

FCZD Board of Supervisors Briefing

2025 Storms, Flooding, Landslides Response and Recovery

January 14, 2026



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Incident Summary

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Emergency Management



County Executive

Emergency Proclamation: 12/8/2025



Emergency Operations Center

Activation: 12/9/2025 - 12/19/2025

Life Safety

- Alert & Warning
- River Watch
- Levees
- Washington Task Force 1

Property Preservation

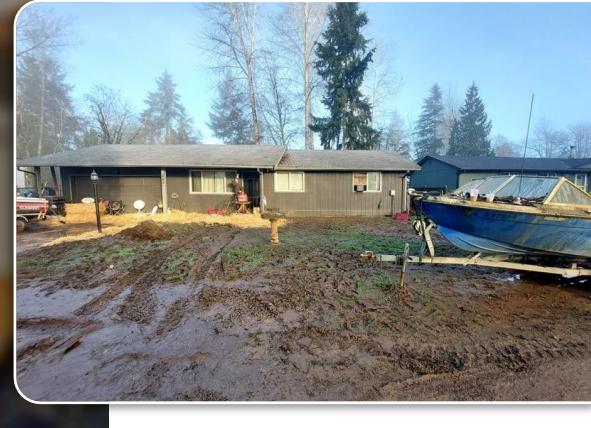
- Sandbags
- Infrastructure (Bridge, Roadways)

Human Services

- Outreach
- Assessment
- Resources/Basic Needs

Incident Recovery Summary

Emergency
Management



Activated Disaster Assistance Council
Supporting Unmet Needs

**Implemented County Public Assistance
+ Data Collection Process**
Due to Washington State 1/23/26

**Implemented Public & Private Damage
+ Impact Collection Processes**
12/15/25

**Participated in Damage Assessment
with Washington State, Federal Emergency Management
Agency, and Small Business Administration**
12/28/25

Concentrated Areas

Town of Wilkeson, Town South Prairie, Alderton Area
Unincorporated, City of Pacific (Pierce County)

Scattered other areas

City of Puyallup, Riverside Fire District Area
Unincorporated

Greatest Impacts

- Dan and Bill's RV Park
- Bowman Hilton RV Park
- River Park Estates RV and Mobile Home Park

