

Gaston County, NC

Risk-assessment baseline packet

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Summary

Plan status as of 2026-09-30: Approved, expires 2030-04-14. Plan: Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional (FEMA plan 110545), approved 2025-04-15.
Since the plan was approved on 2025-04-15: 1 new hazard declaration (1 incident): EM-3637-NC (Severe Winter Storm).
NOAA Storm Events records since that date: 13 records (data through 2026-06-30).
Highest expected annual loss (FEMA National Risk Index, modeled total; see B1-a): Inland Flooding (\$36,259,294 a year), Tornado (\$8,393,119) and Strong Wind (\$3,372,414).
Repetitive-loss flood properties now: FMA RL 0, SRL 0 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 9.
The tables that follow are organized by the items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool, Element B (B1-a to B2-c); each heading says which item its tables support.

TERMS USED

EAL: expected annual loss: FEMA's modeled average yearly loss from a hazard.
NRI: FEMA's National Risk Index (version 1.20, December 2025).
NFIP: National Flood Insurance Program.
RL, SRL: repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss: flood-insured properties with repeated claims (definitions in B2-c).
FMA, HMGP: Flood Mitigation Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, FEMA mitigation grants.
PA: FEMA Public Assistance: disaster aid to governments and some nonprofits.
Zone-level: NOAA logged the event for a National Weather Service forecast zone, which may include parts of neighboring counties.
County-coded: NOAA logged the event to this county.
FIPS: the federal code for a place; 37071 is this area.
D0 to D4: U.S. Drought Monitor categories, from abnormally dry (D0) to exceptional drought (D4).
F/EF, EFU: Fujita and Enhanced Fujita tornado ratings; EFU is an unrated tornado.
kt, CONUS: knots (1 kt is about 1.15 mph); the contiguous United States.
CFR: Code of Federal Regulations.
A4-a, E1-a: other items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool (sources, and changes since the last plan).
Dollars: nominal (as reported, labeled with the year), not adjusted for inflation.

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Plan clock

Status:	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	Plan:	Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional (FEMA plan 110545)
Approved:	2025-04-15	Days to expiry:	1,292
What changed since your last plan (approved 2025-04-15)			
New federal declarations:	1 new hazard declaration (1 incident): EM-3637-NC (Severe Winter Storm)	Storm Events records since approval:	13 records (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now:	FMA RL 0, SRL 0 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 9	Repeat-flood change:	this release sets the baseline count.
Sources: 1, 2, 4, 6 (numbered list at the end)			

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county: 13 rows, in the section "Plan clock: Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county" on the following pages.

State plan status and tribal plans in this state: see the state page.

Plan clock

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

Source: 1

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry <i>negative = days since expiry</i>	Update underway	Notes
Gaston County (unincorporated area)	Unincorporated	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional (FEMA plan 110545)	2025-04-15	2030-04-14	1,292		this jurisdiction approved 2025-07-11
Belmont city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional (FEMA plan 110545)	2025-04-15	2030-04-14	1,292		
Bessemer City city	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional (FEMA plan 110545)	2025-04-15	2030-04-14	1,292		this jurisdiction approved 2025-06-30
Cherryville city	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional (FEMA plan 110545)	2025-04-15	2030-04-14	1,292		this jurisdiction approved 2025-07-30
Cramerton town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional (FEMA plan 110545)	2025-04-15	2030-04-14	1,292		this jurisdiction approved 2025-07-17
Dallas town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional (FEMA plan 110545)	2025-04-15	2030-04-14	1,292		this jurisdiction approved 2025-08-18
Gastonia city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional (FEMA plan 110545)	2025-04-15	2030-04-14	1,292		this jurisdiction approved 2025-07-17
High Shoals city	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional (FEMA plan 110545)	2025-04-15	2030-04-14	1,292		this jurisdiction approved 2026-01-12
Lowell city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional (FEMA plan 110545)	2025-04-15	2030-04-14	1,292		this jurisdiction approved 2026-01-06
McAdenville town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional (FEMA plan 110545)	2025-04-15	2030-04-14	1,292		
Mount Holly city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional (FEMA plan 110545)	2025-04-15	2030-04-14	1,292		this jurisdiction approved 2025-07-30
Ranlo town	Town	Plan 110545 approved 2025-04-15, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional (FEMA plan 110545), pending adoption here	2025-04-15 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-04-14 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Stanley town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional (FEMA plan 110545)	2025-04-15	2030-04-14	1,292		this jurisdiction approved 2025-07-11

Plan 110545 lists 18 other participants not on this page, 1 of them not covered by it yet (named in the Excel file).

