

Northampton County Emergency Operations Plan

3.19 ESF #19 - Damage Assessment

Primary Department

Northampton County Emergency Management

Support Departments

Northampton County Building and Inspection
Northampton County Cooperative Extension Service
Northampton County Planning & Zoning Department
Northampton County Sheriff's Office

Other Support Agencies

Virginia State Police

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to guide the ESF #19 (Damage Assessment) during an emergency or disaster response. The damage assessment function is in place to determine the overall damage to public and private property, thereby providing a basis for an emergency declaration and/or disaster assistance.

Scope

This annex identifies the key policies, concepts of operations, roles and responsibilities, and capabilities associated with ESF #19 (Damage Assessment) in Northampton County. Specific operating procedures and protocols are addressed in documents maintained by the participating departments/agencies.

Potential operations include the following:

- Preliminary Damage Assessment
- Rapid Needs Assessment

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ESF #19 (Damage Assessment) Primary Department	Roles/Tasks
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify resources to support and assist with damage assessment activities. Implement damage assessment training and exercise program. List all critical facilities and all local buildings requiring priority restoration.
Response – Initial Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activate and make task assignments for the damage assessment team(s). Implement the Damage Assessment Plan Make appropriate copies of forms and maps, and review damage assessment procedures. Develop Health and Safety Plan for members of the damage assessment teams and share the plan with the teams.
Response – Continuing Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate with Northampton County Emergency Management regarding the status of the damage assessment activities. Conduct a Rapid Needs Assessment within 24 hours. Conduct the Preliminary Damage Assessment. Complete and submit an official Damage Assessment Report to the VA-EOC within 72 hours. Continue damage assessment surveys, as needed.
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue damage assessment surveys, as needed. Review damage assessment plans, policies, and procedures in respect to the recent activation; update as necessary. Review building codes and land use regulations for possible improvements and mitigation activities.
ESF #19 (Damage Assessment) Support Departments	Roles/Tasks
Northampton County Building Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform damage assessment of public buildings, property, equipment, and public utility systems.
Northampton County Cooperative Extension Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide damage assessment of agricultural property per the guidelines established by the policies and procedures of the Virginia Cooperative Extension.
Northampton County Planning & Zoning Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist the damage assessment teams in the compilation of data for completion of required VA-EOC damage assessment reporting.
Northampton County Sheriff's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide access and security for damage assessment activities.
ESF #19 (Damage Assessment) Other Support Agencies	Roles/Tasks
Virginia State Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide access and security for damage assessment activities.