAN AND THE DIRECTION WE'RE GOING RIGHT NOW. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU AND WE'RE EXCITED THAT YOU'RE ALL HERE. I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THROUGH HUD, HAS PROVIDED US THIS OPPORTUNITY, BRAND NEW FUNDING SOURCE, UNLIKE WHAT WE'VE HAD BEFORE AND WE'RE GOING TO LISTEN TO YOU ABOUT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING WITH THOSE FUNDS SO WE CAN INCORPORATE THAT INTO OUR PLAN, WHAT WE CALL OUR ACTION PLAN. SO WE HAVE THE DEFINITION FOR MITIGATION. THIS HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO US FROM HUD,

AND IT'S ACTIVITIES THAT INCREASE RESILIENCE TO DISASTERS AND REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE LONG-TERM RISKS OF LOSS OF LIFE, INJURY, DAMAGE TO AND LOSS OF PROPERTY AND SUFFERING AND HARDSHIP BY LESSENING THE IMPACTS OF FUTURE DISASTERS. SO THE FUTURE DISASTER PART OF THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT, AS LAURA HAD SAID EARLIER, OUR OTHER FUNDS ARE LOOKING BACKWARD, TRYING TO RECOVER FROM THE PREVIOUS DISASTER. FOR MITIGATION FUNDS, WE'RE LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEXT DISASTER. WE'RE TRYING TO REDUCE THE LOSS OF LIFE, TO REDUCE THE RISK TO YOUR PROPERTY AND TRYING TO FIND THE BEST WAY TO DO THAT WITH YOUR INPUT. SO WE WON'T BE DIRECTLY REPAIRING OR RECOVERING FROM THE STORMS. WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING NEW ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT DAMAGE. WE'RE DOING THIS THROUGH WHAT WE CALL A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT THAT'S PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO STATES. WE CAN DO MANY DIFFERENT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS WITH THIS FUNDING. YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH SOME OF THEM, SUCH AS HOUSE REPAIR, RECONSTRUCTION, ELEVATION PROJECTS. THOSE ARE ALL THINGS THAT WE CAN DO IN THIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. WE HAVE TWO OF THEM. WE HAVE CDBGDR, OR DISASTER RECOVERY AND CDBG-MITIGATION, WHICH IS BRAND NEW WHICH WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TONIGHT. FOR MITIGATION, WE RELEASED OR WE RECEIVED THESE RULES AUGUST 30th, 2019. WE HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK SINCE THEN INTERPRETING THE RULES FROM HUD, LISTENING TO WHAT HUD HAS TOLD US IS THE BEST USE OF THESE FUNDS, PUTTING TOGETHER EARLY DRAFTS OF OUR OWN PLAN, BUT THE FUNDS ARE LIMITED. WE ONLY HAVE \$168 MILLION. IT'S MUCH LESS THAN WE RECEIVED FOR DISASTER RECOVERY AND WE'RE GOING TO BE SPENDING IT IN THE MOST IMPACTED AREAS FOR HURRICANES MATTHEW AND FLORENCE AND WE'RE HERE TONIGHT BECAUSE YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE AREAS MOST IMPACTED BY MATTHEW. AND AGAIN, WE'RE LOOKING AHEAD TO FUTURE DISASTERS. I CAN'T EMPHASIZE THAT ENOUGH. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE MITIGATION FUNDS. WE HAVE A SMALL PORTION OF THOSE FUNDS FOR PLANNING AND

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT. WE WILL BE DOING QUITE A BIT OF PLANNING ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY HAVE SEEN SOME OF THEM OUTSIDE AT THE TABLES. WE'RE GOING TO SPEND AND REQUIRED TO SPEND HALF OF THE FUNDS IN THE MOST IMPACTED AREAS, WHICH WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW, SO HALF OF THOSE FUNDS MUST BE SPENT IN AREAS SUCH AS THIS. HALF OF THOSE FUNDS MUST BENEFIT LOW TO MODERATE INCOME INDIVIDUALS OR HOUSEHOLDS, WHICH THAT'S 80% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME. IF YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THAT, WE CAN HELP YOU UNDERSTAND IF YOU QUALIFY AS AN LMI OR LOW TO MODERATE INCOME INDIVIDUAL OR HOUSEHOLD. WE'LL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU WITH THAT. THE ACTIVITIES MUST MEET WHAT WE CALL A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE, LIKE BENEFITTING LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS OR AREAS, OR ADDRESSING UNMET NEED FROM A DISASTER. AND FINALLY, WE HAVE TO HAVE THESE PROJECTS ON A LIST APPROVED BY HUD. IT'S A PRETTY LENGTHY LIST AND YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR SOME OF THEM LIKE ELEVATION, RECONSTRUCTION, AND SO ON. SO THIS IS OUR-- THESE ARE THE KIND OF PILLARS OF OUR APPROACH. WE'RE GOING TO BE FUNDING MULTIPLE PLANNING ACTIVITIES. WE'RE WORKING THROUGH THAT RIGHT NOW. YOU'VE SEEN SOME IDEAS AT THE TABLES. WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING PROPERTY BUYOUTS, WHICH I'M SURE MANY OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH. ALSO WE DISCUSSED THIS AT THE TABLE OUTSIDE. RESILIENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, A MAJOR PRIORITY FOR CDBG FUNDS GENERALLY. AND RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH IS MEANT FOR COMMUNITIES AND I'M GOING TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT EACH ONE AND AGAIN , WE HAD MUCH MORE INFORMATION OUT AT THE TABLES.

