

NRCS EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM RECOVERY BUYOUT APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION

August 16, 2026 Flood

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

Program Overview. The Kanawha County Commission is accepting applications from property owners whose properties were impacted by the August 16, 2026 flood and who wish to be considered for possible participation in the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Recovery Buyout Program. The program may assist with acquisition of properties where flooding or erosion presents a continuing threat and where acquisition and restoration may provide an appropriate long-term solution.

Important: Submission of this application does not guarantee that a property will be submitted to NRCS, determined eligible, approved for funding, or acquired by the Kanawha County Commission. Participation is voluntary.

SECTION 1 - PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

Property Owner Name(s)	
Mailing Address	
City / State / ZIP	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	
Preferred Method of Contact	☐ Telephone ☐ Email ☐ Mail

☐ Sole owner of property ☐ Property has additional owner(s)

If there are additional owners, identify all persons or entities having an ownership interest:

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SECTION 2 - PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Address	
City / ZIP	
Tax District	
Map Number	
Parcel Number	
Approximate Acreage	

☐ Single-Family Residence ☐ Manufactured/Mobile Home ☐ Multi-Family Residence
☐ Rental Property ☐ Commercial Property ☐ Other: _____
☐ Primary residence on August 16, 2026: Yes ☐ No
☐ Property currently occupied: Yes ☐ No
☐ Additional structures on property: Yes ☐ No

If yes, briefly describe additional structures:

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SECTION 3 - VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

NRCS requires Recovery Buyout participation to be voluntary. Please indicate your present willingness to have the property considered.

- ☐ YES - I am willing to voluntarily sell the property if approved for the program and acceptable terms are subsequently reached.
☐ NO - I am not presently willing to voluntarily sell the property.

I understand that indicating willingness to participate does not obligate me to sell the property and does not obligate the Kanawha County Commission or NRCS to purchase the property.

Applicant Initials: _____

SECTION 4 - AUGUST 16, 2026 FLOOD DAMAGE

- ☐ Property damaged by August 16, 2026 flood: Yes ☐ No
☐ Floodwater entered structure ☐ Foundation damage ☐ Structural damage
☐ Streambank erosion ☐ Soil erosion ☐ Landslide / slope failure
☐ Debris impact ☐ Driveway / access road damage ☐ Private bridge / culvert damage
☐ Utility damage ☐ Other: _____

Approx. water depth inside structure	
Structure currently habitable	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Condemned / determined unsafe	☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, by whom	
Estimated repair cost, if known	\$

Briefly describe damage caused by the August 16, 2026 flood:

Please attach photographs of the damage, if available.

SECTION 5 - CONTINUING THREAT OF FLOODING OR EROSION

- ☐ Structure remains threatened by future flooding or erosion: Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
☐ Recurring flooding ☐ Flash flooding ☐ Streambank erosion ☐ Soil erosion
☐ Landslide / slope instability ☐ Debris flow ☐ Threatened / impaired access
☐ Other: _____

Describe why you believe the property or structure remains at risk from future flooding or erosion:

SECTION 6 - PRIOR FLOODING OR EROSION

Condition before August 16, 2026	Yes	No	Unknown
Flooding	☐	☐	☐
Streambank or soil erosion	☐	☐	☐
Landslide or slope failure	☐	☐	☐
Repeated loss or impairment of access	☐	☐	☐

If yes to any of the above, provide approximate dates/years and a brief description:

SECTION 7 - THREAT TO LIFE OR PROPERTY

☐ Continued occupancy or use may present a threat to persons or property: Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

If yes, describe the continuing threat:

SECTION 8 - POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO ACQUISITION

☐ Aware of a repair or protective measure that could reasonably reduce future risk: Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Examples may include elevation, relocation, drainage improvement, retaining wall, streambank stabilization, or similar work.

If yes, describe:

Estimate received for such work	☐ Yes ☐ No
Estimated amount, if known	\$

SECTION 9 - SITE AND RESTORATION INFORMATION

Above-ground or underground fuel tanks	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Known hazardous substances / contaminated areas	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Abandoned vehicles, equipment, or substantial debris	☐ Yes ☐ No
Septic system	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Prior commercial or industrial use	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If you answered yes to any item above, briefly explain:

SECTION 10 - MORTGAGES, LIENS, AND OWNERSHIP ISSUES

Mortgage / deed of trust	☐ Yes ☐ No
Lender, if known	
Other liens / judgments / land contracts / claims	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Estate / probate / divorce / title dispute	☐ Yes ☐ No

If any title or ownership issue exists, briefly describe:

SECTION 11 - OTHER DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Assistance	Applied	Received
Homeowner's Insurance	☐	☐
Flood Insurance	☐	☐
FEMA Assistance	☐	☐

SBA Assistance	☐	☐
State Assistance	☐	☐
Other Assistance	☐	☐

If assistance has been received, identify the source and amount, if known:

SECTION 12 - ADJOINING PROPERTIES

☐ Aware of adjoining or nearby property owners who may also be interested: Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Optional - provide names and/or property addresses, if known:

SECTION 13 - OPEN-SPACE AND RESTORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I understand that, if my property is acquired through the NRCS EWP Recovery Buyout Program, the Kanawha County Commission would acquire ownership of the property; structures on the acquired property would generally be demolished or relocated; the acquired property would be subject to permanent restrictions limiting future use to open space and natural-resource conservation purposes; and the property would not thereafter be available for ordinary residential or commercial redevelopment.

Applicant Initials: _____

SECTION 14 - ANTICIPATED PURCHASE TERMS / APPLICANT DISCLOSURES

These disclosures are provided so applicants understand terms expected to apply if a property is selected for acquisition. They do not constitute an offer, purchase agreement, or guarantee of acquisition.

