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## GC is reaching out to Hurricane Zeta clean-up volunteers

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George County is reaching out in search of the volunteers and residents who helped clean-up County roadways in the aftermath of Hurricane Zeta. In addition to serving the community at a critical time, your efforts could bring the County additional FEMA funding.



The County is looking for anyone who locally donated time either cleaning debris or providing citizen relief activities, including: cutting, clearing, debris moving, blue roof tarp installation, boat launch cleaning, relief supply delivery, and food & supply giveaways.

“The time and services donated by community volunteers greatly helped our overall recovery and could now help the County receive additional federal recovery

funds,” explained Board President Henry Cochran, District 5 Supervisor.

The process is easy according to Ken Flanagan, Community Development Director. Just email “where,” “how many hours,” and “what type” of volunteered services were performed in George County to [emadirector@georgecountymys.gov](mailto:emadirector@georgecountymys.gov) or [kflanagan@georgecountymys.gov](mailto:kflanagan@georgecountymys.gov).

“The County will handle all the required paperwork. For example, if you used your personal tractor to push storm debris off a County road that counts with FEMA. Did you use your chainsaw to cut back tree limbs and reopen an intersection? That counts too. The County just needs to hear from you or your volunteer group,” Flanagan said.

All donated time is eligible even if it occurred weeks after Hurricane Zeta. Residents and volunteer groups can also call 601-947-7557 to report their donation.

There is another important community benefit of this process.

“Once we get this list together, the Board can officially say ‘Thank You’ to all of the residents and groups who helped after the hurricane. I personally know for weeks after the hurricane our residents gave up their time and energy trying to help their neighbors. The County needs to recognize this tremendous work,” Cochran said.

Hurricane Zeta stormed into George County after dark on Oct. 29, 2020 bringing powerful swirling winds which created at least 500,000 cubic yards of storm debris and caused millions of dollars in structural damage.

**Photo cutline:**

Residents on Jessica Lane in District 2 teamed up to remove two oak trees and a power pole from the roadway hours after Hurricane Zeta. Photo by: Ken Flanagan.