THIS IS JUST GOING TO PROVIDE A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION FOR YOU. SO, THE BUYOUT PROGRAM IS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF OUR CDBG MITIGATION PROGRAM AND IT'S A COMPONENT OF OUR DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM AS WELL, BUT THE NEED FOR BUYOUT AND THE DEMAND FOR BUYOUT IS A LOT HIGHER THAN THE FUNDS WE HAVE AVAILABLE

THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING TO BE USING SOME OF THESE MITIGATION FUNDS FOR THIS

ACTIVITY. WE INTEND TO PAY THE PRE-STORM FAIR MARKET VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY, AND THEN WE'LL ALSO BE PROVIDING SOME INCENTIVES SO THAT YOU CAN RELOCATE TO A SAFER AREA , BUY A HOUSE IN A SAFER AREA, AND MAKE SURE YOU HAVE WHAT YOU NEED TO BE SAFER MOVING FORWARD. THE BOUGHT-OUT PROPERTY WILL BE CONVERTED TO GREEN SPACE OR ANOTHER COMMUNITY AMENITY.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A NEED STATEWIDE, AND WE RECOGNIZE THE NEED HERE. WE'RE LOOKING TO BUILD RESILIENT NEW HOUSING AND WE WANT TO BE AFFORDABLE TO FOLKS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE RENTS, AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP. WE WANT TO BE LOCATED IN A FLOODPLAIN IN A SAFER AREA. NOT ONLY ARE WE LOOKING TO DO MULTIFAMILY RENTAL UNITS LIKE YOU SEE IN THE TOP, LEFT CORNER OF THE PRESENTATION, BUT WE'RE LOOKING TO DO CLUSTER HOUSES AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS WHERE WE CAN, PRESERVING NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE WE CAN, AND AGAIN, KEEPING THEM IN LESS HAZARDOUS, LESS RISKY AREAS AND WE WANT THESE WITH GREEN BUILDING AND RESILIENT DESIGN. THEY KEEP YOUR POWER BILL LOW, KEEP YOUR BILLS AND UTILITIES LOW ALTOGETHER SO THAT IT'S EASY TO LIVE THERE AND YOU CAN AFFORD IT LONG TERM. FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, WE ARE LOOKING LONG TERM NOT JUST TO REBUILD WHAT WAS DAMAGED BY THE STORM, BUT TO BUILD BETTER, SMARTER, STRONGER. WE WANT THEM-- THE SYSTEMS TO STAY INTACT DURING ANOTHER DISASTER LOOKING AHEAD TO A FUTURE DISASTER. SO, WE'RE LOOKING TO THE COMMUNITIES.

THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WE'RE HERE. WHAT INDIANA COUPS OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ARE NEEDED? WHAT KINDS OF THINGS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE COMMUNITIES STRONGER ? AND SOME EXAMPLES YOU MAY HAVE SEEN AT THE TABLES AS WELL, ENERGY UPGRADES, LIKE BACKUP POWER, RETENTION POPPEDS TO PREVENT STREET FLOODING AND OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD FLOODING AND THEN LOCALIZED THINGS RIGHT AT YOUR HOUSE FOR RAINWATER CAPTURE SO YOU'RE NOT FLOODING YOUR NEIGHBOR'S YARD OR FLOODING YOUR OWN YARD, BUT THERE'S MANY, MANY

EXAMPLES OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND WE'LL LIKELY HEAR MORE ABOUT THAT FROM YOU. SO WHAT WE INTEND TO DO NOW, WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT YOU THOUGHT AT THE TABLES OUTSIDE AND FROM THIS BRIEF PRESENTATION, WHAT YOUR IMPRESSIONS ARE. WE'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT WE MISSED AND WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU AND WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO SHORTLY IS OPEN THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION. WE HAVE A LIST OF SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT . WE'RE GOING TO ORGANIZE OURSELVES UP HERE SO IT WILL BE A MINUTE PAUSE AND THEN WE'LL BE CALLING YOU UP IN ORDER TO PRESENT YOUR COMMENT, AND WE REALLY DO LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE TONIGHT AND AGAIN, JUST A COUPLE MINUTES AND WE'LL BE CALLING YOU BACK UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU.

[ BRIEF PAUSE ]

>> CAN YOU HEAR ME? EXCELLENT. OKAY. SO NOW WE'RE ONTO THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THIS EVENING, AND BEFORE WE START THE PUBLIC COMMENTS, I WANT TO MAKE A COUPLE OF REMINDERS.

COMMENTS WILL BE RECORDED FOR THE OFFICIAL RECORD AND THE AUDIO WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE REBUILD NC WEBSITE. IF YOU HAVE GENERAL QUESTIONS, AGAIN, PLEASE VISIT THE INFORMATION TABLE OR THE CASE MANAGEMENT TABLE. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, EVERYONE THAT HAS SIGNED UP HAS AN OPPORTUNITY SO WE WILL LIMIT YOU TO THREE MINUTES. TRACY, MY COLLEAGUE, IS YOUR TIMEKEEPER. SO SHE WILL HOLD UP SIGNS AT ONE MINUTE, 30 SECONDS AND STOP. AND WE WANT TO BE FAIR TO EVERYONE. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. SO YOU CAN ALSO, IF YOU DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE SPEAKING TONIGHT OR IF YOU THINK OF SOMETHING LATER, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS BY EMAIL OR MAIL. WE ARE TAKING COMMENTS CONTINUOUSLY SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HEAR YOU, WHORRNT YOU WANT TO-- WHETHER OR NOT YOU WANT TO STAND UP TONIGHT. I WANT TO INTRODUCE C.J. JORDAN WHO WILL BE CALLING FOLKS UP AND LISTENING

TO YOUR COMMENTS. WE'RE NOT HERE TO PROVIDE ANSWERS TO YOU, BUT WE DEFINITELY WANT TO RECORD YOUR COMMENTS SO IT CAN INFORM OUR ACTION PLAN. THANK YOU. OH, I DID FORGET TO SAY THERE IS A LOST CELL PHONE AT THE INFORMATION TABLE. SO IF THAT IS YOUR CELL PHONE WE HAVE IT FOR YOU SAFELY AT THE INFORMATION TABLE. THANK YOU.

>> WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. FIRST SPEAKER UP IS MISS COMMISSIONER LINDA JOYNER, COMMISSIONER LINDA JOYNER, YOU ARE THE FIRST SPEAKER UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> **Speaker:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I HAVE VISITED THE TABLES OUT FRONT AND I'M PLEASED TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING FOR PREVENTATIVE MEASURES, SO THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US. I GUESS MY FIRST QUESTION OR COMMENT IS IN REGARD TO THE FLOOD INSURANCE. I WAS LOOKING AT SOMETHING ELSE ON THE TABLE IN REGARD TO THAT. WE DO KNOW THAT A LOT OF OUR CITIZENS CANNOT AFFORD THE FLOOD INSURANCE, SO WE ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN OR WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ASSIST OR AID IN BEING ABLE TO GET AFFORDABLE FLOOD INSURANCE FOR OUR CITIZENS?

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT. NEXT SPEAKER UP, MR. MILTON BULLOCK, MILTON BULLOCK, NEXT SPEAKER UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> **Speaker:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND YOU'RE THE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK. WE HAVE BEEN TO A LOT OF MEETINGS OUT HERE AND HEARING SAME OLD THING, BUT I'M SO GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU ARE WILLING IT DO WHAT WE CALL INTERVENTION PROCESSES BECAUSE IF WE DON'T DO THAT, THERE'S NO NEED INVITING ANYBODY TO COME INTO OUR AREA WHERE WE WOULD BE IF IT'S NOT SAFE, AND THAT'S THE FIRST THING ON MY LIST IS MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN DO THE INTERVENTION PROGRAM WHERE PEOPLE CAN KNOW THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE SAFE TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN AND TO OPEN THEIR BUSINESSES IN A DRY PLACE INSTEAD OF THE BOTTOM OF A RIVER. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COMMENT. MR. ED BRIDGES, MR. BRIDGES,

PLEASE COME UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. MR. BRIDGES, YOU CAN SAY RIGHT THERE, WE HAVE A MIC COMING TO YOU.

>> YES, I'M ED BRIDGES AND WHAT I'M HEARING ACCORDING TO THE FLIERS THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT IS TELLING PEOPLE SEEMINGLY TO BUY OUT AND GO FOR A BUYOUT AND THEN YOU WOULD GET SOME MONEY. YOU GOT AROUND \$300 MILLION AVAILABLE, \$268 MILLION. YOU COULD TAKE ONE MILLION DOLLARS OUT OF THAT PROPOSAL FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND GIVE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT BUYOUT IS AVAILABLE. NEW WANT TO BUYOUT, DO IT. THERE'S NO RESTRICTION ON THE BUYOUT. THE BUYOUT GIVEN AND YOU CAN DO THE BUYOUT AND NEEDS SOMETHING DONE AND HAS INSURANCE GET BACK HOME. THE HOME IS HIS CASTLE AND TAKING A LITTLE TIME AND LOOKING AT THIS FLIER THAT HAS BEEN PUT URGING PEOPLE TO GO FOR THE BUYOUT AND GET THE MONEY. TAKE A MILLION OF THAT \$168 MILLION AND GIVE EVERY INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS APPLIED FOR GETTING BACK HOME, THE MAYOR, SOME OF THE COMMISSIONERS, GIVE THEM SOME MONEY, A LOT. I GOT A BOOK IN MY HAND HERE.

[ LIGHT LAUGHTER ]

A BOOK IN MY HAND THAT I WANT TO PRESENT TO THE TOWN HERE TONIGHT AND IT'S PRINCIPLE RECOVERY PLAN AFTER THE '99 FLOOD WHEN IT WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED. THAT WAS BACK IN THE YEAR'S TIME. GOVERNMENT TURNED LOOSE SOME OF MONEY. GAVE EVERYBODY AT LEAST \$10,000 OR MORE, SO YOU COULD GET BACK IN THE HOUSE. NOW, IT TAKES THREE TIMES THAT IN ORDER TO GET MOST OF THOSE THAT HAVE APPLIED FOR FUNDS, IF YOU GOT THE MONEY, GIVE IT TO THEM. HOW MANY, 75 OR MORE. YOU CAN TAKE \$1 MILLION AND DIVIDE IT AMONG THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE APPLIED TO GET BACK HOME FROM THE MAN DOWN, HE CAN MOVE BACK AND WHAT WOULD THAT COME TO? MAYBE WE WOULD GIVE THEM \$10,000. I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT THAT, GIVE ME HALF A MILLION AND WHAT HAPPENS, YOU MIGHT HAVE TO GIVE HIM \$50,000. THAT'S WHAT HE NEEDS AND EVERYBODY WHO KNOWS WHO APPLIED YOU WILL BE BACK HOME IN LESS TIME THAN



TEN MONTHS. IF YOU CAN GET BACK THERE WITH \$10,000 IN THE '99 FLOOD AND HERE'S MATTHEW ON THE COVERED TWO STREETS AND A HALF, MATTHEW, YOU CAN'T GET BACK HOME? GIVE HIM SOME MONEY. YOU GOT IT. GIVE HIM SOME MONEY SO HE CAN GET BACK HOME.

>> THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT. EVELYN STOKES IS NEXT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> **Speaker:** GOOD EVENING. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, AND WHAT I SEE THE PROBLEM IS WHEN THEY BUILT THE BYPASS AROUND TARBORO, EDGECOMBE COUNTY, PRINCEVILLE, THEY DIDN'T PUT ANY BRIDGES OR OUTLETS FOR THE WATER TO LEAVE OUT WHEN THE RIVER RISES. IT STANDS THERE AND AS THE WATER RISE, IT BACKS UP ON US. I WAS BORN AND RAISED RIGHT HERE IN TARBORO, RIGHT ON THE RIVER OVER THERE ON ST. JAMES STREET. FISHED ALL THE LAKES AND PONDS FROM TARBORO TO OAK CITY, WILLIAMSTON, ALL OF THAT WAS BLOCKED OFF WHEN THE BYPASS WAS PUT IN, NO BRIDGES, NO OUTLETS WAS PUT UP THERE FOR WATER TO LEAVE OUT. I STOOD ON MY FRONT PORCH WHEN MATTHEW CAME AND ALL THE TRIBUTARIES THAT WAS BRINGING THAT WATER OUT HAD BEEN BLOCKED OFF BY THAT AND BACKED IN ON US. WHAT YOU CALL, HOPE FARM, WHERE THEY'RE STILL BUILDING HOUSES AT, THAT USED TO BE CALLED LOW GROUND. THE BYPASS BLOCKED ALL OF THAT AREA OFF THAT WAS CARRYING THAT WATER OUT AND THAT'S GOING TO CONTINUE TO MAKE THAT WATER BACK UP ON US UNLESS THEY PUT SOME COVERS OR BRIDGES DOWN THE BYPASS TO LET THAT WATER GO OUT WHERE IT WAS GOING, CANITA, OAK CITY, WILLIAMSTON AND RIGHT OUT TO THE OCEAN. THAT'S THE PROBLEM RIGHT THERE. IF YOU COULD DO THAT, PUT SOME BRIDGES OUT THERE AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT BYPASS, YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT WATER BACKING IN ON TARBORO OR PRINCEVILLE EITHER. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT. MISS LOIS WATKINS. MISS LOIS WATKINS.

>> **Speaker:** I WOULD LIKE TO WAIVE MY SPEAKING. I'M GOING TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN

STATEMENT TO YOU.

>> YES, MA'AM. MR. CARLTON JONES. MR. CARLTON JONES.

>> GOOD EVENING. I'M CARLTON JONES. I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THE PROCESS. IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS NOW AND WE STARTED OUT, OF COURSE WHERE'S THE INTAKE PROCESS FOR TWO QATAR GOES OF PEOPLE, FROM MY UNDERSTANDING. ONE WAS FOR HOMEOWNERS AND ONE WAS FOR LANDLORDS. I'M ASSUMING THAT EVERYONE APPLIED AT THE SAME TIME, LANDLORDS AND HOMEOWNERS BUT EVIDENTLY THERE HAS BEEN SOME TYPE OF MISUNDERSTANDING BECAUSE AS A LANDLORD, WHICH I AM, WE APPLIED FOR FUNDING FOR REPAIR OR BUYOUT FUNDS FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES. ALL THE LANDLORDS I HAVE SPOKEN WITH, THEY GOT A LETTER SAYING THEY'RE INELIGIBLE FOR PRIMARY HOMEOWNERS AND OF COURSE, WE DID NOT APPLY AS PRIMARY HOMEOWNERS. WE APPLIED AS LANDLORD. I JUST CAME FROM THE COUNSELORS THAT'S OUT IN THE LOBBY NOW AND TRYING TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF IT, AND THERE STILL SEEMS TO BE SOME CONFUSION THAT THE SMALL RENTAL PROGRAM IS BEING DEVELOPED AS WE SPEAK NOW TWO YEARS LATER. THEY DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW IT'S GOING TO OPERATE. THEREFORE, HOPEFULLY, WITH ALL THE INFORMATION THAT WE'VE ALREADY GIVEN THEM WILL BE TRANSFERRED OVER UNTIL THIS NEW PROGRAM. I SPECIFICALLY ASKED THE QUESTION, WELL, IS THIS PROGRAM STILL HAVE THE SAME OPTIONS THAT THEY GAVE US IN THE BEGINNING? THOSE OPTIONS WAS REPAIR, ELEVATION, AND ALSO THE BUYOUT. ONE OF THE GENTLEMAN SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW THE ANSWER, SO HE CAME BACK AND ASKED A STATE WORKER, WOULD ALL THE OPTIONS STILL BE AVAILABLE? AND HE CAME BACK AND SAID, WELL, NO, THERE IS POSSIBLY ONLY ONE OPTION THAT WILL BE ON THE TABLE NOW AND THAT'S TO DO THE REPAIR. ONE OF MY CONCERNS IS AT THE LAST MEETING I WENT TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. WE WERE UPDATED THAT FEMA IS LOOKING AT REVAMPING THE FLOOD MAPS AND THEY'RE SAYING THAT WITH THE FLOOD MAPS BEING REVAMPED, THAT THERE'S A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT THE LEVY THAT PROTECTS PRINCEVILLE WILL NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED A

PROTECTED DEVICE AND EVERYONE IN PRINCEFIELD AND EVERYONE IN THE TOWN FROM THAT POINT FORWARD WILL HAVE TO HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE IF THEY'RE CARRYING A MORTGAGE, IF THEY'VE GOTTEN FEMA ASSISTANCE, THEN THEY WILL HAVE TO HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE . AND FROM SOME OF THE MEETINGS WE'VE HAD EARLIER, BASED ON THE ELEVATION OF THE TOWN, THE FLOOD INSURANCE IS GOING TO BE ASTRONOMICAL. I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY EXPECT THE PEOPLE TO AFFORD THE RATES THAT THEY'VE BEEN QUOTED IN THE PAST. SO MY CONCERN IS THAT WE'RE NOT GIVEN INFORMATION AND THE FLOW OF THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN TERRIBLE. EVEN TONIGHT. I COME HERE TONIGHT LOOKING FOR A PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION . WE GET HERE AND YOU HAVE YOUR COMMENT SECTION OUT IN THE LOBBY. YOU HAVE AN UPDATE SECTION OVER HERE, BUT NO ONE CAME PREPARED FOR THAT BECAUSE WE SIMPLY CAME TO A PUBLIC HEARING, AND WE WAS ONLY GOING TO GIVE COMMENTS AT A PUBLIC HEARING. WE'RE TOLD OUT HERE IF YOU WOULD HAVE BROUGHT YOUR FOLDER, WHICH NO ONE TOLD US TO BRING BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT JUST \$168 MILLION THAT WOULD BE RELEASED NOW. SO I MEAN, SOMEONE NEEDS TO REALLY TRY TO GET THE PEOPLE REALLY INFORMED. I MEAN, IT'S THREE YEARS LATER, TOMORROW, OCTOBER 16th, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, WILL BE THREE YEARS, AND WE STILL HAVING THE SAME MEETINGS ABOUT INFORMATION AND YOUR INFORMATION NOT BEING PROCESSED OR YOUR INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE WRONG PERSON OR THERE'S A NEW DEPARTMENT OR NEW WAY TO FILE AND THERE'S A NEW PERSON HELPING YOU TO FILE. CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW FRUSTRATING THIS MUST BE THREE YEARS LATER? CAN YOU EVEN IMAGINE?

