

A photograph of a flooded area with trees and a building in the background. The water is murky and reflects the sky. A chain-link fence is visible in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

# **ENGAGING COMMUNITIES DURING HURRICANE FLORENCE**

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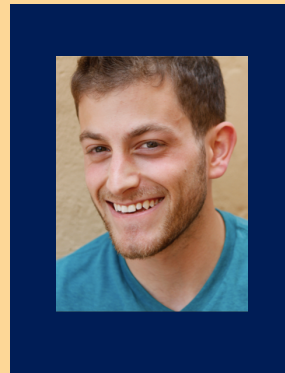
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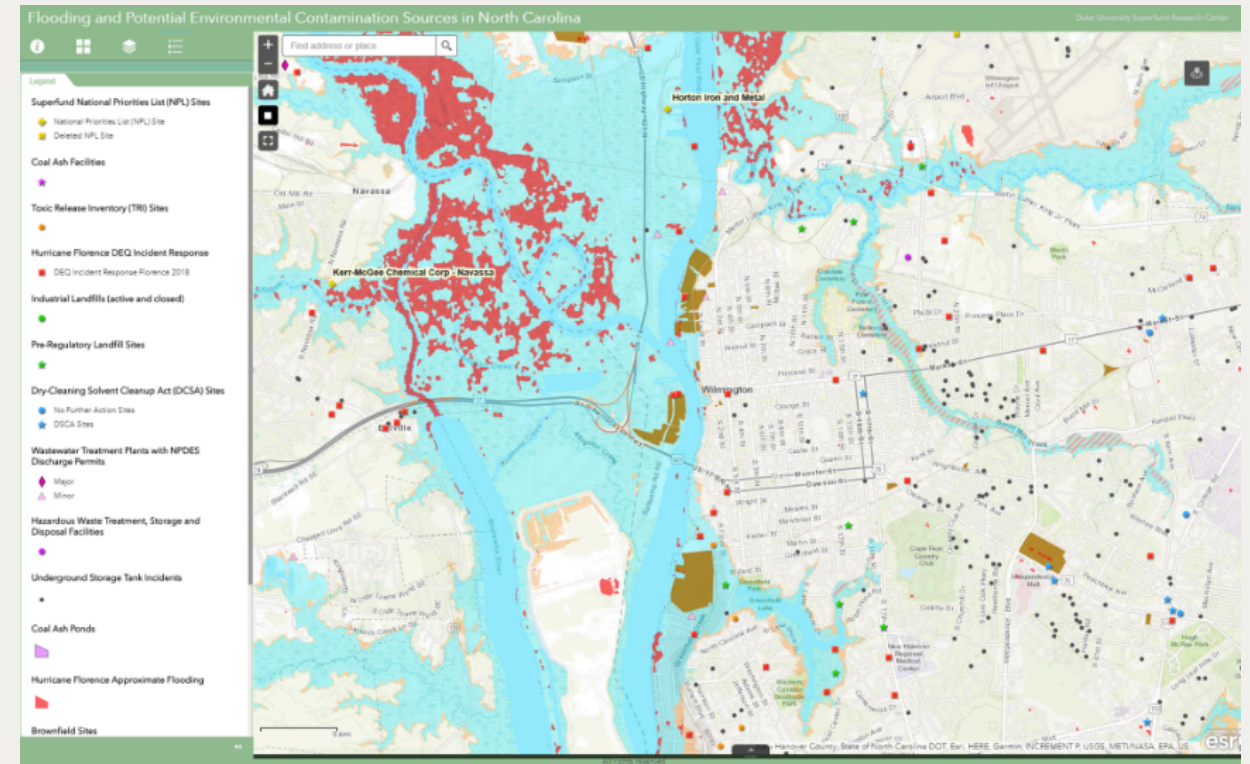
# OVERVIEW: HURRICANE FLORENCE IMPACTS

- 8 trillion gallons of rain fell
- ~1600 roads closed in NC during/just after the storm due to downed trees
- In some areas, rivers didn't crest until a week after landfall
- 41 deaths directly attributed to the storm
- ~\$17 billion in damages  
(>2x Hurricane Matthew)
- Around half of NC counties eligible for disaster assistance; flooding extends into western NC

