

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 953

Short Title: Jones Hurricane Debris Removal Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wainwright; and Watson.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 15, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO REMOVE HURRICANE DEBRIS FROM RIVERS AND OTHER PUBLIC-MAINTAINED DRAINAGE WAYS IN JONES COUNTY IN ORDER TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO PREVENT FURTHER WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year to remove hurricane debris from rivers, creeks, and other public-maintained drainage ways in Jones County in order to protect the public from mosquito-borne diseases or diseases that breed in stagnant waters and to protect water quality from further degradation exacerbated by slow or no flow waters.

Section 2. The funds appropriated under Section 1 of this act shall provide grants for one-half of the nonfederal costs of stream restoration in Jones County, shall be distributed as grants for stream restoration pursuant to the program for Water Resources Development Projects under Part 8 of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, and shall be matched by local funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The Department shall give priority to economically distressed communities and units of local government.

Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.