



## **Flood Repair & Rebuild in Damascus**

To assist residents within the town limits of Damascus impacted by the flood/Hurricane Helene, below is a quick guide for restoration efforts:

### **Property Owners within Damascus Town Limits**

Prior to beginning the repair or rebuild of a property, all property owners are required to complete a Damascus Zoning/Development Permit application with an estimated cost of the repair/rebuild and description of work to be performed. The application must be reviewed and approved by the Damascus Zoning Administrator prior to work commencing. Property owners should also verify with their insurance company, FEMA, and the Washington County building inspector's office prior to beginning any repairs/restoration.

### **Property Owners within Damascus Town Limits located in Floodplain**

In addition to the steps mentioned above, property owners with property(s) located in the floodplain with a repair estimate that is over half the fair market value of the damaged structure(s) or a complete rebuild is necessary, will be required to hire a licensed surveyor to show property boundaries and obtain a preconstruction elevation certificate verifying repaired/rebuilt structure(s) are 12” above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) and anchored against flotation. Once repair is complete, a post construction elevation certificate is required.

### **Property Owners within Damascus Town Limits located in Floodway**

In addition to all the requirements listed above, property owners with property(s) located in the floodway whose repair estimate is over half the fair market value of the structure(s), expanding an existing structure, or building a new structure will be required to hire a licensed and professional engineer to complete a Hydrologic & Hydraulic (H&H) study to confirm water flow and passage thru and around structure(s) and obtain a “no-rise” certification to ensure project(s) will not impact flood elevations and is fully compliant with current regulations.