Public Damage Assessments

 **119 Reports**
Online & Call Center as of 1/2/26

122 Resident

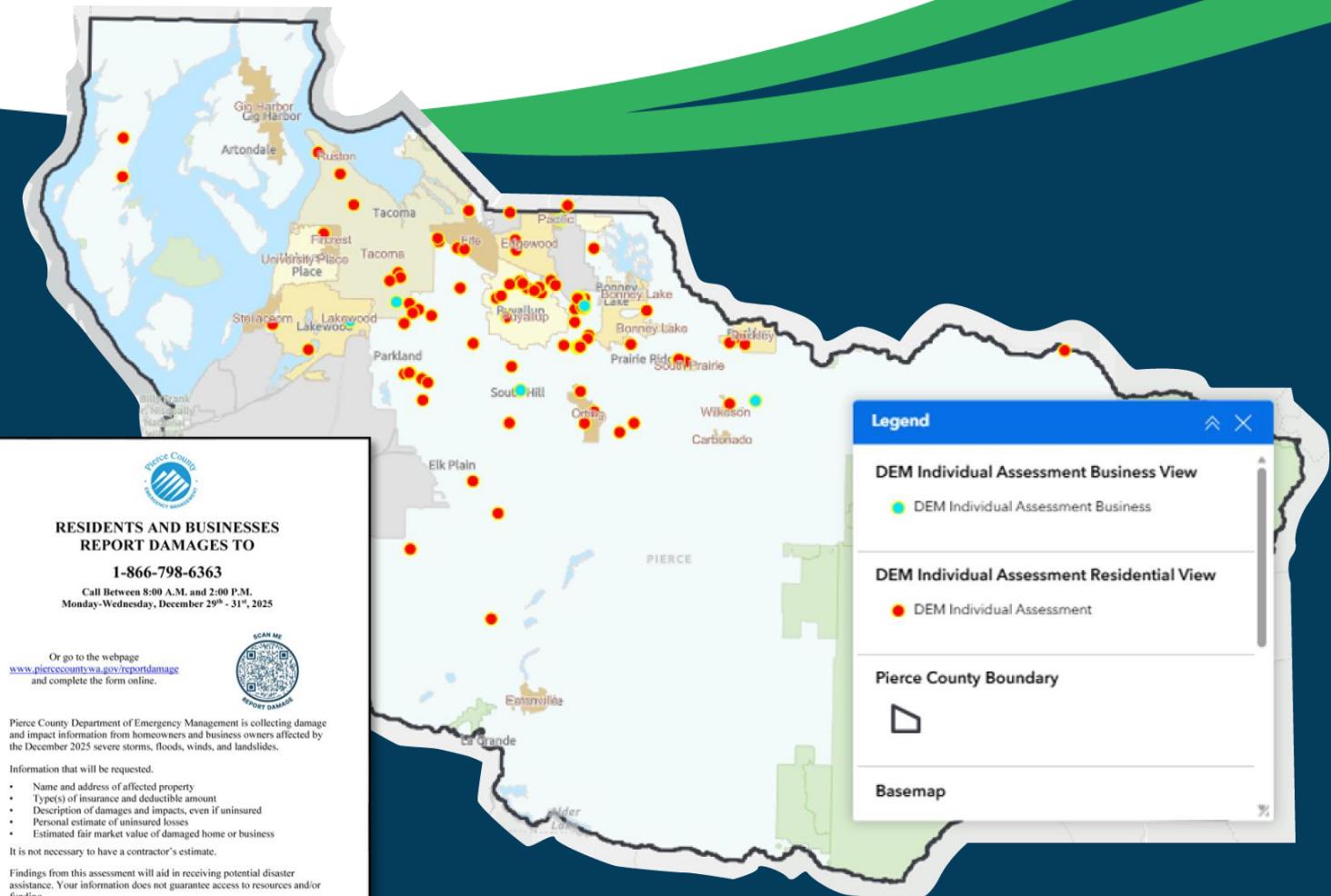
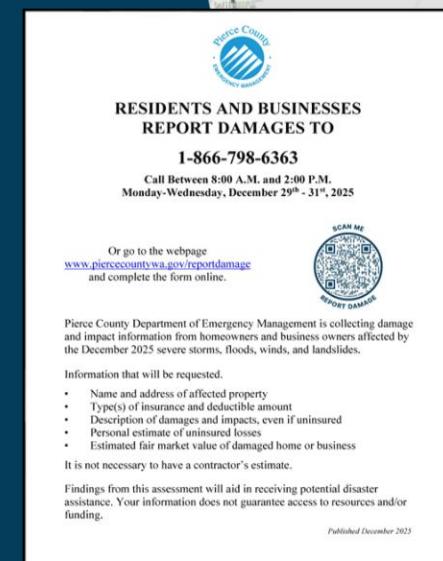
- 53 affected
- 18 minor
- 40 destroyed
- 11 no report