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-a: hazard identification

Hazards NRI does not cover (local data needed)

- dam failure (incl. upstream dams)
- levee failure
- flash flood as its own subtype
- ice jams
- debris flows
- erosion (riverine and coastal)
- land subsidence and sinkholes
- expansive soils

The 18 National Risk Index hazards, ranked by expected annual loss (EAL)

Sources: 5, 6

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 <i>count</i>	Storm Events coverage note
1	Inland Flooding	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$35,511,988	\$21,868	\$725,437	\$36,259,294	31	
2	Tornado	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$4,414,580	\$805	\$3,977,733	\$8,393,119	15	
3	Strong Wind	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$158,058	\$852	\$3,213,505	\$3,372,414	231	Includes 14 High Wind and 8 Strong Wind records (NOAA non-thunderstorm wind types, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition).
4	Earthquake	Relatively Low	Relatively Moderate	\$2,404,450	n/a	\$845,154	\$3,249,605		Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
5	Ice Storm	Very High	Very High	\$2,350,220	n/a	\$394,572	\$2,744,792	7	
6	Cold Wave	Relatively Low	Relatively Moderate	\$9,796	\$56,081	\$1,485,294	\$1,551,170	10	Includes 3 Frost/Freeze records (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition; counted in this table and in B1-d, not in the B1-e descriptor).
7	Lightning	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$86,407	n/a	\$1,274,579	\$1,360,987	19	
8	Heat Wave	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$61	\$17	\$915,141	\$915,219	2	
9	Hurricane	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$582,410	\$36,743	\$34,096	\$653,249	3	
10	Hail	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$395,266	\$1,800	\$164,821	\$561,887	125	
11	Winter Weather	Relatively Low	Relatively Moderate	\$6,155	\$85	\$86,588	\$92,828	64	Includes 4 Sleet records (outside NRI's Winter Weather definition).

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 <i>count</i>	Storm Events coverage note
12	Drought	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	n/a	\$62,714	n/a	\$62,714	35	
13	Wildfire	Very Low	Very Low	\$38,829	\$15	\$7,590	\$46,433	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
14	Landslide	Very Low	Very Low	\$2,272	n/a	\$131	\$2,403	0	Declared 1 time; no Storm Events record of this type.

Total = buildings + agriculture + population equivalence; FEMA values each expected death (or 10 injuries) at \$13.7 million (2024 dollars).

NRI risk rating combines expected annual loss with social vulnerability and community resilience; EAL rating rates expected annual loss alone. Both compare this county with all U.S. counties.

Local data needed: state and local wildfire and landslide records (Storm Events records these hazards only in part).

Not applicable to this county per NRI, with no federal declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996: avalanche, coastal flooding, tsunami and volcanic activity. That is the evidence for leaving them out of the plan.

The state hazard mitigation plan also lists hazards for this county; FEMA asks the plan to explain any hazard it leaves out.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-b: hazard location

Affects the whole county (national data give no location within it): Cold Wave, Drought, Hail, Heat Wave, Ice Storm, Lightning, Strong Wind and Winter Weather.

Inland Flooding: The FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is the required location source for flooding. See the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (<https://msc.fema.gov>) for this county.

Hazards that vary within the county: highest-rated census tracts

Source: 5

Hazard	Highest-rated census tracts <i>NRI risk rating, score 0 to 100</i>
Earthquake	tract 315 (Relatively Moderate, 80.9); tract 321 (Relatively Moderate, 80.5); tract 323.02 (Relatively Low, 76.2)
Hurricane	tract 315 (Relatively Low, 61.4); tract 321 (Relatively Low, 59.3); tract 323.02 (Relatively Low, 57.7)
Landslide	tract 317.06 (Relatively Low, 85.4); tract 303.01 (Relatively Low, 84.5); tract 325.08 (Relatively Low, 84.2)
Tornado	tract 315 (Relatively High, 85.8); tract 321 (Relatively High, 81.8); tract 323.02 (Relatively High, 79.2)
Wildfire	tract 327.02 (Relatively Low, 80.2); tract 325.09 (Relatively Low, 74.2); tract 317.03 (Relatively Low, 74.2)

Up to 3 census tracts per hazard, highest National Risk Index rating first, then highest score; a tract number is the Census tract number (for example 315 is Census Tract 315). FEMA's Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool maps the National Risk Index for every tract: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/resilience-analysis-and-planning-tool>

