



Oct. 6, 2015: The vote in favor was unanimous to approve the emergency ordinance as presented, to give the County Administrator the authority to expend up to \$1.5 million, and to enter into the contract with Ash Britt Environment as discussed in Executive Session.

Oct. 12, 2015: Council approved the motion to authorize a blanket approval of all incorporated municipalities in Richland County, excluding the City of Columbia, who may request assistance from the County in their flood recovery efforts. This authorization includes any applicable FEMA requirements needed to assist the incorporated municipalities in Richland County in their flood recovery and reimbursement efforts.

Oct. 12, 2015: Council approved to direct the County Administrator to perform a flood map impact study immediately where outcomes to be used to assist staff and guide the County in its role as flood plain manager and its potential obligation to correct any inconsistencies in the mapping to protect our Citizens. I propose the study be engaged immediately to meet the 90-day comment period. And the study outcome will identify inconsistencies in the mapping (if any) and will provide remedies and course of action to help us help the impacted property owners respond and preserve any rights they may have under the law.

Oct. 12, 2015: Council approved the Resolution honoring the railroad workers and SCDOT worker that lost their lives while assisting the Lower Richland area after the flooding event.

Nov. 17, 2015: Council approved to enter into an agreement for the State and Sub recipient Public Assistance Funding Agreement Severe Storm and Flooding (FEMA-4241-DR-SC).

Dec. 1, 2015: Council directed staff to proceed with the following items:

- Approval to Develop Long Term Recovery Plan (Goal Completion = 60-90 days)
- Establish Long Term Flood Recovery Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee
- Establish County Staff Work Group
- Develop Outreach Plan
- Conduct Un-Met Needs Analysis
- Communicate to State/Congressional Delegation

Dec. 8, 2015: Council approved the request to enter into a contract with Tetra Tech to provide Disaster Recovery Consulting and Representation Services for Richland County.

March 1, 2016: Council approved to proceed with the following directives:

- Consider demobilization of the Lower Richland County Operations Center (LROC)
- Consider demobilization of the County Donated Goods Relief Supply Warehouse transferring that function to the Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG)
- Hire (at no cost to the County) a Community Recovery Specialist. This is a temporary position with a duration of over 150 days paid for by FEMA. Update to the recommendation made by the BRC – On Friday, February 19, 2016, the day after the BRC meeting, County staff was notified it would be awarded two Community Recovery Specialists. – Staff recommends approval of the two positions.
- Continue to work with the Council of Governments (COG) to update the Richland County portion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) before the existing plan expires in August 2016.
- Be prepared to quickly approve the updated HMP once it is completed. Council approved the project list as presented in the agenda packet which will be developed into pre-applications and submitted to the SCEMD (South Carolina Emergency Management Department) for consideration under the HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program). Council approved the following three (3) options for funding the 25% local match for Voluntary Residential Property Acquisition.
- State Appropriation (currently under consideration)
- CDBG-DR Grant
- Property Owner Pays the required match (25% of Assessed Pre-Disaster Value) and 25% of Project Costs Council approved proceeding with a Resolution requesting that the State appropriate funding to the County in an amount that is commensurate with the level of damage our County incurred as a result of the flood. The Resolution will be developed and brought back to Council at their March 15, 2016 meeting for consideration.

March 1, 2016: Council approved an Ordinance allowing for the temporary waiver of building permit fees and plan review fees for homeowners, contractors, and "Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster" (VOAD's), and allowing for the temporary waiver of business license fees for contractors and "Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster" (VOAD's)

March 15, 2016: Council approved a Resolution requesting the State of South Carolina to appropriate funding to Richland County in an amount that is commensurate with the level of damage Richland County incurred as a result of the 2015 Historic Flood Event.

March 15, 2016: – Council approved the following items:

- The adoption of the Richland County Intermediate Recovery Implementation Plan and Plan Mission
- The adoption of the ten (10) Action Plan goals as recommended by the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee

- The adoption of the Richland Restores housing rehabilitation program as recommended by the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee
- The adoption of the Public and Stakeholder Outreach Process as recommended by the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee. Staff will add additional public meeting locations in the Northwestern portion of the County, if needed.