>> YES, SIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COMMENT.

[ APPLAUSE ]

NEXT PERSON UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IS RISA PITTMAN. MISS PITTMAN, YOU ARE NEXT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> **Speaker:** YES, I'M INTERESTED IN MAKING A COMMENT CONCERNING PREVENTING DAMAGE. I'M CONCERNED BECAUSE FOR ME AND A COMMUNITY LIVING ON COWLICK

CREEK, EVERY TIME THE TAR RIVER OVERFLOWS, IT ENDS UP IN OUR HOUSES. NOW, WHEN FLOYD OCCURRED, WE WERE TOLD, OH, THAT'S THE 100-YEAR EVENT. DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING. OKAY. WELL, IN 15 YEARS, HOUSES ALONG THERE HAVE FLOODED THREE TIMES. NOW, MY HOUSE HAPPENS TO BE ONE OF THOSE HOUSES THAT HAS FLOODED THREE TIMES FROM THREE DIFFERENT EVENTS, BUT THERE ARE OTHERS THAT LIVE ON THIS CREEK THAT HAVE THE SAME ISSUE. AND IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A STORM. ALL IT NEEDS IS FOR THE TAR RIVER TO OVERFLOW. AND THAT CAN COME FROM JUST WATER FLOWING DOWN THE RIVER BASED ON AN EVENT THAT HAPPENED WEST SOME PLACE. SO MY CONCERN IS TRYING TO PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING AGAIN, EITHER REROUTING COWLICK, REENGINEERING COWLICK. MY NEIGHBORS AND MYSELF DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT ENDING UP IN OUR HOUSES, OR BUYING US OUT AND GIVING US A WAY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT ORGANIZATION IS DOING THIS BUYOUT. I MEAN, CAUSE FROM WHAT I'M UNDERSTANDING THERE'S FIVE OR SIX DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS THAT COULD BE DOING THIS THAT WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT. BUT GETTING THE INFORMATION TO THOSE HOMEOWNERS SO THAT THEY CAN GET THE RIGHT INFORMATION FOR A BUYOUT. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COMMENT. MISS JANET JENKINS. MISS JANET JENKINS, YOU'RE NEXT UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> **Speaker:** YES. MENT I STAY ON THE CUL DE SAC ON FIRST STREET AND PRINCEVILLE. THE COUNTY DO NOT WANT TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. THE STATE DON'T WANT TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. PRINCEFIELD DOES NOT WANT TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. NO ONE WANTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT ONE LITTLE SECTION OF HIGHWAY. IT IS SO BAD DOWN THERE, PEOPLE ARE TEARING UP THEIR CARS. NOBODY WANTS TO DRAG THAT ONE SECTION. NOBODY WANT TO PAVE IT. NOBODY WANT TO CRUSH DOWN, NOTHING. THAT'S UNFAIR TO US. WE HAVE TO PAY FOR THE TRUCKS TO COME DOWN AND PICK UP THE TRASH AND STUFF. THOSE HEAVY TRUCKS ARE TEARING UP THE ROAD JUST AS WELL. TO ME, I DON'T FEEL IT'S RIGHT, THAT THEY CAN'T DRAG THE HIGHWAY, THAT LITTLE SECTION. I FEEL LIKE THEY HAVE THE MONEY. PRINCEFIELD

WITH ALL THESE CHANGES IN HAND, THE MONEY GOT SPENT. EVERYTHING IN PRINCEFIELD IS PAID EXCEPT FOR THAT ONE LITTLE SECTION. IF THEY DON'T WANT TO PAVE IT, THE LEAST THEY CAN DO IS KEEP IT DRUG.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT. NEXT PERSON UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IS MR. REVEREND ROOSEVELT HEDGES. YOU ARE NEXT UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> **Speaker:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING DOWN AND GIVING EDGEcombe COUNTY AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. I HEARD YOU ALL SAY EARLIER THAT THIS IS SWH OF A NEW PLAN. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH NEW PLANS. WHAT I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH FOR THREE YEARS, WHAT HAVE YOU ALL BEEN USING AS A GUIDE TO ADDRESS MATTHEW? FOR THREE YEARS NOW, AND I FEEL LIKE IT'S TIME FOR SOMEBODY TO STOP BEWITCHING PEOPLE AND PUT YOURSELF IN THESE PEOPLE'S POSITIONS. MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE IN EDGEcombe COUNTY ARE THE HAVE-NOTES, AND WHEN YOU ARE A HAVE-NOT AND YOU GET HIT WITH A DISASTER, YOU DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF MOVING ON . YOU ARE PARALYZED RIGHT THERE WHERE YOU ARE UNTIL YOU GET HELP!

THESE PEOPLE NEED HELP. THEY NEED NEEDED HELP THREE YEARS AND TO COME PUSSY-FOOTING THREE YEARS LATER WITH ANOTHER PLAN ?!

