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Hurricane Ida - September 1, 2021 Village of Rye Brook

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EWPP- Recovery Information



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EWPP-Recovery Information

- **The Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program is a federal emergency recovery program which helps local communities recover after a natural disaster strikes**
- **The EWP program has two distinct options for assisting local communities and individual landowners**
 1. **EWP Program- Recovery**
 2. **EWP Program- Floodplain Easements (FPE)**





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EWPP - Recovery Information

The Hurricane Ida/Village of Rye Brook/NRCS

project has been transferred from

EWPP – Floodplain Easements

to

EWPP-Recovery



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EWPP - Recovery Information

Funds for the buyout have been allocated to NRCS NY

NRCS NY and the Village are currently completing the documentation required to enter into a Cooperative Agreement (CA).

Once completed it must be reviewed and approved by the Grants and Agreements branch of NRCS.

With approval of the CA the Village and NRCS will sign it and funds will be allocated to it.

The Village will be able to actively work on the buyout with the execution of the CA.



EWPP-Recovery



The Project Sponsor (Village of Rye Brook)

will pay the full appraised value of the home and

property to the property owner, less any received

disaster compensation that was not spent to

repair the home.



EWPP - Recovery



- **At the end of the acquisition process:**
 - 1) **The Village of Rye Brook will own the property, subject to a deed restriction**
 - 2) **The landowner no longer owns the property**





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How to Apply to EWPP-Recovery

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How to Apply



Complete the provided forms, as well as the documentation listed on the application checklist.

Friday, August 11, 2023- Deadline for landowners to submit their application packet

- **Submit your application package:**
 - 1) **Email – to Village of Rye Brook**
 - 2) **Hand Deliver - to Village of Rye Brook**



How to Apply



Email

- Chris Bradbury at cbradbury@ryebrook.org
- **Must be emailed by Friday, August 11th**
- **Subject Line should read**
“NRCS Recovery Application Submission”



How to Apply



Hand Deliver

- **You may deliver your application packet to the Village of Rye Brook,
During regular business hours,
8:30am to 4:30pm, Mon-Fri.**
- **Administration Office,
938 King Street, Rye Brook NY**
- **Must be dropped off by close of business
August 11, 2023**





Application Checklist



EWPP-Recover Application Checklist Hurricane Ida, Village of Rye Brook

Landowner Name:

Application Address:

Please include a copy of your completed checklist with your full application package.

- Completion Application
- Copy of Property Deed
- Completion of Ownership Share Form
- Completion of Documentation of Other Recovery Assistance Form
- Completion of Permission for Appraiser to Enter Property Form

Site Specific Eligibility Evidence

- Photos of home/property, Hurricane Ida
- Engineering Report if homeowner had condemnation report prepared by engineer
- Loss of income on property (ie: rental property). Documentation includes copies of lease showing monthly rent and dates renters were vacated from property



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Application Form



Application Hurricane Ida - Village of Rye Brook EWPP-Recovery Buyout	
State: New York	County: Westchester
1. Applicant Name and Address:	2. Applicant Name and Address:
1 a. Phone:	2 a. Phone:
<p>I (We) hereby apply for participation in this program and submit the following information in support of the application. I (We) hereby attest that the name(s) listed in Items 1 and 2, have complete control of the property described in Item 3 below.</p> <p>Description and location of farm, ranch, or other unit: Property address (if different than address listed in block #1): _____</p> <p>Tax parcel # _____ This property is a (circle one) residential single family home, duplex, triplex, other _____</p> <p>The land is owned by the applicant(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If the answer to is NO, provide an explanation below: _____</p> <p>Description of area(s) needing treatment. Type and severity of problem(s), and treatment needed to correct the problem(s): Village of Rye Brook NY - Brook Lane, Rockridge Drive and Wyman Street.</p> <p>I (We) understand this application does not obligate the applicant(s) or _____ to enter into a contract.</p> <p>Signature(s): _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Signature(s): _____ Date: _____</p>	
<p>The signature by the Village of Rye Brook representative verifying receipt of application</p> <p>10. Authorizing Official for: _____ 10 a. Signature: _____ 10 a. Date: _____</p>	



Property Deed



**Copy of recorded property deed,
including recording page**

Original not required, a copy is sufficient.





Landowner Permission for Appraiser to Enter Property

Authorization for Appraiser to Enter Property For Appraisal Purposes EWPP-Recovery Buyout



Landowner Name:

Application Address:

[Redacted Name and Address]

I/We hereby authorize the assigned appraiser to enter my property for appraisal purposes.

