



United States Department of Agriculture

SUBJECT: PDM – Updated State Estimates of EWPP Funding Needs
for Recent Natural Disasters

TO: State Conservationists File Code: 390
Directors, Caribbean and Pacific Island Areas

Action Requested by: June 14, 2019

The purpose of this memo is to request States' updated estimates of Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) funding needs for areas impacted by recent flooding and other natural disasters. As you are probably aware, H.R. 2157 was signed into law yesterday, Thursday, June 6, 2019. This emergency appropriation includes \$435 million "*for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence and wildfires occurring in calendar year 2018, tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019.*" The Conservation Planning & Technical Assistance Division (CPTAD) and the Easement Programs Division (EPD) are collaborating in this request to assess State needs.

We are preparing for a supplemental appropriation of EWPP funding that will help address the many natural disasters that have recently impacted the Nation.

As your staff have been performing field evaluations, they may have collected information to provide better information on the current needs for EWP funding.

Attached is the most recent report that we have on NRCS State needs for EWP-Recovery and EWP-Floodplain easements (FPE). Please review the attached and provide updates to the amounts indicated under the column heading "Estimated Need." If there are additional events that are not shown, please add those as well.

You will need to indicate the following for any new events added to this list:

1. Program (EWP-Recovery or EWP-FPE)
2. State
3. Disaster Type
4. Event
5. Date of Disaster or Federal Declaration
6. Estimated Need

Please update this spreadsheet with each of your estimated funding needs for EWP-Recovery and EWP-FPE. Please send your completed spreadsheet to the EWPP inbox (NRCS_EWP_REQUESTS@wdc.usda.gov) by **Friday, June 14, 2019**.

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Attachment: Report on NRCS State Needs for EWP-Recovery and Floodplain Easements

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