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-c: hazard extent

Extent: scale, observed range and worst recorded event per hazard

Sources: 6, 7

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	7 records, 1997 to 2026 (7 zone-level)	1 day to 31 days (median 2 days); 7 with a recorded value	December 2000 (1 monthly summary record), zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	Wind chill: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	3 records, 2002 to 2007 (3 zone-level)		Frost/Freeze, 2007-04-08, \$1,000,000 crop damage (2007 dollars); NWS zone NCZ070		Countywide (zone-level records).	Temperature: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Drought	U.S. Drought Monitor scale (D0 to D4)	35 records, 1998 to 2026 (35 zone-level)	31 days to 276 days (median 61 days); 12 with a recorded value	276 days (9 months), 2007-05-01 to 2008-01-31, a run of 9 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	Storm Events enters a drought at D2 or worse east of the Rockies and D3 or worse from the Rockies west (NWS Instruction 10-1605); NRI drought counts D3 and D4 only.
Earthquake	Modified Mercalli (local data)	0					Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	hail size (inches)	169 records, 1962 to 2025	0.75 in to 4.5 in (median 1 in); 169 with a recorded value	4.5 in hail, 1974-04-03	Hail, 2003-05-15, \$300,000 property; crops not reported (2003 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Gastonia city (33 records), Cherryville city (16 records), Bessemer City city (11 records), Dallas town (11 records), Mount Holly city (9 records), Belmont city (8 records), Stanley town (5 records), Cramerton town (3 records), Lowell city (3 records), High Shoals city (1 record); and 1 more jurisdiction (see the Excel file).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (in event narratives)	2 records, 2012 (2 zone-level)	3 days; 1 with a recorded value	3 consecutive days, 2012-06-29 to 2012-07-01, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	Heat index: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	3 records, 2018 to 2024 (3 zone-level)		Strongest recorded: Tropical Storm record, 2024-09-27, \$1,500,000 property; \$0 crops (2024 dollars); NWS zone NCZ070		Countywide (zone-level records).	Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's type; flooding from the storm is filed as Flood or Flash Flood records.
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz ice scale (local data)	7 records, 1996 to 2005 (7 zone-level)		Ice Storm, 2002-12-04, \$18,000,000 property; crops not reported (2002 dollars); NWS zone NCZ070		Countywide (zone-level records).	Ice thickness: in event narratives only (local data needed).

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (flood depth: FIRM)	31 records, 1996 to 2024 (5 zone-level)		Flood, 2019-06-09, \$2,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2019 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Gastonia city (6 records), Stanley town (4 records), Bessemer City city (3 records), Dallas town (3 records), Cherryville city (2 records), Lowell city (2 records), High Shoals city (1 record), Mount Holly city (1 record), Ranlo town (1 record). Zone-level records (5) apply countywide.	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage is often \$0 or blank for floods, major ones included; FEMA Public Assistance by declaration (B1-d) shows which floods cost the most.
Debris Flow	none (count and damage only)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	19 records, 1996 to 2014		Lightning, 2006-05-18, \$250,000 property; crops not reported (2006 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Gastonia city (10 records), Belmont city (2 records), Cherryville city (2 records), Dallas town (1 record), Stanley town (1 record).	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties; physical measure in event narratives only (local data needed).
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI's Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	22 records, 1996 to 2024 (22 zone-level)	35 kt (40 mph) to 65 kt (75 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 19 with a recorded value	65 kt (75 mph) estimated gust, High Wind, 2004-03-07; NWS zone NCZ070	High Wind, 2007-04-16, \$500,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2007 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	261 records, 1955 to 2026	40 kt (46 mph) to 75 kt (86 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 209 with a recorded value	75 kt (86 mph) estimated gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2023-05-16, 1 direct injury	Thunderstorm Wind, 2014-07-03, \$150,000 property; \$0 crops (2014 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Gastonia city (53 records), Cherryville city (25 records), Dallas town (20 records), Belmont city (16 records), Bessemer City city (16 records), Cramerton town (13 records), Mount Holly city (13 records), Stanley town (11 records), Lowell city (6 records), High Shoals city (3 records); and 1 more jurisdiction (see the Excel file).	
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (Fujita before Feb 2007)	19 records, 1956 to 2024	F/EF0 to F/EF2 (median F/EF1); 19 with a recorded value	EF2 tornado, 2008-05-09, 9.36 mi within this county, 75 yd wide, \$7,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2008 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Gastonia city (5 records), Cherryville city (2 records), Belmont city (1 record), Cramerton town (1 record).	Before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with its whole path's rating and length; from 1996 on, each county lists its own segment. Length is not used to rank tornadoes (see Methods).

