



POLLOCKSVILLE, NC

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Hurricane Florence – 2018

Location

Pollocksville is a small town located in eastern North Carolina near New Bern. It has a population of approximately 325 people. In the early days of the town, Pollocksville was a steamboat landing. The area is primarily focused on farming. Tobacco was a major crop in the past, but due to loss of demand, many farmers have switched to cotton. It is also popular to sportsmen because fishing, deer hunting, and bear hunting are all available nearby.

Disaster

Hurricane Florence hit land in North Carolina on September 14, 2018 as a Category 1 hurricane. Florence caused widespread power outages and dumped heavy rain along coastal areas, which, along with a large storm surge, caused widespread flooding. Many areas received record-breaking rainfall, with some places measuring more than 30 inches.

MDS Response

MDS volunteers will be staying at the Pollocksville Baptist Church parsonage. The dining area will be in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers will primarily be focusing on repair work, with some new builds, in Pollocksville or Trenton.

Transportation

It is the responsibility of weekly volunteers to plan, schedule, and pay for their transportation to and from the project. If you choose to fly in or take a bus, you will need to be sure to arrange for transportation from the station to the project, as MDS is not able to pick up weekly volunteers. If you have questions about this, please call the Coordinator for Weekly Volunteers at 800-241-8111.

- Coastal Carolina Regional Airport is the closest airport, about 15 miles away. Rental cars are available through several organizations (AVIS is one and can be reached at 800-331-1212).
- Greyhound has a bus station in New Bern, about 15 miles from the project site, and can be reached at 800-231-2222.
- Amtrak has a bus stop in New Bern, about 15 miles from the project site, and can be reached at 1-800-872-7245.

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Directions

Pollocksville Baptist Church parsonage: Use GPS to direct you to the project site.