
Disaster Assistance Available to New Jersey Communities Impacted by Hurricane Ida

SOMERSET, N.J., September 10, 2021 – USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is now accepting applications for natural disaster recovery efforts aimed at relieving imminent hazards *to life and property* caused by Hurricane Ida in Bergen, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Passaic, and Somerset Counties through the NRCS [Emergency Watershed Protection \(EWP\) Program](#). Applications will be accepted through November 1, 2021.

[EWP Program Details](#): EWP is designed for installation of recovery measures to safeguard life and property as a result of a natural disaster. Threats that the EWP Program addresses are termed watershed impairments. These include, but are not limited to:

- debris-clogged waterways,
- unstable streambanks,
- severe erosion jeopardizing public infrastructure
- wind-borne debris removal, and
- damaged upland sites stripped of protective vegetation by fire or drought.

Find out more [HERE!](#)

FULL NEWS RELEASE: [Read More Here.](#)

Learn about USDA disaster assistance programs that might be right for you by completing five simple steps.

Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool: [Here.](#)

Program Brochure: [A guide to USDA disaster programs \(Disaster at a Glance\)](#)

Additional Agricultural Community Assistance

EQIP Disaster Assistance(Environmental Quality Incentives Program)

Through EQIP, NRCS provides financial assistance to repair and prevent the excessive soil erosion caused or impacted by natural disasters. These practices include activities like stream bank restoration, grassed waterways and buffers. NRCS-funded conservation practices protect your land from erosion, support disaster recovery and repair, and can help mitigate loss from future natural disasters. Find out more [HERE!](#)

USDA Farm Service Agency offers the following disaster assistance (in addition to many more):

[FSA Emergency Conservation Program](#)
[FSA Emergency Reforestation Program](#)

Other Tropical Storm Ida Resources

State of NJ - Visit website [HERE](#).

Hunterdon County - Visit website [HERE](#).

Hunterdon County local NRCS service center:
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