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	0					Acres burned: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall: local data)	64 records, 1996 to 2026 (64 zone-level)		Heavy Snow, 2004-02-26, \$50,000 property; crops not reported (2004 dollars); NWS zone NCZ070		Countywide (zone-level records).	Snow depth: in event narratives only (local data needed).

Where a hazard names more than 10 jurisdictions, the table lists the 10 with the most records; every one is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-c Extent".

Storm Events records are more complete after 1996; before 1996 only Tornado (from 1950), Hail and Thunderstorm Wind (from 1955) exist. Zone-level records whose zone no NWS zone-county file places in this county (mostly before 2020) are not counted here (the Methods page explains the zone matching).

Dollars are nominal (as reported), labeled with the year; not adjusted for inflation.

A monthly summary record covers most or all of a month; it does not count days at wave conditions.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-d: previous occurrences

Federal declarations for this county: 20 declarations covering 16 separate hazard incidents counted in this packet (declarations for the same incident count once; non-natural and evacuation-only declarations are not counted).

Federal disaster declarations for this county

Sources: 1, 2, 3

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	Notes
2026-01-24	2026-01-21	EM-3637-NC	Emergency	Severe Winter Storm	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded	new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2024-09-28	2024-09-25	DR-4827-NC	Major disaster	Tropical Storm Helene	Hurricane	\$3,544,951.37	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	
2024-09-26	2024-09-25	EM-3617-NC	Emergency	Hurricane Helene	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding, Landslide	no Public Assistance recorded	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	same incident as DR-4827
2022-10-01	2022-09-28	EM-3586-NC	Emergency	Hurricane Ian	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded	within last 5 years	
2020-08-02	2020-07-31	EM-3534-NC	Emergency	Hurricane Isaias	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		
2020-05-08	2020-02-06	DR-4543-NC	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$289,324.69		
2020-03-25	2020-01-20	DR-4487-NC	Major disaster	COVID-19 Pandemic	Non-natural, not counted	\$38,223,100.55		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3471-NC	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-4487
2019-09-03	2019-09-01	EM-3423-NC	Emergency	Hurricane Dorian	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		
2018-09-10	2018-09-07	EM-3401-NC	Emergency	Hurricane Florence	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Flags	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>		
2005-09-05	2005-08-29	EM-3222-NC	Emergency	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		
2004-09-10	2004-09-07	DR-1546-NC	Major disaster	Tropical Storm Frances	Hurricane	PA not declared for this county		
2002-12-12	2002-12-04	DR-1448-NC	Major disaster	Severe Ice Storm	Ice Storm	\$1,956,127.30		
1996-02-23	1996-02-02	DR-1103-NC	Major disaster	Winter Storm	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1996-01-13	1996-01-06	DR-1087-NC	Major disaster	Blizzard of 96	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1993-03-17	1993-03-13	EM-3110-NC	Emergency	Severe Snowfall & Winter Storm	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1989-09-25	1989-09-21	DR-844-NC	Major disaster	Hurricane Hugo	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		
1977-08-11	1977-08-11	EM-3049-NC	Emergency	Drought	Drought	no Public Assistance recorded		
1977-03-02	1977-03-02	EM-3033-NC	Emergency	Drought & Freezing	Winter Weather (primary); also designated: Drought	no Public Assistance recorded		
1974-04-12	1974-04-12	DR-428-NC	Major disaster	Tornadoes	Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded		

County Public Assistance: applicants the FEMA record places in this county, including any state agencies FEMA files there; statewide rows are listed on the state page; federal share obligated, nominal dollars.

Statewide declarations

Source: 2

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard
1964-10-13	1964-10-13	DR-179-NC	Major disaster	Severe Storms & Flooding	Inland Flooding
1962-03-16	1962-03-16	DR-130-NC	Major disaster	Severe Storm, High Tides & Flooding	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Coastal Flooding
1960-09-16	1960-09-16	DR-107-NC	Major disaster	Hurricane Donna	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding
1958-10-01	1958-10-01	DR-87-NC	Major disaster	Hurricane & Severe Storm	Hurricane
1956-04-24	1956-04-24	DR-56-NC	Major disaster	Severe Storm	Hazard not mapped (severe storm title names no single hazard); not counted
1955-08-13	1955-08-13	DR-37-NC	Major disaster	Hurricanes	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding
1954-10-17	1954-10-17	DR-28-NC	Major disaster	Hurricane	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding

FEMA recorded these with designated area Statewide and no county, so they are listed on every county page in the state and not counted with county rows. Local data needed: whether each one affected this county.

