

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2024

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

Jenafer F. McCauley, Councilmember – Mayor Pro Tem

David B. Buck, Councilmember

Pat C. Carpenter, Councilmember

David W. McGhee, Councilmember

Eric H. Presnell, Councilmember

Kevin W. Toole, Councilmember

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of North Augusta of October 7, 2024 having been duly publicized was called to order by Mayor Williams at 6:00pm and also streamed online for public viewing at “City of North Augusta – Public Information” on www.Facebook.com and on the “City of North Augusta Public Information” on www.YouTube.com. Per Section 30-4-80, (e) notice of the meeting by email was sent out to the current maintained “Agenda Mailout” list consisting of news media outlets and individuals or companies requesting notification. Notice of the meeting was also posted on the outside doors of the Municipal Center, the main bulletin board of the Municipal Center located on the first floor, and the City of North Augusta website.

Mayor Williams rendered the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Mayor Williams, Councilmembers Buck, McCauley, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole.

Member absent was Councilmember Carpenter.

Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; J.D. McCauley, Assistant Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Captain Kevin Hayes, Public Safety; Tommy Paradise, Director of Planning & Development; James Sutton, Director of Public Services; Jeremy Jiunnies, Supervisor of Parks & Recreation, Karl Waldhauer, Manager of Tourism; Lynda Williamson, Director of Finance; Jamie Paul, City Clerk; and Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 5. ADMINISTRATION: Update on Hurricane Helene Recovery Efforts

Administrator Clifford presented on the Hurricane Helene Recovery Efforts.
(See Attachment #5)

Discussion ensued relative to debris pickup, process, and timeframe. Additional discussion included the difference between the electrical wires and the phone and cable wires all of which are on the poles.

Mr. Clifford clarified that debris should be placed on edge of yard and avoid the street for safety.

Mayor Williams stated that this recovery effort has taken a lot of people to get to this point and we are not finished. He pointed out that the City would not be this far if it was not for the leadership of our City Administrator Jim Clifford. He thanked him for his outstanding leadership and asked everyone to give Mr. Clifford a round of applause for his leadership.

Mayor and Council thanked staff and the residents for all that they have done so far.

ITEM 6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

ITEM 7. PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular City Council meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF
OCTOBER 2024.

Briton S. Williams
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Paul, CMC
City Clerk



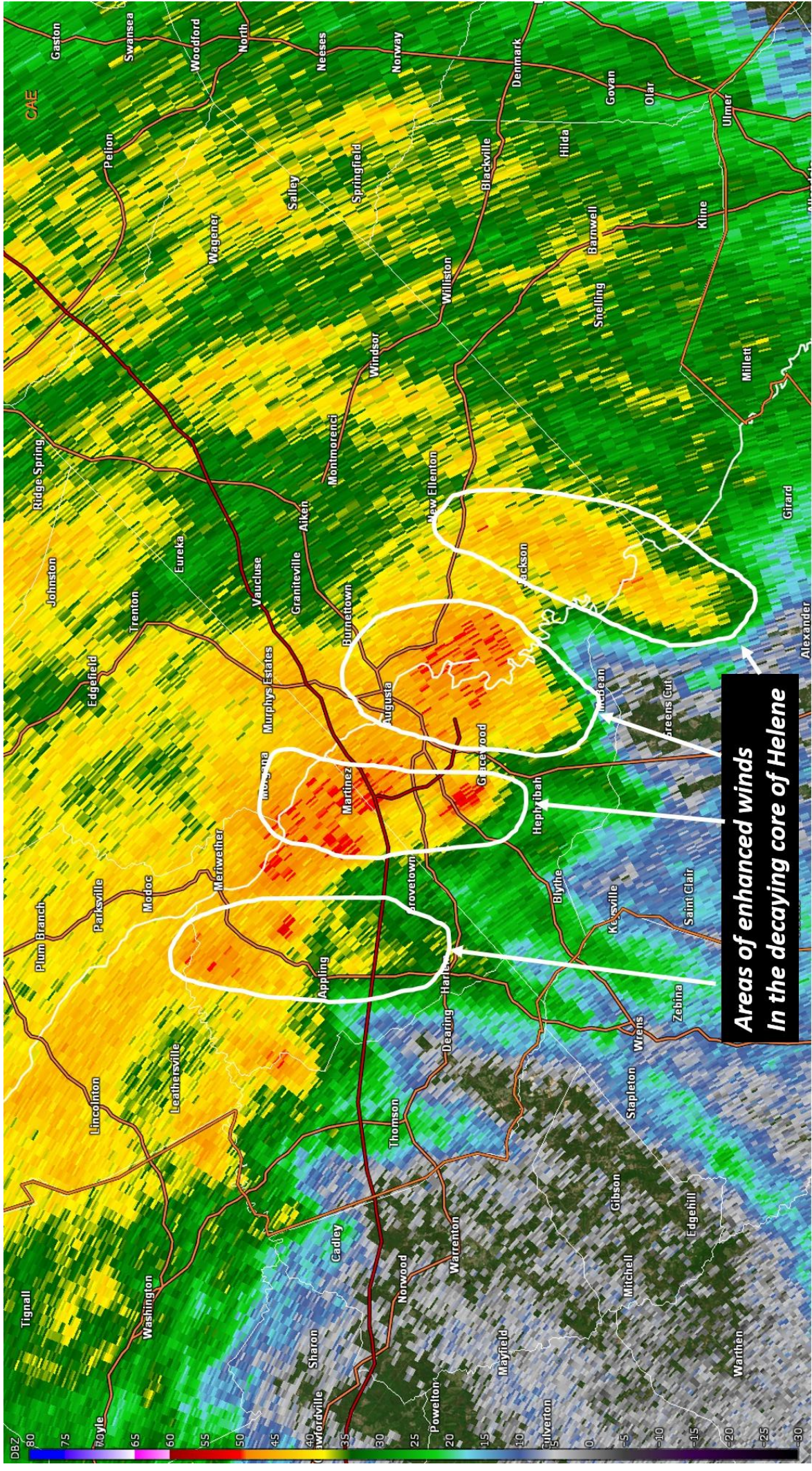
City of North Augusta Hurricane Helene Recovery Update (Day 11)