Date Signature Print Name

Date Signature Print Name



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Documentation of Recovery Assistance Received As A Result of Hurricane Ida EWPP - Recovery Buyout



Documenting Other Recovery Assistance

Landowner Name:

[Redacted]

Application Address:

[Redacted]

The EWPP - Recovery purchase price offer to the landowner must be reduced by the amount of other assistance the landowner has received for the purpose of disaster recovery (e.g., insurance proceeds and grants) unless the landowner shows that the money was spent for its intended purpose. The landowner is responsible for providing documentation of other disaster recovery assistance received and utilization of such funds. This two page form is intended to assist the landowner in compiling documentation that confirms the amount received in recovery assistance as well as its use for its intended purpose.

Please check the appropriate box below:

NO: I did not receive insurance or other disaster recovery compensation for the property being enrolled into EWPP - Recovery

YES: I received insurance or other disaster recovery compensation for the property being enrolled into EWPP - Recovery

If you check YES, please provide the following information with this completed form (note: documentation of both items 1 & 2 below must be provided):

- 1. A copy of the insurance check or other documentation pertaining to the payment AND
2. Copies of documentation showing the money was spent for its intended purpose, e.g.:
- Paid in full contractor invoices,
- Receipts for building supplies delivered to the property address and/or
- Other documentation confirming how the other disaster recovery assistance was spent.
(Note, when needed to supplement such invoices, receipts or other documentation the completion and execution of the attached notarized affidavit may be utilized)

Date

Signature

Print Name

Date

Signature

Print Name



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Documenting Other Recovery Assistance (cont...)

Optional Affidavit Receipt of Recovery Assistance Resulting from Hurricane Ida EWPP - Recovery Buyout



(Note, this affidavit may only be used as a supplement (not a substitute) to the completion in full of the preceding Documentation of Recovery Assistance in order to provide certification where invoices, receipts or other documents are unavailable or only partially document expenditures)

Landowner Name(s): _____

Property Address: _____

The undersigned, being the owner(s) of the property identified above (Property), being duly sworn, hereby depose(s) and say(s) on personal knowledge: The following is a complete and accurate accounting of insurance and other disaster assistance expended on the Property:

Date	Amount Paid	Payee	Purpose

Landowner has hereunto signed on this ____ Day of _____, 20____.

Landowner(s): _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this ____ Day of _____, _____, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared _____ known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein contained and in my presence signed and sealed the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year first above written.

Notary Public, State of _____

My registration No.: _____

My Commission Expires _____



Site-Specific Eligibility Evidence

1. Photos of home/property, documenting storm/flood damage from 2021 Hurricane Ida

2. Engineering Report if homeowner had condemnation report prepared by engineer

3. Loss of income on property (ie: rental property).

Documentation includes copies of lease showing monthly rent and dates renters were vacated from property





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Frequently

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How to Stay Connected

Email Village

- **Chris Bradbury at cbradbury@ryebrook.org**
- **Submit questions to The Village of Rye Brook/NRCS**



FAQ



Question 1:

How will I be paid for my home/how will my home be valued?

Answer 1:

The way in which the landowner will receive compensation through EWPP-Recovery will be a purchase agreement entered into between the Village of Rye Brook and you.

The compensation value will be determined by an appraisal completed by a licensed appraiser.

The date of value is the day before Hurricane Ida.



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Question 2:

Does my foundation (or any other part of my home) need to be repaired in order to be eligible for a buyout?

Answer 2:

Your foundation (or any other part of the home) damaged by Hurricane Ida on August 31 and September 1, 2021, does not need to be repaired in order to apply/participate in EWPP-Recovery

However, repairs may be necessary per local laws and code ordinances.



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Question 3:

Will I be compensated for the work I have done on my home since Hurricane Ida?

Answer 3:

Directly compensated? No. Compensation will be based on the value of your home, per the appraisal, as of the day before the occurrence of the natural disaster.

Refer to Question 1.



FAQ



Question 4:

What if I received insurance money, loans, or other recovery assistance?

Answer 4:

Any compensation received as “recovery assistance” was intended for use to repair your home. If you followed through with repairs, the purchase price the Village will extend as a result of the appraisal will not be impacted.

A copy of the insurance check or other documentation pertaining to the recovery assistance must be provided, along with copies of documentation showing the money was spent for its intended purpose.