1 Fire Management declaration (1986-05-10 to 1986-05-10) FEMA filed as Statewide with no county; each names one local fire. Listed on the state page.

Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Sources: 2, 6, 7

Hazard	Storm Events records, all years on file <i>(years in the Period column)</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	In the 12 months before plan approval <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents, all years <i>separate disasters</i>	Declared since approval <i>separate disasters</i>	Period	Statement
Cold Wave	10	1	0	2	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 3 Frost/Freeze records.
Drought	35	2	0	2	2	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0	0	0	0	0	0		Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	169	3	3	13	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	2	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Hurricane	3	0	1	2	7	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Ice Storm	7	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	31	0	2	3	2	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	0	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No Storm Events records of this type; 1 federal declared incident (see declarations table)
Lightning	19	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	283	5	9	28	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 14 High Wind and 8 Strong Wind records.
Tornado	19	0	2	3	2	0	1950 to 2026-06-30	
Wildfire	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Winter Weather	64	2	2	7	5	1	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 4 Sleet records.

Notable Storm Events records

Sources: 1, 6, 7

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Deaths, injuries <i>direct only</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2024-05-08	Thunderstorm Wind	60 kt (69 mph) estimated gust	\$20,000 property; \$0 crops (2024 dollars)	1, 1	MOUNTIAN VIEW to BELMONT	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	deaths or injuries recorded
2023-05-16	Thunderstorm Wind	75 kt (86 mph) estimated gust	\$25,000 property; \$0 crops (2023 dollars)	0, 1	DELLVIEW to CHERRYVILLE	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2019-06-09	Flood		\$2,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2019 dollars)	0, 0	DUKE POWER VLG		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
2012-06-29	Heat		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone NCZ070 (GASTON), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Excessive Heat, Heat
2012-03-23	Thunderstorm Wind	40 kt (46 mph) estimated gust	damage not reported	2, 1	SOUTH GASTONIA		deaths or injuries recorded
2008-05-09	Tornado	EF2, 9.36 mi within this county, 75 yd wide	\$7,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2008 dollars)	0, 0	GASTONIA to NORTH BELMONT		B1-c worst recorded: Tornado
2007-04-08	Frost/Freeze		\$0 property; \$1,000,000 crops, reported for the zone (2007 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NCZ070 (GASTON), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Frost/ Freeze
2006-05-18	Lightning		\$250,000 property; crops not reported (2006 dollars)	0, 0	GASTONIA		B1-c worst recorded: Lightning
2004-03-07	High Wind	65 kt (75 mph) estimated gust	\$40,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2004 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NCZ070 (GASTON), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind
2002-12-04	Ice Storm		\$18,000,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2002 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NCZ070 (GASTON), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Ice Storm
2000-12-01	Extreme Cold/ Wind Chill		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone NCZ070 (GASTON), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
1974-04-02	Tornado	F1, 9.7 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 100 yd wide	\$250,000 property; crops not recorded (1974 dollars)	1, 10	location not recorded		deaths or injuries recorded

The full list is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (642 rows).

Location is the place NOAA recorded, as written in its data; it need not be a jurisdiction in this plan.

Local data needed: state-declared emergencies, from your state emergency management agency (federal data do not include them).

Tribal and special-area declarations in this state are listed on the state page.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-e: probability of future events

Probability: FEMA annualized frequency and descriptor per hazard

Sources: 5, 6

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Cold Wave	0.316	event-days per year	about 0.316 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 6 of 30 years)	event-days in 6 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (20%)	6	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Drought	27	event-days per year	about 27 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 8 of 30 years)	event-days in 8 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (26.7%)	952	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	
Earthquake	0.00188	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 0.188%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor (Storm Events does not record earthquakes).
Hail	5.08	events per year	about 5.08 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	193.1 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	2.05	event-days per year	about 2.05 days per year	Possible (from Storm Events: 1 of 30 years)	event-days in 1 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (3.33%)	33	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Hurricane	0.0721	events per year	about 1 in 14 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	22	1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	NRI counts hurricane and tropical storm tracks passing within storm-force wind range; federal declarations are in B1-d.
Ice Storm	2.12	event-days per year	about 2.12 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 7 of 30 years)	event-days in 7 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (23.3%)	143	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	0.929	event-days per year	about 0.929 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 18 of 30 years)	event-days in 18 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (60%)	26	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	0.393	events per year (modeled)	about 1 in 3 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	52.2	days per year with a strike	about 52.2 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	2.74	events per year	about 2.74 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	105	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Tornado	0.193	events per year	about 1 in 5 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	see B1-f	
Wildfire	0.000124	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.0124%		Storm Events records in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor: no Storm Events record 1996 to 2025
Winter Weather	5.37	event-days per year	about 5.37 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 23 of 30 years)	event-days in 23 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (76.7%)	102	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	

FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) is the National Risk Index v1.20 (December 2025) estimate of how often a hazard affects this county in a year; it is not recorded events divided by years, and its unit differs by hazard (events, event-days, or days with a lightning strike per year). For earthquake, wildfire, coastal flooding and tsunami the value is the chance (or number of events) at a location in the county, not across the county, so no "1 in N years" is given and the descriptor comes from Storm Events where it has a record (none for earthquake). The Methods page gives each hazard's method, from FEMA's National Risk Index Technical Documentation v1.20.

Where NRI gives event-days, the descriptor comes from the share of years with a Storm Events record; NRI's source records more events, so the two differ.

Descriptor scale used in this packet (defined per unit)

Sources: 5, 6

Unit	Descriptor	Definition
events per year	Highly likely	1 or more per year
events per year	Likely	about once in 1 to 10 years
events per year	Possible	about once in 10 to 100 years
events per year	Unlikely	less than once in 100 years
annual probability	Likely	10% to under 100% chance in a given year
annual probability	Possible	1% to under 10% chance in a given year
annual probability	Unlikely	under 1% chance in a given year
event-days (share of years)	Highly likely	event-days recorded in 90% or more of years
event-days (share of years)	Likely	event-days recorded in 10% to under 90% of years
event-days (share of years)	Possible	event-days recorded in some years but under 10% of years
lightning strike-days	Highly likely	cloud-to-ground strikes on 1 or more days per year

Intensity bands: historical frequency (Storm Events)

Source: 6

Hazard	Band	Years	Events <i>county-coded records</i>	Years in period	Events per year <i>events / years</i>
Hail	1.00-1.99 in	1996 to 2025	54	30	1.8
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	4	30	0.133
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	184	30	6.13
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	3	30	0.1
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	20	30	0.667
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	14	30	0.467
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	0	30	0

The bands show how often events of each severity were recorded in this county, to profile how severe events have been (FEMA's probability item asks for the range of intensities).

Hail smaller than 1 inch is not counted: on 2010-01-05 the National Weather Service raised its severe-hail threshold from 3/4 inch to 1 inch, so smaller reports became less common after 2009 (NWS Service Change Notice 09-52). NRI hail frequency uses a 0.75 inch threshold.

Optional: future conditions. Not a required item in the 2025 FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide; some states ask for it. The federal Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation (CMRA) site gives county exposure to future climate conditions (<https://resilience.climate.gov/>).

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-f: hazards that vary across jurisdictions

Range of census tract risk within the county

Source: 5

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Cold Wave	85 of 85	18.8	29.5	42.0	Relatively Low 84, Very Low 1
Drought	28 of 85	70.5	79.8	89.3	Relatively Low 15, Very Low 13, No Rating 57
Earthquake	85 of 85	16.5	47.5	80.9	Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 56, Very Low 27
Hail	85 of 85	24.5	48.1	70.6	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 75, Very Low 9
Heat Wave	85 of 85	2.9	13.0	32.1	Relatively Low 27, Very Low 58
Hurricane	85 of 85	38.8	49.9	61.4	Relatively Low 25, Very Low 60
Ice Storm	85 of 85	47.8	89.4	98.0	Very High 1, Relatively High 37, Relatively Moderate 43, Relatively Low 4
Inland Flooding	85 of 85	1.4	28.6	85.5	Relatively High 1, Relatively Moderate 18, Relatively Low 44, Very Low 22
Landslide	85 of 85	29.2	63.8	85.4	Relatively Low 6, Very Low 79
Lightning	85 of 85	19.8	57.7	83.0	Relatively High 7, Relatively Moderate 56, Relatively Low 20, Very Low 2
Strong Wind	85 of 85	28.6	71.6	88.4	Relatively High 13, Relatively Moderate 65, Relatively Low 7

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Tornado	85 of 85	28.9	57.8	85.8	Relatively High 4, Relatively Moderate 47, Relatively Low 33, Very Low 1
Wildfire	84 of 85	34.3	49.4	80.2	Relatively Low 9, Very Low 75, No Rating 1
Winter Weather	85 of 85	19.1	32.3	47.0	Relatively Low 85

Drought: Agriculture is all of NRI's expected annual loss for this hazard in the county, so the tract range mostly reflects where crop and livestock value is.