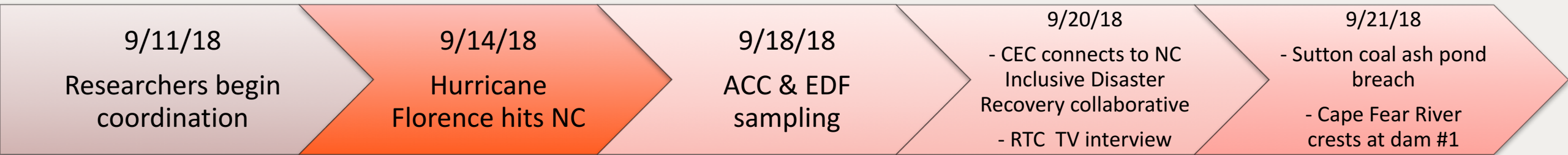


# BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Recovery from Matthew still underway across NC
- Pre-existing housing shortages
- Environmental hazards: Superfund sites, brownfields, coal ash ponds, CAFOs
- GenX controversy (Wilmington)

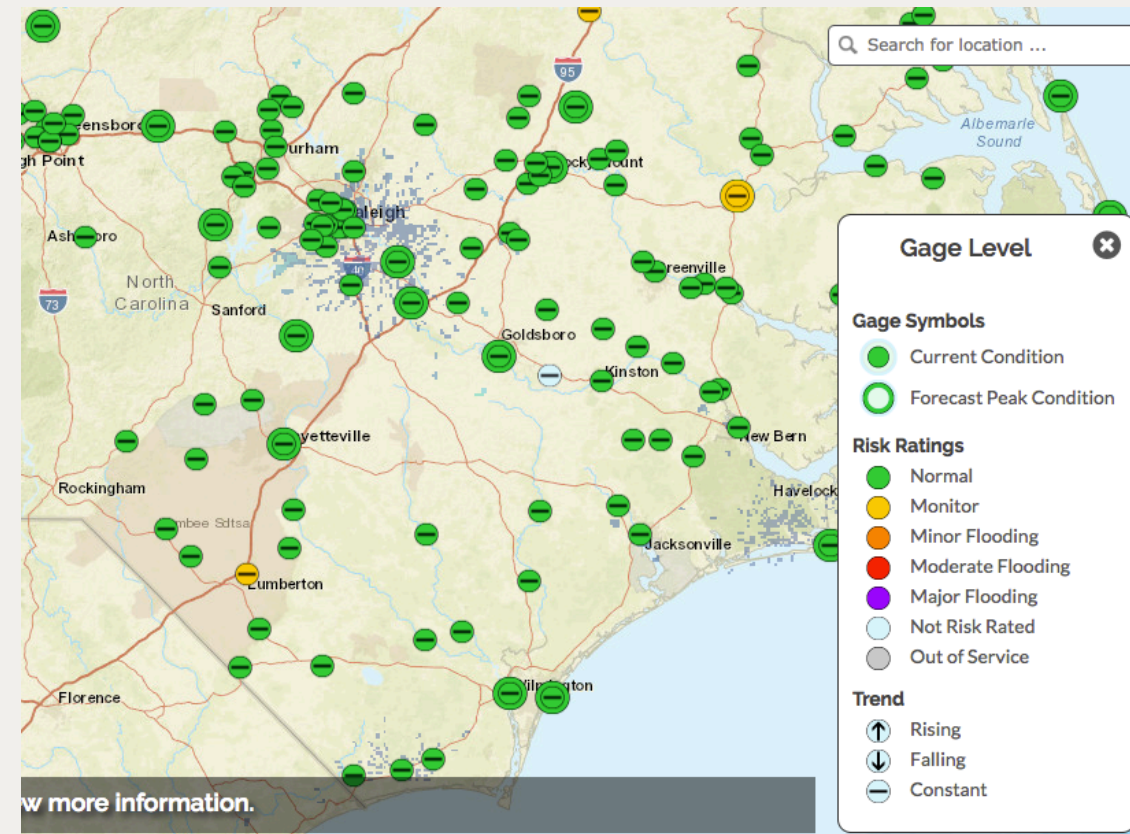


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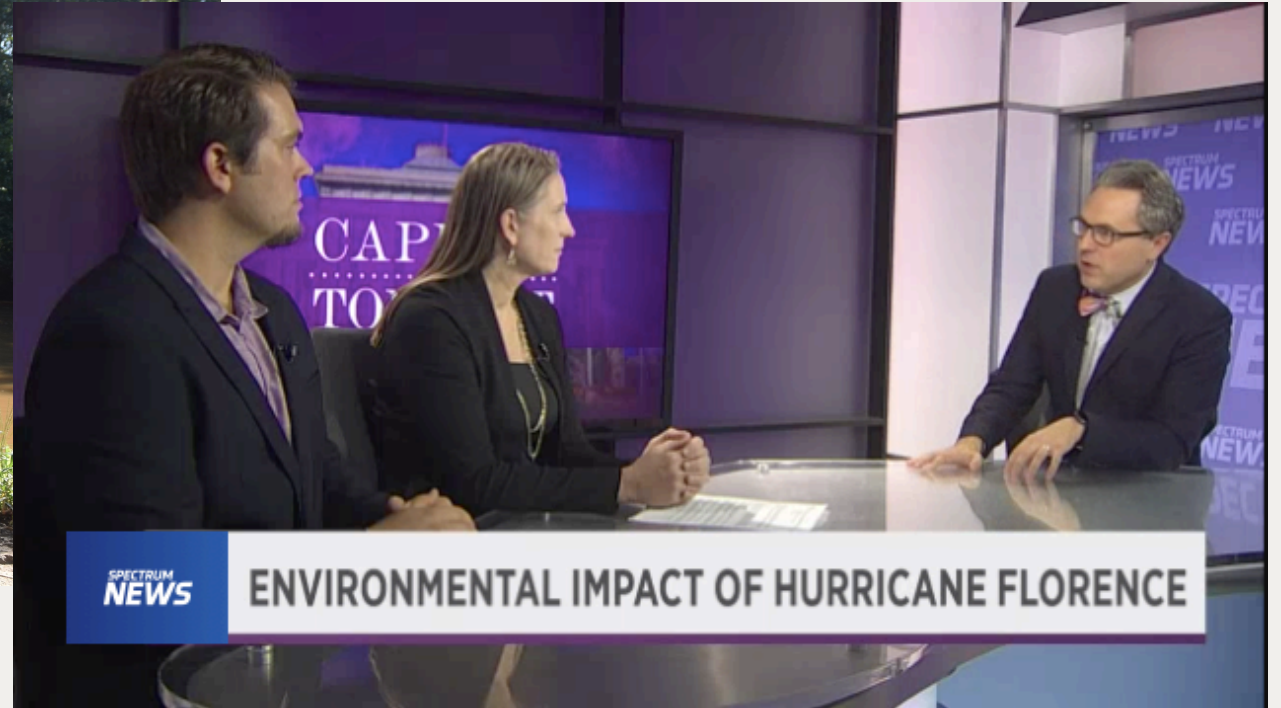


# FINDING & SHARING INFORMATION IN REAL TIME

- [NC DEQ Hurricane Incident Tracking Application](#)
- [NC DOT](#) road hazards
- NC flood tracker ([FIMAN](#))
- [NOAA](#) & [NASA](#) satellite imagery
- [Google Crisis Response images](#)



# COORDINATING WITH RESEARCHERS



# ADDRESSING COMMUNITY CONCERNS





# COMMUNICATING THROUGH ESTABLISHED NETWORKS



**KEMP BURDETTE**  
Cape Fear River Keeper

Cape Fear Riverkeeper Kemp Burdette speaks to the [Raleigh News & Observer](#) (9.22.18)