7 October 2024

Hurricane Helene Forecast 26 September (National Weather Service)



Hurricane Helene Actual (National Weather Service)





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Immediate Effects

Friday, 27 September



- Almost 100% power loss before dawn, to include all city facilities (city hall, public safety HQ, all fire stations, water & wastewater infrastructure nodes)
- Multiple mission essential employees unable to respond due to being trapped in their homes or neighborhoods
- Fiber internet, cell phone service, emergency radio communications impacted or non-existent. 9/11 service interrupted and switched to Aiken County Sheriff's Dispatch
- Damage to City facilities and vehicles, to include significant roof damage at Fire Station 2
- Local governments in the CSRA equally impacted
- **No reported loss of life due to storm effects**



City Lines of Effort (LOEs)

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LOE 1 Critical Infrastructure / Basic Human Needs

- Water System power restoration
- Waste Water power restoration
- Sanitation
- Assist Dominion & AEC with power restoration
- Coordinate Food/Water/Shelter/Medical assistance

LOE 2 Open road networks / route clearance

- Provide road access (one lane) to every residence in the city for emergency vehicle access
- Improve road access to two – four lanes as able

LOE 3 Public Safety / Maintain Law & Order

- Firefighter responses to trapped neighborhoods
- Transition to police functions to deal with civil disorder
- Assist power crews with lane closures

LOE 4 Communicate

- Demand signal to County, State, Federal, Utilities, and Non-Governmental Organizations
 - Establish communications with critical command nodes across government (establish EOC)
 - Conduct Key Leader engagements (KLEs) – with strategic intent and specific asks
 - Establish communications channel with Citizens (City of North Augusta – Public Information Page)
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LOE 5 Debris Removal



LOE 1 Critical Infrastructure / Basic Human Needs

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- Water System power restoration
- Waste Water power restoration
- Sanitation (Routes started on a limited basis on 30 September)
- Assist Dominion & AEC with power restoration (chain saw teams & Riverview Park Activities Center)
- Coordinate Food/Water/Shelter/Medical assistance



