



United Way of
Southwest Virginia

HURLEY LONG-TERM RECOVERY GROUP

Goal: To help Hurley flood victims return their homes to what they were the day before the storm.

Process:

1. Hurley Flood victims who had no insurance or who are under insured apply for support from the Hurley Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) by Oct. 29, 2022.

2. The LTRG Case Management Team facilitates applications and documentation, including the creation of a materials list for necessary repairs.

3. The Long Term Recovery Group Case Management Team allocates funding to help pay for construction materials.

4. The LTRG Construction Team purchases the materials and coordinates with volunteer groups to make repairs and installations.

5. The LTRG helps secure in-kind donations of furniture and fixtures if possible and coordinates inspection, allowing residents to re-occupy homes.

FAQs:

Does the LTRG provide direct assistance to homeowners?

No. The LTRG must stretch dollars to ensure every family gets the maximum benefit of our donors' generosity. Accountability and accuracy are paramount. So, the LTRG pays retailers directly for the supplies needed after a certified contractor has confirmed the assessment of damages.

How many homes are damaged or destroyed?

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management initially listed 44 homes as destroyed, 23 homes with major damage (\$10,000 or more) and 9 with minor damage (under \$10,000). An additional 123 Hurley homeowners have applied for assistance. The LTRG is currently assessing the damage at those homes.

What if a resident cannot rebuild on their land due to environmental or building safety regulations?

In some cases, the bed of the stream shifted during the flood, shortening the distance between the body of water and the home, thus rendering the home site no longer fit for occupancy. In these cases, the home is deemed "destroyed," making the homeowner eligible for the largest LTRG award possible. Those funds can be used to help purchase a new home for the homeowner.

How do I volunteer?

Visit unitedwayswva.org/hurleyflood and scroll down to the volunteer form. And, thank you!

How do I donate?

Visit unitedwayswva.org/hurleyflood and follow the instructions there. And, thank you!

LTRG Member Roster:

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- **Jim Baldwin**, Executive Director, Cumberland Gap Planning District Commission
- **Wanda Beery**, Alumni Relations, Mountain Mission School
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- **Brandee Brown**, Executive Director, YMCA of Buchanan County
- **Tommy Casteel**, former Regional Director, Virginia Department of Social Services
- **Bart Chambers**, Buchanan County Building Official and Emergency Management Coordinator
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