9 Business

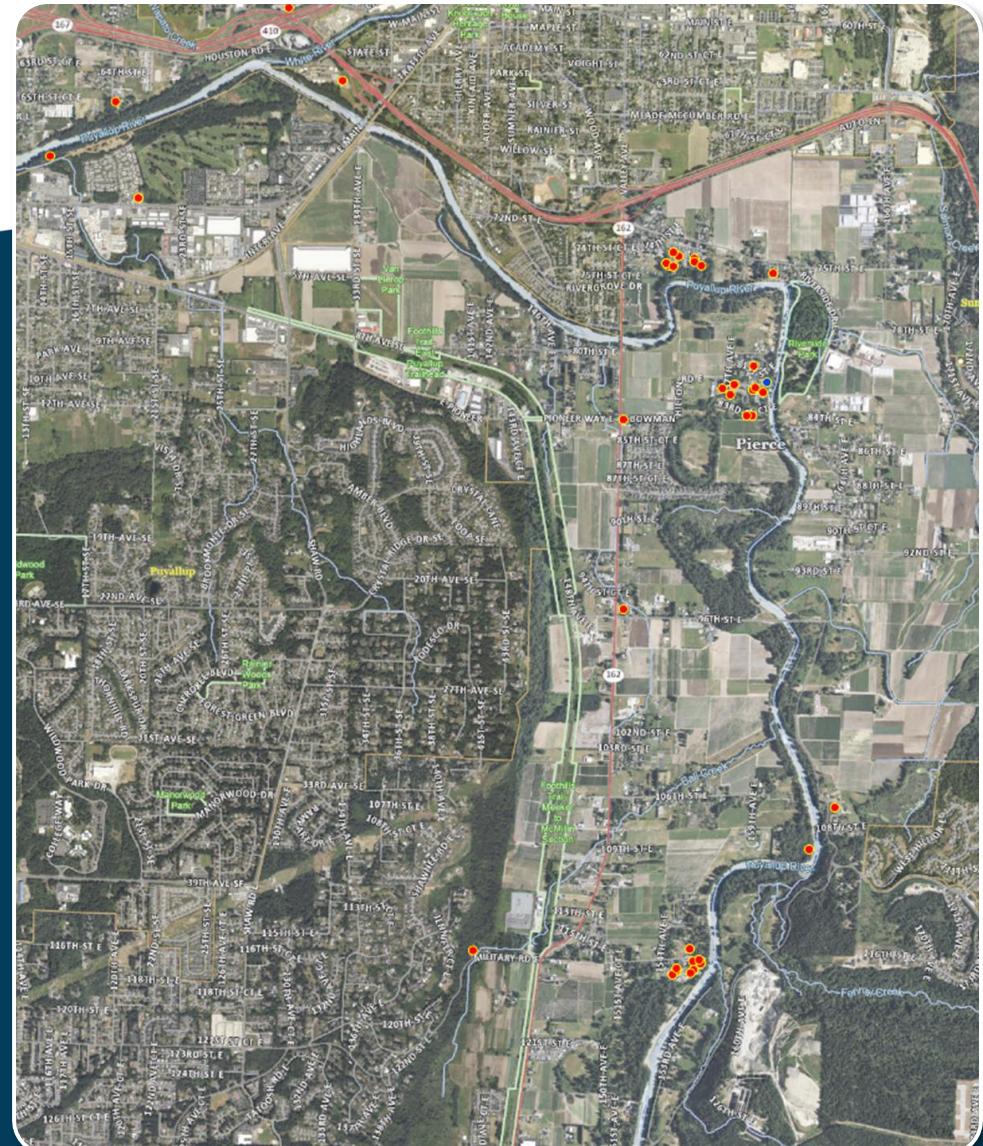
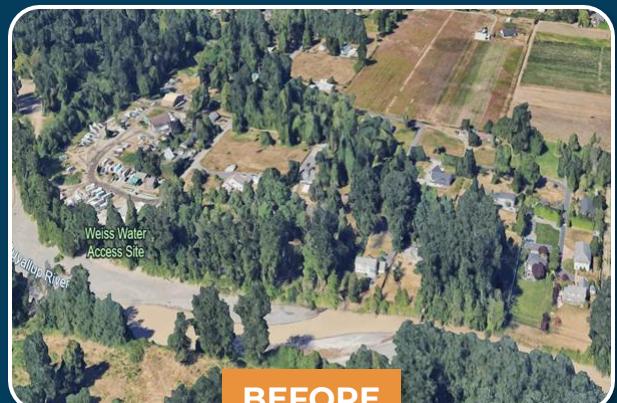
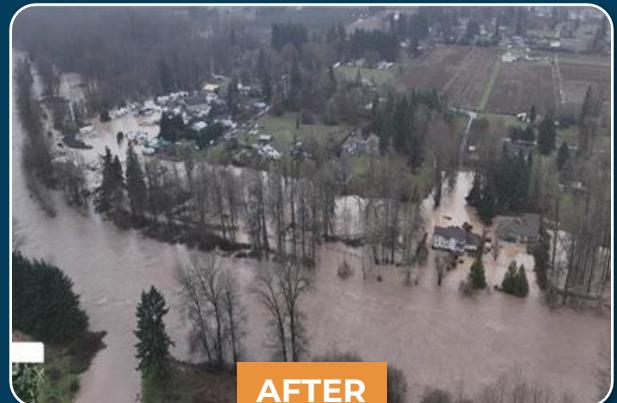
- 5 affected
- 2 minor
- 2 destroyed

Key Takeaways

- May not meet state or federal disaster thresholds and no dedicated fund source exists at state or county
- Interim housing remains a concern
- Long-term unmet needs



Public Damage Assessments Cont.