LOE 1 Critical Infrastructure/Basic Human Needs

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Willow Wick Lift Station

Rapids Lift Station

Clay Street Pump Station

Water Production Facility

Municipal Center (EOC) 9/30 - Present

Butlers Mill Lift Station

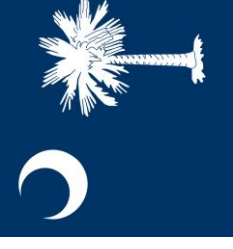
Powerhouse Pump Station

Fire Station 1 (EOC) 9/27-9/30

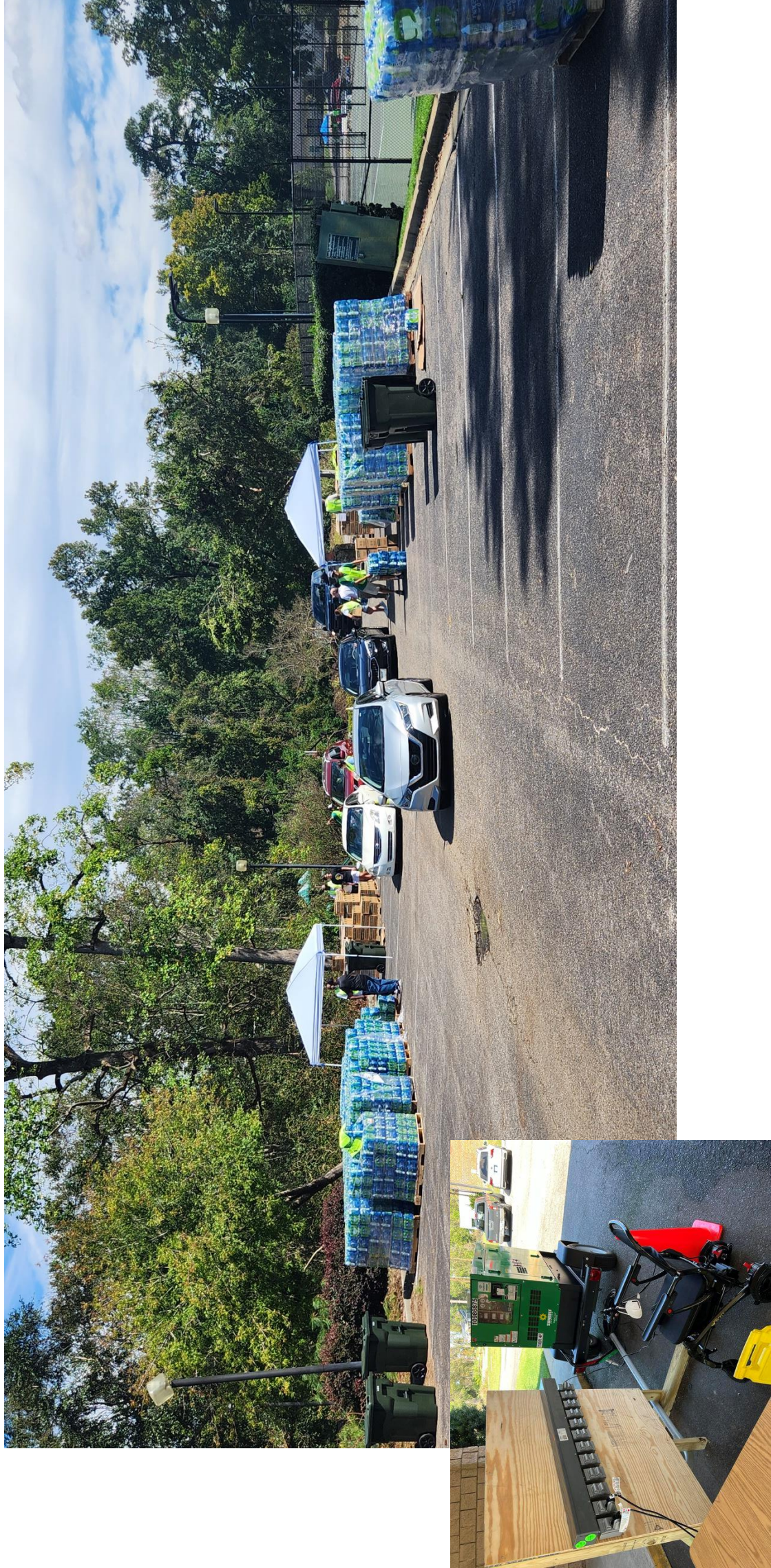
Public Safety 911

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Establishment of Point of Distribution / Community Aid Station / Charging Station



LOE 2 Open road networks / route clearance



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- Provide road access (one lane) to every residence in the city for emergency vehicle access
 - City Crews, SC National Guard, State Guard
- Improve road access to two – four lanes as able