Taxes

Real property taxes shall be pro-rated on a calendar year (January 1 to December 31) basis, as of the date of closing; if the amount of taxes assessed for the current year cannot be ascertained, taxes will be estimated from the taxes assessed for the preceding year. For the purposes of any subsequent purchase agreement, taxes for the current calendar year shall be those taxes which were assessed as of July 1 of the preceding calendar year.

Applicant Initials - Taxes: _____

Seller's Quality of Title

If the property is selected for acquisition and the parties enter into a purchase agreement, Seller will, upon tender of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, convey said property to Purchaser by apt and proper Deed, conveying good and marketable fee simple title to said property, with covenants of General Warranty, free from liens and encumbrances, but subject to any liens expressly assumed, customary easements of record or visible on the ground, reasonable reservations, exceptions and restrictive covenants of record, and taxes assessed but not yet payable. Should such easements, reservations, covenants, exceptions and restrictions be such as to be unacceptable to prudent lending institutions, then Purchaser may, at its option, treat the title as not good and marketable and decline to proceed with the acquisition.

Applicant Initials - Seller's Quality of Title: _____

SECTION 15 - AUTHORIZATION TO INSPECT AND VERIFY INFORMATION

I authorize representatives of the Kanawha County Commission, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and their authorized representatives to enter upon the property, upon reasonable notice, for purposes of inspecting, photographing, evaluating, and determining the property's potential eligibility for participation in the EWP Recovery Buyout Program.

I further authorize the Kanawha County Commission to verify property ownership, tax parcel information, floodplain and floodway information, property records, and other publicly available information reasonably necessary to evaluate this application.

Applicant Initials: _____

NOTICE TO APPLICANT

Submission of this application constitutes only a request that the property be considered for possible inclusion in Kanawha County's request for assistance through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Recovery Buyout Program. Submission of an application does not guarantee that the property will be submitted to NRCS, that the property meets NRCS eligibility requirements, that NRCS will approve the property or project, that federal or local funding will be available, or that the Kanawha County Commission will acquire the property.

The Kanawha County Commission reserves the right to evaluate and prioritize applications and to submit some, all, or none of the properties received for consideration by NRCS. Any potential acquisition remains subject to NRCS approval, availability of funding, appraisal, title review, environmental review, determination of restoration feasibility, and all other applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

Participation by the property owner is voluntary. Submission of this application does not constitute a contract, option, purchase agreement, or other binding commitment by either the property owner or the Kanawha County Commission.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this application is being submitted for the limited purpose of determining whether the property should be considered for possible participation in the NRCS EWP Recovery Buyout Program.

Property Owner	Additional Property Owner
Printed Name:	Printed Name:
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date:

FOR KANAWHA COUNTY USE ONLY**Preliminary Eligibility / Site Review**

Application Number	
Date Received	
Deadline Status	☐ Received on or before September 30, 2026 ☐ Received after deadline
Record Owner(s) Verified	☐ Yes ☐ No
Tax District / Map / Parcel	

Ownership / parcel notes:

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FLOOD HAZARD AREA DETERMINATION
☐ Special Flood Hazard Area: Yes ☐ No ☐ Partially ☐ Undetermined

☐ Floodway	☐ Floodway Fringe
☐ AE Area Without Floodway	☐ Approximated Area (Zone A)
☐ AO	☐ AH
☐ Outside Special Flood Hazard Area	☐ Other / Undetermined: _____

- ☐ Structure located within floodway ☐ Entire parcel within floodway
☐ Portion of parcel within floodway, structure outside ☐ No regulatory floodway on property
☐ No regulatory floodway delineated for area ☐ Undetermined

FEMA Flood Zone shown on FIRM	
FIRM Panel Number	
Map Effective Date	
Base Flood Elevation, if established	
Advisory Flood Height Reviewed	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable
Determination Made By / Date	

Kanawha County Flood Hazard Area Reference

Classification	General Meaning
Floodway	Portion of the floodplain needed to carry floodwaters; treated by the County Ordinance as presenting greater flood hazard due to faster and deeper flow.
Floodway Fringe	Area within the 1% annual-chance floodplain with established flood elevations, but outside the designated Floodway.
AE Area Without Floodway	FEMA Zone AE with a Base Flood Elevation established, but no regulatory Floodway delineated.
Approximated Area (Zone A)	FEMA Zone A where the 1% annual-chance floodplain is identified, but detailed Base Flood Elevations are not established.
AO / AH	Areas subject to shallow 1% annual-chance flooding, generally with average depths of approximately 1-3 feet.
Outside SFHA	Property is outside the mapped 1% annual-chance Special Flood Hazard Area.

FOR KANAWHA COUNTY USE ONLY - CONTINUED**PRELIMINARY SITE REVIEW**

Structure threatened by additional flooding or erosion	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Further Review Needed
Continuing threat to life or property	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Further Review Needed
History of repetitive flooding or erosion	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Restoration to open space appears feasible	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Further Review Needed
Acquisition potentially preferable to structural solution	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Further Review Needed
Adjacent / nearby properties also proposed for acquisition	☐ Yes ☐ No
Site inspection conducted	☐ Yes ☐ No
Date of inspection	

County / NRCS site notes:

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PRELIMINARY DISPOSITION

- ☐ Recommend for NRCS Submission ☐ Recommend for Further Review
☐ Do Not Recommend for NRCS Submission

Reason / comments:

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Reviewed By	
Title	
Date	

OPTIONAL ATTACHMENT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Photographs ☐ Repair estimate(s) ☐ Insurance estimate / documentation
☐ Condemnation / unsafe structure notice ☐ Survey / site plan ☐ Other: _____

Program reference: USDA NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program - Recovery Buyouts. Flood hazard classifications reflect the Kanawha County Floodplain Ordinance.