Rated tracts only: No Rating (score 0.0), Not Applicable and Insufficient Data tracts are counted but not used for the minimum, median and maximum.

The score ranks a tract against all U.S. tracts (100 = highest). The rating is FEMA's category for the tract's risk value, computed differently, so the two can disagree.

Frequency data for cold wave, drought, hail, heat wave, ice storm, lightning, strong wind and winter weather are county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone), the same for every jurisdiction; the tract range mostly reflects where buildings and people are (crop and livestock value where a line above names agriculture).

Each jurisdiction (starting figures from federal data)

Sources: 1, 3, 4, 6

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss <i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction <i>FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Event records naming this place <i>all years; since its plan</i>	Notes
Gaston County (unincorporated area)	Unincorporated	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 2	\$816,899.20	0 total; 0 since its plan	Includes \$743,750.27 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4487-NC).
Belmont city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$248,819.78	27 total; 0 since its plan	
Bessemer City city	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$361,696.46	30 total; 0 since its plan	Includes \$7,970.33 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4487-NC).
Cherryville city	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$248,833.05	47 total; 2 since its plan	
Cramerton town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 2	\$193,937.77	17 total; 0 since its plan	
Dallas town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$116,916.61	35 total; 0 since its plan	
Gastonia city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 3	\$3,416,323.68	107 total; 1 since its plan	Includes \$64,798.82 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4487-NC).
High Shoals city	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$78,585.94	5 total; 0 since its plan	
Lowell city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$86,252.41	11 total; 1 since its plan	
McAdenville town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Mount Holly city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$772,600.17	23 total; 0 since its plan	

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss <i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction <i>FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Event records naming this place <i>all years; since its plan</i>	Notes
Ranlo town	Town	Plan 110545 approved 2025-04-15, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$216,007.06	4 total; no approved plan	
Stanley town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-14	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$45,075.06	21 total; 0 since its plan	

Repetitive-loss counts are for whole NFIP communities, which can extend beyond this county (see the note in B2-c).

County Public Assistance in B1-d also includes applicants filed under the county that are not jurisdictions in this plan (for example state agencies, special districts and nonprofits), so the jurisdiction rows add up to less.

Supports FEMA checklist items B2-a and B2-b: vulnerability and potential impacts

Local data needed

The table below gives county-level starting figures; the plan describes impacts for each jurisdiction and its own assets.

- Critical facilities and lifelines per hazard
- A problem statement per jurisdiction per hazard
- Changes in development in hazard-prone areas since the last approval, or a statement of none (E1-a)
- Future assets

County-level starter: exposure, expected annual loss and damage since the plan

Sources: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2025-04-15 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Cold Wave	\$44,292,194,578	\$29,826,923	227,866	\$9,796	\$56,081	\$1,485,294	under 0.0001%		\$0		
Drought	n/a	\$6,915,739	n/a	n/a	\$62,714	n/a	0.907% (agriculture)		\$0		NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$77,349,290,802	n/a	227,943	\$2,404,450	n/a	\$845,154	0.00311%				

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2025-04-15 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Hail	\$44,292,194,578	\$29,826,923	227,866	\$395,266	\$1,800	\$164,821	0.000892%				
Heat Wave	\$44,292,194,578	\$29,826,923	227,866	\$61	\$17	\$915,141	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane	\$44,285,902,661	\$29,826,923	227,819	\$582,410	\$36,743	\$34,096	0.00132%				
Ice Storm	\$44,291,867,731	n/a	227,864	\$2,350,220	n/a	\$394,572	0.00531%				
Inland Flooding	\$44,267,988,817	\$1,673,462	2,597	\$35,511,988	\$21,868	\$725,437	n/a (see note)				NRI counts the full building value of any census block with some flood loss; this is not the value of buildings in the floodplain. Use local FIRM overlays for B2-a/B2-b.
Landslide	\$1,144,506,070	n/a	6,037	\$2,272	n/a	\$131	0.000199%				
Lightning	\$44,292,194,578	n/a	227,866	\$86,407	n/a	\$1,274,579	0.000195%				
Strong Wind	\$44,292,194,578	\$29,826,923	227,866	\$158,058	\$852	\$3,213,505	0.000357%	\$5,000			
Tornado	\$44,292,194,578	\$29,826,923	227,866	\$4,414,580	\$805	\$3,977,733	0.00997%				
Wildfire	\$11,684,222,187	\$7,808,124	67,456	\$38,829	\$15	\$7,590	0.000332%				
Winter Weather	\$44,292,194,578	\$29,826,923	227,866	\$6,155	\$85	\$86,588	under 0.0001%		\$0	no Public Assistance recorded (1 declaration)	

Totals since 2025-04-15 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 8 county-coded records, 5 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$5,000; 5 zone-level records, 5 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0 reported for the zone; Public Assistance: none recorded on the 1 counted declaration.