LOE 3 Public Safety / Maintain Law & Order

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LOE 3 Public Safety / Maintain Law & Order

- Firefighter responses to trapped neighborhoods
- Transition to police functions to deal with civil disorder
 - Looting concerns – one night three commercial break-ins or attempts
 - Gas Station disturbances
 - Icehouse disturbances
 - Provide security at grocery stores as needed
 - Provide presence patrols in un-lit neighborhoods to include Belvedere
- Assist power crews with lane closures
 - Multiple lane and/or road closures at same time as routine law enforcement



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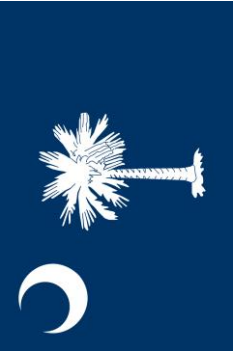
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Location	Cities		Countries	
	North Augusta, SC	4,216		
Belvedere, SC	1,327			
Augusta, GA	1,251			
Aiken, SC	526			
Evans, GA	393			
Burnettown, SC	308			
Graniteville, SC	259			
Beech Island, SC	239			
Clearwater, SC	150			
Edgefield, SC	129			

Discovery	
Post reach	379,383
Post engagement	194,138
New Page Followers	3,572

Interactions	
Reactions	30,160
Comments	5,574
Shares	5,807
Photo views	23,203
Link clicks	533



North Augusta Mayor Briton Williams addresses power outages

Published: Oct. 3, 2024 at 7:27 PM EDT



North Augusta Mayor Briton Williams describes damage and addresses power outages.





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Key Leader Engagements (KLEs)

North Augusta Visits

SCDOT Chief of Staff Allen Hutto

South Carolina Deputy Adjutant General, Major General Jones

W. Keller Kissam, President – Dominion Energy South Carolina

South Carolina Guard senior officers (multiple)

Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette

Local Engagement

Senator Lindsay Graham (Aiken)

Governor Henry McMaster (Edgefield & Aiken)

Telephonic

Fort Eisenhower Commanding General – Major General Ryan Janovic

Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. Gary L. Stooksbury, Chief Executive Officer



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LOE 5 Debris Removal

- **State Roads – SCDOT Contract**
- **City Roads – Aiken County Contract option**
- **City Property – City crews**
- **Resident debris self-removal options**
 - Belvedere
 - C&D Landfill



Partner Organizations

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Military

South Carolina Army National Guard
South Carolina State Guard

State Agencies

South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT)
South Carolina Forestry Commission

Law Enforcement/Fire Service

Aiken County Sheriff's Office (911 support)
State Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
South Carolina Department of Corrections Inspector General
State Transport Police
South Carolina Highway Patrol
South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services
Belvedere Volunteer Fire Service
Merriwether Fire

Utilities

Dominion Energy
Aiken Electric Cooperative
AT&T

Relief Agencies

Salvation Army
Red Cross
Acacia Lodge No. 315
Churches

State Delegation

Rep Bill Hixon
Sen Tom Young



City Task Organization for Purpose

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LOE 1 Critical Infrastructure / Basic Human Needs

- Public Safety
- Public Works
- Public Services
- Tourism
- Parks & Rec
- Finance
- HR

LOE 2 Open road networks / route clearance

- Public Safety
- Public Works
- Public Services
- P&D

LOE 3 Public Safety / Maintain Law & Order

- Public Safety

LOE 4 Communicate

- Tourism
- P&D
- Finance
- IT
- HR

LOE 5 Debris Removal

- Public Works
- Public Services





Power (Dominion)

- 12,057 of the 13,591 customers (~89%) in the City of North Augusta currently have power (as of noon)
- 19 of 20 substation breakers restored
- Approximately 510 personnel (linemen, tree trimmers, engineers, technicians, assessors, etc) supporting restoration efforts specifically in the North Augusta area.
- Total Estimated Damage
 - Estimated 350 broken poles / ~6hrs of work per pole
 - Estimated 700 spans of wire down / ~3hrs of work per span
 - Estimated 225 transformers to replace / ~2hrs of work per transformer
- Goal is 95% restoral by Wednesday

Power (AEC)

- Goal is 100% restoral in Aiken County by Friday
- Edgefield County residents (Gregory Landing) may take longer