YOU GO BACK AND TELL THE GOVERNOR HE OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF WITH SOME SHIT LIKE THIS.

[LAUGHTER]

[ APPLAUSE ]

>> NEXT PERSON UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IS MISS LINDA NIGHT. MISS LINDA NIGHT, YOU ARE UP NEXT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. MAKING A CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MISS LINDA KNIGHT.

>> SHE MAY BE WITH A CASE MANAGER.

>> SEEING NO ONE COME FORWARD, WE WILL GO ON TO MISS MARY WARREN. MISS MARY WARREN, YOU ARE UP NEXT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. MAKING A PUBLIC COMMENT CALL FOR MISS MARY WARREN. SEEING NO ONE COME FORWARD, WE WILL

GO ON TO MISS DAISY STATTEN.

>> **Speaker:** GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS DAISY STATEN. I'M THE CHAIRPERSON OF PRINCEVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND I'M HERE ADVOCATING FOR PUBLIC HOUSING. WE HAVE 50 UNITS PUBLIC AND 4 MARKETING AND I'M ASKING THAT SOME OF THAT \$168 MILLION BE GIVEN TO PRINCEVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY SO WE CAN RELOCATE ON THE NEW 52 ACRES HIGHER GROUND AND WE WON'T GET FLOODED AGAIN, AND IN THIS AREA, WE DO NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING BECAUSE OF THE DEMOGRAPHICS, BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMICS. AND I'M ADVOCATING, PLEASE, PLEASE REBUILD PRINCEVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY WITH SOME OF THAT MONEY, AND WE HAVE A VERY GOOD MANAGING AGENT, MR. LARRY WOOD, WHO SITS ON THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND THEY'RE VERY EXPERIENCED IN BUILDING AND DOING THE INFRASTRUCTURE. SO AS SOON AS WE GET SOME MONEY, WE CAN REBUILD AND BRING SOME OF OUR CITIZENS BACK, AND ALSO THIS REBUILD IS ON HIGHER GROUND WHERE WE'RE FARTHER FROM THE RIVER. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT PERSON UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, MISS DARLENE SPENCER HARRIS, MISS HARRIS, YOU'RE NEXT UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> **Speaker:** GOOD EVENING. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I RESIDE IN SOUTHEAST ROCKY MOUNT WHERE WE RECEIVED A LOT OF DAMAGE FROM THE STORMS. THERE IS A LOT OF PROPERTIES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN REBUILT BECAUSE THE PEOPLE ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD THE REPAIRS. THE STREETS WERE FLOODED. THE STORMS WERE FILLED AND HOUSES WERE RUINED. PEOPLE WERE DISPLACED. IT MAY NOT HAS BEEN AS BAD AS PRINCEVILLE, BUT WE WERE STILL AFFECTED IN THE SAME MANNER. WE ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER GIVING SOUTHEAST ROCKY MOUNT SOME OF THE MONEYS THAT'S BEEN ALLOCATED TO HELP REBUILD THE COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE'S LIVES AND RESTORE SOME DIGNITY TO THAT AREA. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT. NEXT PERSON UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IS MISS ROBERTA FOREMAN. MISS FOREMAN, YOU ARE NEXT UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> **Speaker:** GOOD EVENING. I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. I HAVE A LOT TO SAY. THREE MINUTES WON'T ALLOW ME. I WANT TO PIGGYBACK OFF THE TWO GENTLEMEN. I'M VERY DISSATISFIED. IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS. I STILL HAVE NOT GOT ANY MONEY. I THINK ALL THE MONEYS MUST BE GOING TOWARD SALARIES TO PEOPLE THAT DON'T KNOW HALF AS MUCH AS I KNOW AND I HAVE A BIG PROBLEM WITH THAT. IT'S GREAT TO GET THIS MONEY BUT WE NEED A BETTER SYSTEM ON HOW TO ALLOT IT BECAUSE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE AFFECTED ARE NOT THE ONES THAT ARE RECEIVING THE MONEY. I'M WAITING TO GO BACK AND HOPEFULLY, I WILL GET SOME ANSWERS. I JUST FOUND OUT THAT THERE'S A NEW HANDBOOK WITH RULES. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW WE CAN CHANGE AFTER THREE YEARS AND NOW THEY'RE SAYING, YOU KNOW, THERE'S THINGS THAT ARE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE WERE TOLD IN THE BEGINNING. BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THE LOCAL EDGECOMBE COUNTY GIRLS-- YOU ALL KNOW WHO YOU ALL ARE-- IF IT WAS NOT FOR YOU ALL, I DON'T KNOW WHERE I WOULD BE RIGHT NOW. I CALLED THEM MANY DAYS AND THEY ALWAYS RESPOND BECAUSE THEY'RE REALLY THE ONLY ONES I CAN COUNT ON RIGHT NOW. I'M VERY DISSATISFIED. IT'S GREAT TO HAVE A PLAN. PRAY WE NEVER HAVE FUTURE STORMS, BUT IF IT'S GOING TO TAKE THREE YEARS, A LOT OF PEOPLE CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG. I STILL DON'T HAVE ANY ANSWERS. I HAVE AN AWARD LETTER OVER THERE THAT MEANS NOTHING TO ME IF I CAN'T GET ANYBODY TO GET IT GOING. I JUST DON'T KNOW. I'M KIND OF GETTING HOPELESS BUT I HOPE AFTER TONIGHT, I'M GOING TO GET SOME ANSWERS AND IN THE FUTURE, JUST LIKE TONIGHT, THE LOCAL GIRLS TOLD ME ABOUT THIS MEETING. I DID NOT RECEIVE A PHONE CALL, EMAIL, TEXT, OR LETTER . IT WAS THAT I STOPPED IN THERE AND THEY WERE THE ONES THAT TOLD ME ABOUT BEING HERE TONIGHT. SO THIS CANNOT GO ON. WE HAVE TO STAND UNIFIED. COME TOGETHER, AND FIGHT FOR WHAT IS RIGHT. THANK YOU, AGAIN, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK , AND THANK YOU FOR THE LOCAL EDGECOMBE OFFICE. THANK YOU.

