



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 8/31/2021

Department: Planning Department

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Subject: TS Fred: Emergency Assistance Needs

Brief Summary:

Staff has conducted windshield and damage assessment for the impacts of TS Fred. Based on input from Emergency Services, Planning, Building Inspections, and Ag and Land Resources there are immediate life safety issues that need to be addressed in advance of a formal State or Presidential Disaster Declaration. Staff proposes addressing neighborhood access points to allow for emergency services vehicles to enter a neighborhood and removal of storm debris to alleviate impacts to public health and safety.

Staff proposes using the following criteria to determine which access sites should be repaired immediately. The access point should be repaired, if it

1. Creates a public health and safety issue, and;
2. Impacts an area with 10 or more owner occupied dwelling units served, and;
3. Is served by a single access point that provides vehicular ingress and egress to the neighborhood, and;
4. Has been significantly damaged and cannot be used by emergency vehicles, and;
5. Is not managed by a third party, and;
6. The median residential property tax value served by the access point is below the median residential property tax value.

Staff proposes using the following criteria to determine where stream debris should be removed immediately. The stream debris should be removed, if it

1. Creates a public health and safety issue, and;

2. Severely threatens a residential and/or commercial structure(s) and/or infrastructure, and;
3. Is in a stream that is not managed by a third party, and;
4. The median residential property tax value impacted by the stream is below the median residential property tax value.

Emergency Services, Planning, Building Inspections, and Ag and Land resources staff will be consulted during the evaluation of each location.

Staff recommends allocation \$500,000 to address immediate life safety issues created by TS Fred. If a State and Presidential Disaster Declaration is declared, all funds will be reimbursed.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Discuss criteria and provide staff with feedback. Allocate up to \$500,000 to address emergency impacts from TS Fred.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: Manager recommends approval as presented.