Examples of this documentation include: 1) Paid contractor invoices and 2) Receipts for building supplies delivered to the property address, or other documentation confirming how the funds were spent.

If invoices or receipts are not available, the landowner has may complete and submit the optional affidavit form.





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Question 5:

What if I do not have receipts and opt to not use the affidavit that is available?

Answer 5:

The Village must reduce the purchase price extended to the landowner by the amount of recovery assistance the landowner has received for the purpose of repairing your home.



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Question 6:

What if I received insurance money, loans, or other recovery assistance but did not make repairs to the home?

Answer 6:

The Village must reduce the purchase price extended to the landowner by the amount of recovery assistance the landowner has received but did not use for making repairs to the home.



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Question 7:

How long will this process take?

Answer 7:

The Village roughly estimates the acquisition phase will take approximately 12-18 months from now.



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Question 8:

What should residents expect from the buyout program?

Answer 8:

Through EWPP-Recovery, an approved applicant will sell their property to the Village of Rye Brook.

The resident no longer retains ownership of the property.

The property is now owned by the Village of Rye Brook subject to a deed restriction. The deed restriction prevents redevelopment of the property. The purchased properties will ultimately be restored by the Village with assistance from NRCS as needed.

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Question 9:

What if my neighbor does not apply to the program?

Answer 9:

This will not affect the Village's ability to move forward with you and complete the buyout transaction.





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Question 10:

What if I own multiple properties?

Answer 10:

You may submit a full application package for each individual property, provided they fall within the designated project area.



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Question 11:

What if I purchased a property within the project area after September 1, 2021? Am I eligible to submit an application?

Answer 11:

Yes, the current landowner/homeowner may submit an application.



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Question 12:

What if I sold my home? Would the buy-out be offered to the new homeowner?

Answer 12:

The program is available to the current landowner/homeowner if they are interested in submitting an application package.



FAQ



Question 13:

Will a property owner be required to sell their property to the Village?

Answer 13:

No, this is a voluntary program.



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Question 14:

When will I receive the purchase price for my home and property?

Answer 14:

The Village estimates the appraisals will be completed in Fall 2023.



FAQ



Question 15:

What if I owe the bank more than the amount being offered?

Answer 15:

Landowners are required to provide clear title to be eligible for the buyout.

If the amount owed on their mortgage exceeds the amount being offered as a result of the appraisal, the landowner will be required to pay-off the difference of the mortgage at or before closing.





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Question 16:

Is there a certain number of homes in a row that must agree to the buy-out?

Answer 16:

No



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Question 17:

What if I am not up to date with my taxes?

Answer 17:

You are the current property owner and will remain so until the closing / buy-out is completed. Therefore, you are responsible for all taxes owed on your property.

As previously stated, all landowners are required to provide clear title to be eligible for the buyout. Therefore, as unpaid taxes are a lien against your property, all outstanding taxes will need to be paid before or at the closing.





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Question 19:

Does the home have to be my primary residence?

Answer 19:

No.



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Question 20:

Do I have to be living in the home at the time that the buy-out is offered?

Answer 20:

No.



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Question 21:

What if I did not get a letter? Does that mean I am not included in the buy-out?

Answer 21:

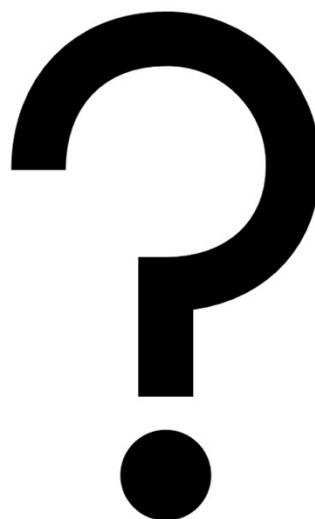
If your property is within the program's designated project area and you did not receive a letter, you may still apply to the program. If you are outside the designated area, you do not qualify for the program.





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Questions?



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Appraisal vs Assessment

This is how the value of your property/home will be determined in our program:

An Appraiser is a person who is specifically trained to offer an unbiased value of real property.

An Appraisal is an opinion of the value of property, as of a specific date, supported by objective data.

An Assessor is an elected or appointed local official who independently estimates the value of real property.

The Assessed Value is the value placed on property to which a local tax rate is applied to calculate the amount of real property tax.

Your Assessment is a percentage of a property's market value.

Please don't confuse these two. They are two very separate values!





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WHERE CAN I FIND APPLICATION AND THIS POWERPOINT?

Village web site, or the Village Administrator's Office

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