[ APPLAUSE ]

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. THAT IS ALL WE HAVE INSOD UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. I'LL MAKE A CALL TO THE AUDIENCE. ANYONE WHO DID NOT SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT THAT WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD TO GIVE A COMMENT, PLEASE DO SO AT THIS TIME. TAKING A CALL FOR ANYONE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

>> **Speaker:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO EVERYONE. MY NAME IS ISABEL ANDREWS. I WAS A FORMER COMMISSIONER HERE IN PRINCEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. MY ADDRESS IS 725 GREENWOOD BOULEVARD, PRINCEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. AS OTHERS HAVE STATED, WE HAVE BEEN WAITING, WAIT, WAITING, WHICH WE THOUGHT ONCE THEY START CHECKING EVERYBODY'S NAME, WHOEVER HAVE THE BUY, EVERYTHING WOULD BE IN ORDER AND ON TIME. BUT IT HAVE NOT BEEN. IT DON'T SEEM LIKE NOBODY CARES ANYMORE, OR IF THE MONEY HAD BEEN GOING TO OTHER FLOODS THAT HAVE BEEN HAPPENING OR IS GOING TO CONTINUE ON WITH OTHER FLOODS HAPPENING. IS THE MONEY GOING SOMEWHERE ELSE? WE NEED HELP. I HAVE NEVER SEEN NOTHING LIKE THIS. I HAVE BEEN IN TWO FLOODS. ALMOST GOT DROWNED IN THE 1999 AND NOW IN 17 YEARS, WE HAD ANOTHER ONE, MATTHEW, AND FEMA QUICKLY STATED THAT I READ IN MATTHEW SAYING THAT AFTER OUR TOWN HAD BEEN FLOODED TWICE, THEY WASN'T GOING TO HELP THAT TOWN ANYMORE. SO WE WONDER, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO NEXT? ANOTHER FLOOD GOT TO HAPPEN BEFORE WE EVEN GET ANYTHING? WHICH I DID MOVE BECAUSE IN '99 FLOOD, I HAD TO JUMP UP AND DOWN, AFTER THE '99 FLOOD, JUMPING UP AND DOWN WONDERING WHAT IT'S GOING TO FLOOD AGAIN. THAT IS NERVE-RACKING, CAUSES A LOT OF US TO BE STRESSED OUT, ANXIETY, ON MEDICATION, MENTALLY AND THEN WHEN WE TRY TO GET HOUSES NOW, TRYING ABOUT NEW PLANS, HOW CAN YOU CONTINUE ON CHANGING SOMETHING WHEN WE HAVE NO HOPE. FIRST, WE HAVE HOPE AND THEN YOU TAKE IT AWAY FROM US MAKING US STILL FEEL STRESSED OUT WITH ANXIETY AND WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG WE'RE GOING TO BE HERE? PEOPLE ARE DYING LEFT AND RIGHT. WE DO WANT TO HAVE SOME ENJOYMENT OUT OF.



THIS I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT TIME SHOULDN'T MATTER AFTER WHAT WE'VE MATTERED. TIME SHOULDN'T MATTER. WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH A LOT. STILL, I COME OUT HERE AND I WANT ANSWERS AND STILL NOT GETTING ANY ANSWERS. NOW, THEY HAD TOLD ME I HAD DONE WENT TO THE PROCESS. WENT I FINISHED GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS, THEY SENT AN AWARD LETTER. I SAID THIS DOESN'T PERTAIN TO ME. I WENT FOR THE BUYOUT. I HAD TO CALL TO SEE WHERE TO MEET NEXT. WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THIS. THIS IS TOO MUCH. IT'S TIME FOR SOMEBODY TO WAKE UP.

[ APPLAUSE ]

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

>> **Speaker:** MY NAME IS MARIA GOMEZ, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT IF YOU COULD SAVE SOME FUNDS FOR PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE WOULD COME GIVE THEM MONEY TO GIVE THEM GAS AND BUY THINGS. BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE LOW BUDGET AND FOR MYSELF, I CAN SAY THAT I REPAIR MYSELF, BUY FOOD AND GAS GO HIGH, THERE'S NO GAS IN THE GAS STATION. SO IF YOU CAN COME AND GET BIGGER, YOU CAN HAVE FUNDS TO HELP THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO INCOME TO HELP THEM AND MOVE FORWARD AND MOVE OUT BECAUSE I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE STAY HOME BECAUSE THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO BUY GAS AND STUFF AND HAVE THE ABILITY. THAT'S ALL.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT.

[ APPLAUSE ]

ANYONE ELSE COMING FORTH FOR PUBLIC COMMENT? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

>> **Speaker:** LINDA NIGHT. I'M A LIFETIME RESIDENT OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY. MY HUSBAND AND I ARE LANDLORDS OF SEVERAL PIECES OF PROPERTY IN TARBORO AND PRINCEVILLE. I HAVE ATTENDED OVER A DOZEN MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

