

County of Brunswick
Office of the County Commissioners



RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE POST-DISASTER DEBRIS POLICY

WHEREAS, the County of Brunswick, through its Commissioners, wishes to eliminate any immediate threats to lives, public health, and safety; and

WHEREAS, the County of Brunswick, through its Commissioners, may use a significant portion of the available capacity of the landfill to dispose of incident-related debris; and

WHEREAS, although the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) cannot provide public assistance funding for the value of the loss of landfill capacity due to incident-related debris; and

WHEREAS, tipping fees will continue to be paid by the residents of Brunswick County to cover the County's waste disposal, recycling and/or reduction cost; and

WHEREAS, when the disaster debris management and monitoring contracts and debris management sites are activated, FEMA provides public assistance funding for collection, disposal and/or processing of debris.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners establish the following policies and procedures for post-disaster planning:

- Immediately following a significant disaster or debris event, debris management contractors will be directed to complete debris assessments of unincorporated areas.
- Activation of the County's disaster debris contracts should be dependent upon the initial debris assessments. The threshold for reimbursement by the state for an undeclared event is damages in excess of 1% of the County's overall annual budget. Federal declaration criteria based on NCEM county threshold is currently \$3.68 per capita, which would equal an activation trigger of 26,000 cy's of debris based on current contract pricing and current population estimate.
- When disaster debris management and monitoring contracts are activated, temporary debris management sites will be required and tipping fees will remain in place for the Brunswick County Landfill.
- Landfill airspace utilized for debris disposal will not be eligible for funding.
- Municipalities that activate disaster debris management contracts or that perform disaster debris collections may be required to use a temporary debris site instead of the landfill due to traffic and volume constraints.

- Debris disposal, recycling and/or reduction completed at the Brunswick County Landfill will be considered normal operations and tipping fees will not be waived.
- Storm debris collections performed by the County's disaster debris contractors should include private and orphaned roads and gated communities in the unincorporated areas. Collections in gated communities will only be conducted upon request and if the debris is determined to be a public safety issue.
- When disaster debris management and monitoring contracts are activated for all unincorporated areas countywide, then the county will also initiate the Memorandum of Agreement with NCDOT for debris collection on state roads in order to minimize confusion and maximize efficiency for residents.

Adopted this 3rd day of May 2021.

Randy Thompson, Chairman
Brunswick County Commissioners

Attest:

Andrea White, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board