# OTHER NETWORKS FOR COMMUNICATION

- NC Inclusive Disaster Recovery collaborative (NCIDR) and Rural Forward NC
- New Hanover County Health Department
- New Hanover County NAACP
- NC State Extension

# DO EVACUATIONS WORK?

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The floodplains read like maps of inequality and race



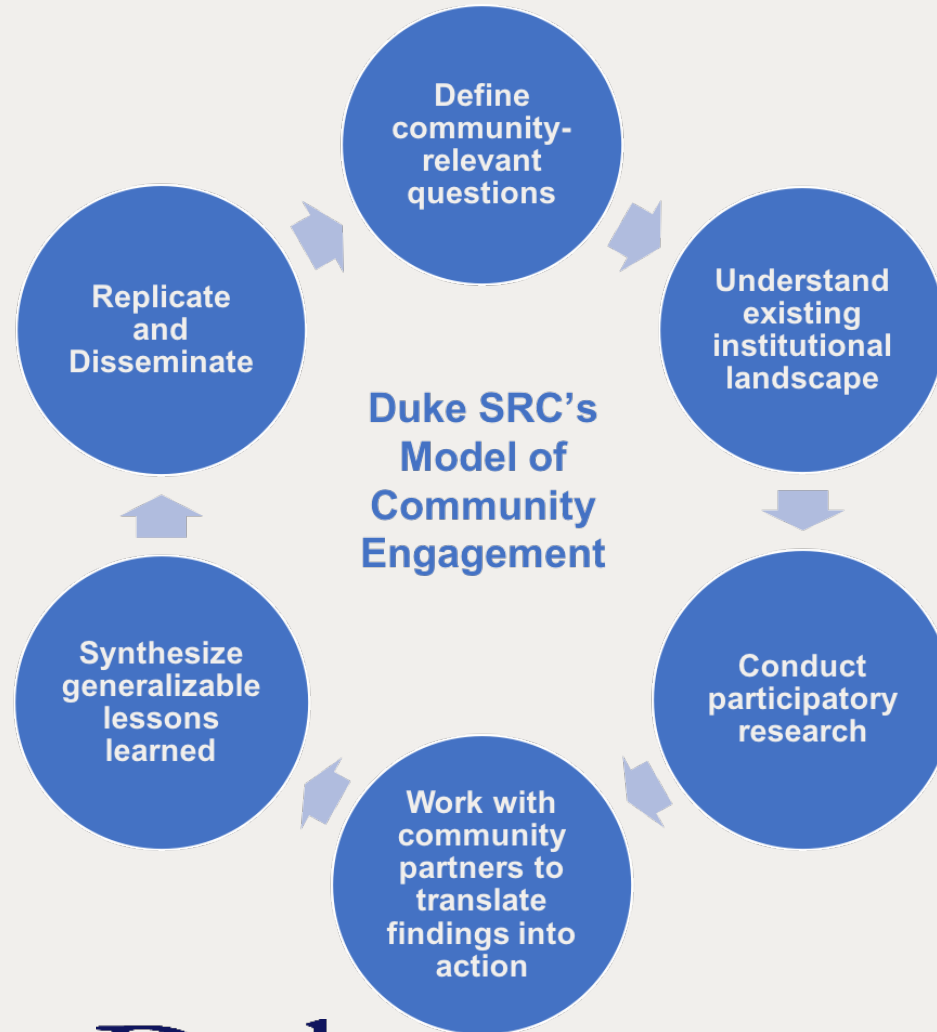
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# TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN RECOVERY



# LINKS TO RESOURCES

- Addressing Environmental Health Concerns After a Hurricane:  
[https://sites.nicholas.duke.edu/superfund/hurricane\\_resources/](https://sites.nicholas.duke.edu/superfund/hurricane_resources/)
- Duke University Superfund Research Center GIS mapping tool:  
<https://sites.nicholas.duke.edu/superfund/education-and-outreach/map/>
- Managing the Impact of Flooded Gardens (joint webinar with North Carolina State University Cooperative Extension):  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MS3D2wN2nA&feature=youtu.be>

# QUESTIONS?

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