SINCE OCTOBER 2016 BECAUSE OF HURRICANE MATTHEW AND WE WAS TOLD THROUGHOUT THE MEETINGS THAT THERE WOULD BE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO LANDLORDS BECAUSE I PERSONALLY ASKED THE QUESTION MYSELF. NONE OF THE PROPERTIES WAS CONSIDERED IN THE BUYOUT EVEN THOUGH BEFORE FLOOD WAS VALUED AT NEARLY \$90,000 AND NOW IT'S VALUED AT OVER 16,000. ANOTHER VALUED AT 75 AND NOW THE VALUE IS 12,500. SEVERAL MORE FROM THE SAME APPRAISERS. WE WERE TOLD TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY. WE SUBMITTED OUR APPLICATIONS AND INFORMATION, AND SOME OF IT MORE THAN TWICE. ALL OF OUR PROPERTY WAS INSPECTED, MEASURED, LEAD SAMPLES, TAKEN ACCORDING TO THOSE EIGHT-STEP PLAN TO REBUILD NORTH CAROLINA. THE HOMEOWNER RECOVERY PROGRAM. WE WERE TOLD WE WERE ON STEP FIVE. AFTER THREE CAREERS, WE RECEIVED INFORMATION STATING THAT WE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE BECAUSE WE DID NOT LIVE IN THE HOUSE AT THE TIME OF THE FLOOD. THAT IT WAS NOT OUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE. THE APPLICATION WAS GIVEN TO US AND THE QUESTION WAS ASKED IN THE APPLICATION. MY QUESTION IS, WHY WERE WE GIVEN THE APPLICATION AND NOW THEY TELL US THE LANDLORD APPLICATIONS HAS NOT BEEN FORMATTED. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT.

[ APPLAUSE ]

IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

>> **Speaker:** CAN YOU BRING THE MICROPHONE UP HERE, PLEASE. I'M HANDICAPPED.

>> ONE MOMENT, PLEASE.

>> **Speaker:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS YVONNE PERSON, 302 7th STREET, PRINCEVILLE. I HAVE BEEN IN PRINCEVILLE SINCE I WAS 18 YEARS OLD. I AM NOW 75 YEARS OLD. I HAVE NOT SEEN ANYTHING HAPPENING IN PRINCEVILLE LIKE IT IS TODAY . I LOVE PRINCEVILLE. I HAD MANY CHANCES TO LEAVE PRINCEVILLE, BUT AFTER I BECAME TO LOVE IT, I DECIDED NOT TO AND I WANTED TO FIGHT FOR IT. MY HOUSE FLOODED IN

HURRICANE FLOYD COMPLETELY. THEY HAD TO REBUILD OUR HOME AND THEY MOVED THE HOUSE BACK FURTHER ACROSS THE LAND AND NOW THE LAND HAS SHIFTED . I NEVER HAD FLOODING BEFORE, BUT WHEN MATTHEW CAME ALONG, MY HOUSE FLOODED OVER HALF, ABOUT THREE-THIRDS OF MY HOUSE FLOODED. NOW, I HAD A RAISED-- I WAS ONE OF THREE HOUSES ON 2nd STREET THAT HAD A RED ON THEIR HOUSE. I DIDN'T GET BACK INTO HOW HOUSE UNTIL FEBRUARY AND IT IS STILL NOT COMPLETED UP TO TODAY. THEY'RE STILL COMING, JUST TODAY, AND STILL WORKING ON MY HOUSE. I'M VERY DISGUSTED WITH THE WAY THINGS HAS GONE ABOUT. I'VE HAD LETTERS THAT SAID I WOULD RECEIVE MONEY AND DIFFERENT OTHER THINGS, BUT YET WHEN I GO TO THE MEETINGS AND DIFFERENT OTHER THINGS, I HAVE BEEN DENIED AND SAID, WELL, YOU DON'T QUALIFY. BUT YET, I'M 80 AND I'M A DOUBLE AMPUTEE AND I QUALIFY ACCORDING TO THEIR GUIDELINES, BUT THEN THEY TELL ME THAT THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE WHO COME BEFORE ME. I NEED HELP FROM PRINCEVILLE. THE WATER FLOWS OUT OF MY NEIGHBOR'S BACKYARD FROM OVER BY MORNING STREET ON THAT DOWN ACROSS TO MY LAND, AND NOW THE LAND HAS SHIFTED. NEVER BEFORE HAS THAT LAND BEEN LIKE THAT, BUT SINCE THAT FLOOD, THEY CAME AND THEY DUG A LITTLE TRENCH, BUT WHEN MATTHEW CAME THE WATER STILL DIDN'T GO IN THE TRENCH. IT CAME UP IN MY YARD AND FLOODED MY HOUSE AND MY CAR, WHICH I DIDN'T GET PAID FOR. SO, YES. I AM ONE OF THE ONES WHO HAVE TO PAY THE \$400 FOR THE FLOOD INSURANCE. I ONLY GET SOCIAL SECURITY AND I DON'T HAVE ANY HELP. MY HUSBAND IS DECEASED, AND I WANT TO KNOW WHEN WILL PRINCEVILLE BEGIN TO HELP THE CITIZENS OF PRINCEVILLE?  
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT.

[ APPLAUSE ]

>> ANYONE ELSE AVAILABLE THAT WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. HAVING NO ONE ELSE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC, I MAKE A CALL TO THE AUDIENCE. IS THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD FOR PUBLIC

COMMENT? SEEING THERE'S NO ONE STEPPING FORWARD, I'LL MAKE ONE LAST CALL. IS THERE ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT? SEEING NO ONE COME FORWARD, PUBLIC COMMENT IS NOW CLOSED. I WILL TURN IT OVER TO MISS LAURA.

>> SO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR COMING AND FOR SHARING AND I WANT TO SAY THAT AS MUCH AS I CAN, I DO UNDERSTAND AND WE WANT TO BE THE ENTITY THAT BRINGS THE ANSWERS TO YOU. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO VISIT THE CASE MANAGEMENT TABLE AND CONTINUE TO ASK THE QUESTIONS AND AS YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT APPROPRIATE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. THERE ARE A LOT OF NCORR STAFF MEMBERS.

PLEASE GRAB US AND TALK TO US BECAUSE WE WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE FACING AND BE OF ASSISTANCE. THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT TONIGHT. PLEASE BE SAFE DRIVING HOME AND CONTINUE TO ASK US QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

[ MEETING CONCLUDES AT 6 R 7: 26 ]