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RIVERS



- Monitored river levels, forecasts, and river gauges to **provide situational awareness for responding agencies**.
- **Conducted Rapid Damage Assessments** of flood risk reduction infrastructure throughout the event.
- Held daily briefings with the US Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies regarding the **release of water from Mud Mountain Dam**.
- Obtained **aerial photos and video of the river systems** during a Dec. 12 flight in coordination with the Pierce County Sheriff's Office
- Made **emergency levee repairs** to the Puyallup and Carbon Rivers
- Conducted a **Comprehensive Damage Assessment** of the levee system the week of Dec. 29. PPW to develop repair plan based on findings



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ROADS



- **Addressed and monitored roadway issues** including water over the roadway, blocked storm drains, landslides/erosion, and downed trees.
- **Closed roads or lanes** as needed.
- **Inspected and repaired roads** damaged by landslides and flooding (in progress).
- **Inspected county bridges.**
- **Coordinated with utility companies** regarding trees of concern involved with utility lines.



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SOLID WASTE



- Conducted **property debris inspections**.
- **Provided roll-off boxes** from Murrey's at 4 larger sites.
- Gave **disposal vouchers and clean-up assistance** to affected businesses and residents.
- Shared **information on proper disposal** of certain types of solid waste.



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OTHER SUPPORT

Development Services

- Conducted **post-flood damage assessments** at over 50 locations with three teams of inspectors.
- Set up post-incident **expedited permitting process** for flood-damaged buildings.
- Worked with DEM to **integrate post-incident damage data** and photo collection.

Sewer

- Provided **around-the-clock coverage** at wastewater treatment plant.
- **Immediate on-site support in Wilkeson** when the town's wastewater treatment plant was overwhelmed by high flows.

Statistics

112 Water Over the Roadway

& Drainage Concerns

13 Road Closures

7 Landslide & Erosion Concerns

30 Refrigerators Collected*

4 Daytime Rapid Damage Assessment (RDA) Teams

Inspected Infrastructure Dec. 8-14

775 ft.

of Levee Received Emergency Repairs

Across Five Locations Along the Carbon and Puyallup Rivers



40,000 lbs. of Flood-Damaged Debris Collected*

15 Tree Concerns

*Numbers to increase as cleanup efforts continue

2 Equipment Technicians &
1 Service Truck Deployed

Dec. 16-19 as part of the Task Force
One response in Skagit County

5,800 Empty Sandbags, **173 Tons** of Sand, and **500** Filled Sandbags Provided
to Other Local Jurisdictions and Fire Departments



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Nighttime RDA Teams
Inspected Infrastructure Dec. 8-11

Sizing Up Response & Recovery

SUCCESSES

Levee system infrastructure investments



Historical efforts to relocate



Supporting Partners with Alert and Warning



Vulnerable families were able to be served, even over the holidays



Local communities and trusted partners stepped in to provide immediate response



More people assessed for services and engaged in ongoing case management/getting resources



CHALLENGES



Vulnerable residents impacted by flooding.

- Value of older mobile home or RV that cannot be relocated.



Limited funding flexibility; more need for emergency housing costs during an event.



Loss of funding to relocate Valleybrook Mobile Home Park.



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Recommendations

Recovery and Support for Future Emergencies

Creation of a state-led voluntary buyout program.

- Acquisitions of flood-prone and Repetitive Loss Area properties.

Better support for those living in RVs before, during and after a flood, including recovery resources and funding for this type of housing.

- Temporary RV locations out of the flood zone (with amenities) where RVs can be moved to during an emergency.
- Contracted tow vehicles.