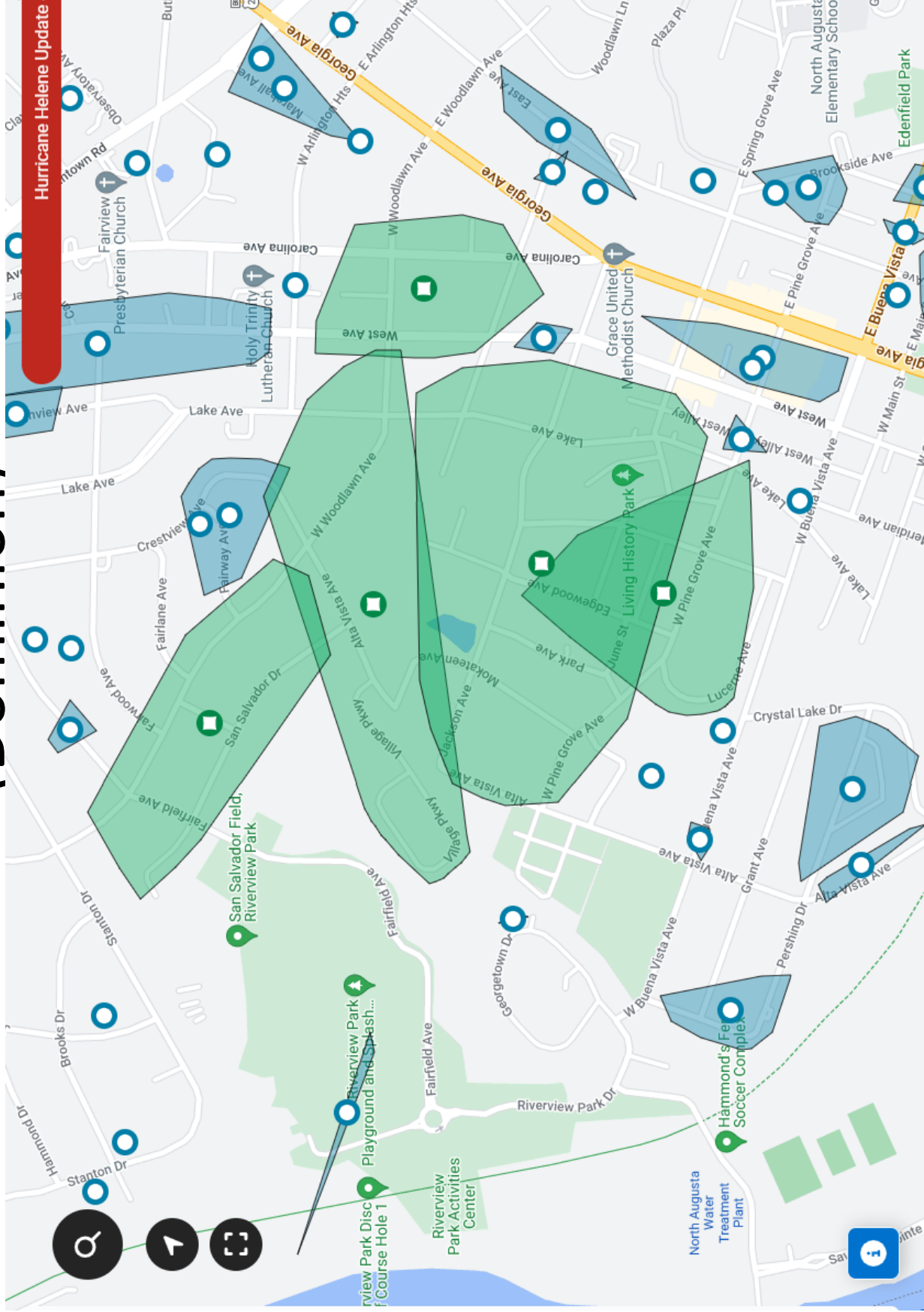
SCDOT

- All traffic lights are now operational in city limits
- SCDOT debris contractors may start as early as this week. Priorities are Interstate Highways, State Highways, then State roads (approx 75% of roads in the City maintained by SCDOT)



Current Status (Dominion)

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Operation End State:

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- **Enable power restoration to 100% of our citizens**
- Road hazards fully identified and removed
- Road debris cleared, all roads to pre-Hurricane status
- Recreational Facilities & City Parks opened to the extent possible
- Plan to repair city facilities presented to Council
- Greenway passable from end to end





Questions?