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Golden LEAF Awards County \$500,000 for Streams

FAYETTEVILLE – The Golden LEAF Foundation has awarded Cumberland County a \$500,000 disaster recovery grant for storm debris removal from Rockfish and Little Rockfish Creeks. Any remaining funds may be used to remove debris from other streams.

The project is a recovery and mitigation effort that will restore the streams to their condition before Hurricane Matthew and reduce the risk of future flooding caused by the debris.

"Throughout Rockfish Creek, trees limbs and, in some spots, entire trees are obstructing the entire stream width. These blockages result in reduced water flow due to increased backup and the additional accumulation of debris. We want to thank the Golden LEAF Foundation for this funding and the opportunity to significantly reduce the area's susceptibility to flooding," said Jeffery Brown, Engineering and Infrastructure Director.

The State of North Carolina provided funding to the Golden LEAF Foundation to make grants to local governmental entities and 501(c)(3) nonprofits working to recover from Hurricane Matthew, the western wildfires, Tropical Storm Julia or Tropical Storm Hermine.

"Our state leaders provided funds to Golden LEAF to help communities recover as fast as possible," said Dan Gerlach, Golden LEAF president.

This project received support from the Golden LEAF Foundation.



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