FEMA does not split Public Assistance by hazard. A declaration mapped to several hazards is listed under each of them with its full amount, so the per-hazard column does not add up to the total; the unit total counts each declaration once.

NRI computes earthquake exposure on its own basis, so it exceeds the county building value in B2-a.

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-a: vulnerability (county context)

County context

Source: 5

Measure	Value
Population	227,866
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$44,292,194,578
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$29,826,923
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Moderate
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$46,141,471
Expected annual loss, population equivalence, all hazards (NRI values each statistical life at \$13.7M; a modeled value of expected deaths and injuries, not property damage)	\$13,124,641
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively Low
Community resilience rating	Relatively Moderate
NRI version	December 2025

FEMA's all-hazard expected annual loss adds buildings, agriculture and population equivalence; this table gives the property part and the population-equivalence part as separate rows.

Social vulnerability: higher means people are more likely to be harmed and slower to recover. Community resilience: lower means the community is less able to recover. High social vulnerability and low resilience both raise the NRI risk rating.

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-c: repetitive loss properties

Repetitive loss in this county, both definitions

Sources: 1, 4

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	0	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	0
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	9	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	0

The state NFIP coordinator's list, the source FEMA's Handbook names, often uses the NFIP insurance definition (second row).

Repeat-flood properties: county and state-level rows

Sources: 1, 4

Scope	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
County total	0	0	9	0	9	0	5
of which: Gaston County (unincorporated area)	0	0	2	0	2	0	1
of which: Gastonia city	0	0	3	0	3	0	2
of which: Mount Holly city	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
of which: Cramerton town	0	0	2	0	2	0	1
of which: Cherryville city	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Statewide, no county in FEMA's file	0	0	2	0	2	0	0

The statewide row counts properties FEMA's file gives with no county in this state; they are listed for reference and are not in this county's counts.

Repeat-flood properties by jurisdiction in the plan (NFIP community)

Sources: 1, 4

Jurisdiction	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
Gaston County (unincorporated area)	370099	0	0	2	0	2	0	1
Belmont city	370320	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bessemer City city	370526	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cherryville city	370455	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Cramerton town	370321	0	0	2	0	2	0	1
Dallas town	370322	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gastonia city	370100	0	0	3	0	3	0	2
High Shoals city	370405	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lowell city	370323	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McAdenville town	370101	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Holly city	370102	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Ranlo town	370324	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanley town	370527	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Counts by occupancy group for each jurisdiction are in the Excel file, sheet "B2-c Jurisdictions".

Jurisdiction rows are whole NFIP communities and need not add up to the county total: a community that extends into another county is counted in full on each jurisdiction row, while the county table counts only its part in this county.

County repeat-flood properties by occupancy group

Sources: 1, 4

Occupancy group	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
single-family residential	0	0	9	0	9	0	5
2 to 4 unit residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
other residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
non-residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FEMA's occupancy groups have no institutional class; institutional properties are counted in non-residential or other residential in the table by occupancy group.

FMA RL and FMA SRL are the Flood Mitigation Assistance definitions (44 CFR 77.2), the ones the FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide cites. NFIP repetitive loss (the FEMA insurance definition) is 2 or more claims over \$1,000 in 10 years, and a property can leave that group once it is mitigated. Also shown: NFIP severe repetitive loss, any category, mitigated and currently insured. The Methods page gives the OpenFEMA field details.

Counts are aggregates of FEMA's public NFIP Multiple Loss Properties file (FEMA's data date 2026-08-02; file version 2026-08-04). No property is identified. County assignment is FEMA's geocode.

In this county 0 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 9 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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What this packet is and what the plan adds

This packet is the federal data for the plan's risk assessment, organized by the items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool, Element B. Each section heading names the item its tables support; the plan and FEMA's review decide whether the item is met.

The plan adds what only the community has: local data on assets, critical facilities, development and each jurisdiction's impacts; local hazard history, including state-declared emergencies; the mitigation strategy; and adoption.

How the federal data are built: National Risk Index values are FEMA's model, not counts of events. Storm Events is more complete from 1996; zone-level records are placed by forecast zone, not by location in the county. Public Assistance for a jurisdiction is matched by applicant name. The Methods page gives every rule and the known edge cases.

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