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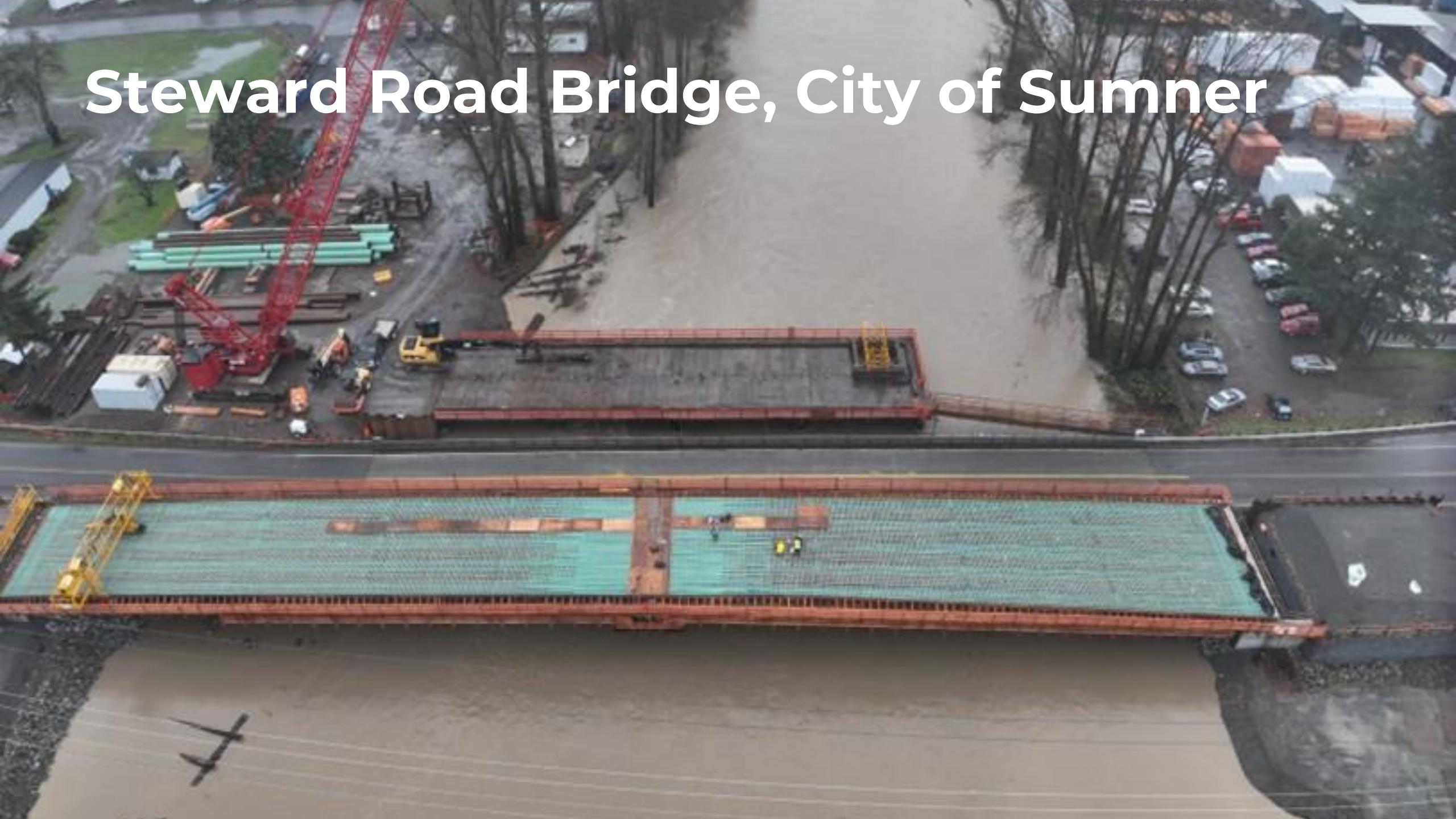
Recommendations

Funding Support to Reduce Flood Damage & Risk

- Post-flood acquisition funding support to **purchase substantially damaged homes from high-risk flood areas.**
- Expanded investment into **Floodplain Reconnection** projects.



Steward Road Bridge, City of Sumner



Clear Creek Floodplain Reconnection Project



**60+ parcels would have
been inundated**

Orville Road Revetment



Questions?

