

Helene Relief Resources

Programs available to landowners:

- FSA EFRP: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/emergency-forest-restoration>
- NRCS EQIP: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/apply-for-environmental-quality-incentives-program-eqip>

North Carolina Forest Service links for wildfire mitigation:

- https://www.ncforestservice.gov/fire_control/fire_control.htm
- https://www.ncforestservice.gov/Managing_your_forest/safedebrisburning.htm
- https://www.ncforestservice.gov/Managing_your_forest/damage_recovery.htm

Firewise:

- <https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/wildfire/preparing-homes-for-wildfire>

Stream bank mitigation

- RiverLink: <https://riverlink.org/work/stream-restorations/>
- NC Department of Environmental Quality: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources>
- Jake Byers with Ecosystem Planning and Restoration: <https://www.eprusa.net/>
- Wildlands Engineering: <https://www.wildlandseng.com/>

Live staking/native plants:

- MountainTrue, <https://mountaintrue.org/mountaintrue-faq-live-staking/>
- www.wildbudnatives.org, Nathan Buchanan: nativelaurel@gmail.com

List of Organizations



EcoForesters

EcoForesters is a non-profit, boots-on-the ground professional forestry organization dedicated to conserving and restoring our Appalachian forests through education and stewardship. We can provide technical assistance to landowners applying to programs such as FSA ERP and NRCS EQIP. Additional resources include consultations, plan writing, and non-native invasive plant control. We are committed to helping landowners throughout WNC mitigate damage to forest health in the aftermath of Helene.

<https://www.ecoforesters.org/services/>



USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station

The Southern Research Station generates knowledge of forested ecosystems across the South and beyond – their management, threats they face, and the fundamentals of these varied ecosystems. In Asheville, we offer a Brown Bag Lunch Series at Bent Creek Experimental Forest. Click here for more information and to register for an upcoming talk:

<https://research.fs.usda.gov/srs/news/events/bcef-brownbag>

Our scientists have mapped the forest impacts from Hurricane Helene. To view and download these maps, visit <https://hiform.org/projects/2024-hurricane-helene-southern-appalachians>

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/research/srs>



Asheville Greenworks

<https://www.ashevillegreenworks.org/>



Mountain Valley RCD's (Buncombe County)

Consulting forestry and land management services. We help landowners and organizations meet their natural resource goals from a financially and ecologically sustainable standpoint. Sarah Noah, sarah@mountainvalleysrcd.org, 919-518-5916

<https://www.mountainvalleysrcd.org/sys>

<https://www.energycap.org/>



Carolina Land and Lakes RC&D

Carolina Land and Lakes is a nonprofit working in Western NC with multiple partners to assist communities in wildfire resiliency and improve water quality.

Christina Newhouse, christina@carolinalandandlakesrcd.org, 828-361-2266

<https://www.carolinalandandlakes.org/>



The Nature Conservancy

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/>



Natural Resources Conservation Service

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>



North Carolina Forest Service

<https://www.ncforestservice.gov/>

RUDD FORESTRY

Rudd Forestry

Rudd Forestry provides landowners with personalized guidance in managing their land through sustainable forest management practices while maximizing its value. We aim to help landowners affected by Hurricane Helene by providing damage assessments, providing technical assistance, preparing activity plans, and managing recovery projects.

Thomas Rudd, thomas@ruddforestry.com

919-213-1675

www.ruddforestry.com



Southern Appalachian Highland Conservancy

The mission of the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy is to conserve the unique plant and animal habitat, clean water, farmland, scenic beauty, and places for all people to enjoy outdoor recreation in the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee, enduring for future generations. We achieve this through long-term conservation relationships with private landowners and public agencies and owning and managing land. We are committed to creating and supporting equitable, healthy and thriving communities for everyone in our region.

General Inquiries: sahc@appalachian.org

Website: appalachian.org

Phone: 828-253-0095

NC STATE EXTENSION

NC State Extension Forestry

<https://forestry.ces.ncsu.edu/>



Ruffed Grouse Society

We are a conservation organization dedicated to promoting wildlife habitat through quality forest management. We may be able to help landowners obtain funding for restoration efforts through NRCS.

Cooper Leist, cooperl@ruffedgrousesociety.org, 828-467-8503

<https://ruffedgrousesociety.org/>

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/working-lands-for-wildlife/golden-winged-warbler>



NC Arboretum

The North Carolina Arboretum has lost between 10,000-25,000 trees on our 434-acre property. We plan to incorporate educational demonstrations as well as interpretation on-site using our campus as an example of reforestation efforts, particularly those regarding increasing overall biodiversity.

Our adult education courses, as they are posted, will be available for registration here:

<https://www.ncarboretum.org/education-programs/adult-education-classes/>

Jonathan Marchal, jmarchal@ncarboretum.org, 828-665-2492, www.ncarboretum.org



Big Ivy Lumber Company

BILCO is a local lumber company that offers mobile sawmill services, wood shop services, and lumber sales. BILCO can offer customers answers and options for how their downed timber can be best utilized.

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www.bigivylumberco.com



Wildwood Consulting

<https://wildwood-consulting.com/>



Forest Stewards Guild

The Forest Stewards Guild focuses on community-centered forestry by coordinating initiatives in the areas of ecological forest management, workforce development, prescribed fire, and defensible spaces. Currently the Forest Guild is supporting landowners through chainsaw workshops and the Women Owning Woodlands(WOW) Network.

Chris DeFiore, cdefiore@forestguild.org 828-367-9140
<https://foreststewardsguild.org/>
<https://www.womenowningwoodlands.org/>



HEMLOCK RESTORATION INITIATIVE

Hemlock Restoration Initiative

We can answer questions about hemlock treatment, hemlock care, and can help with making hemlock management decisions.

Olivia Hall, education@savehemlocksnc.org 828-252-7284

www.savehemlocksnc.org

<https://savehemlocksnc.org/info-for-landowners/landowner-treatment/>



Black Mountain Field and Forest

Consulting forestry and land management services. We help landowners and organizations meet their natural resource goals from a financially and ecologically sustainable standpoint.

Felix Stith, felix@bmfeildforest.com, 828-279-2453

<https://www.bmfieldforest.com>



Blue Ridge RC&D

We are an environmental non-profit helping with relief work, stream repair, and prescribed fire in multiple western NC counties.

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Southern Blue Ridge PBA
<https://southernblueridgepba.org>



NCWRC
<https://www.ncwildlife.org/>