



NORTH CAROLINA Department of Transportation

Division 4

COUNTIES SERVED | Edgecombe, Halifax, Johnston, Nash, Wayne and Wilson

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Road to Recovery: 6 Months After Helene



Six months after Hurricane Helene, NCDOT and partners have made significant progress in rebuilding western North Carolina.

Ninety percent of damaged roads are reopened, and over 270 bridges and 870 culverts have been repaired. The reopening of Interstate 40, connecting North Carolina and Tennessee, was a major milestone.



Crews worked through winter to complete repairs, with many temporary roads now being upgraded to permanent solutions. NCDOT is also finalizing permanent bridge designs, with construction set to begin soon.

Public meetings continue to gather resident feedback as recovery efforts move forward. While much remains to be done, the progress in six months is significant.

Watch this [video](#) to see some of the progress thus far.

NCDMV Extends Services

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles is extending service hours starting April 7.

Forty-two driver license offices will open an hour earlier at 7 a.m., joining 50 others to provide an additional hour for appointments and services.

NCDMV's summer walk-in service hours will also return later this year. In 2024, nearly 17,000 transactions were processed at 16 offices during 12 Saturdays.

This year, 20 offices will offer Saturday service from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., from June 7 to August 23. New Saturday locations include Elizabeth City, Clayton, Durham East, and Kernersville.

For more details and a full list of offices, visit this [webpage](#).



Join the Spring Litter Sweep!

It's time again for the annual Spring Litter Sweep! From April 12-26, you can volunteer to help NCDOT beautify our roads.

Supplies, including safety vests, trash bags and gloves, are provided.

Sign up today to volunteer at a site near you!



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Division 4 Wins First Place in NCDOT Wildflower Competition



The roadside environmental employees for Highway Division 4, which is headquartered in Wilson, won First Place, Best Regional Wildflower Planting, Eastern Region. The [annual awards were announced](#) at this month's N.C. Board of Transportation meeting. Pictured are the winning crew and the



location at U.S. 264 and N.C. 42 in Wilson County.

News Near You

Two Patrolmen Killed in the Line of Duty Honored

The department recently honored two state highway patrolmen who were killed in the line of duty several years ago. Members of the the N.C. Board of Transportation joined the N.C. State Highway Patrol and distant relatives of the fallen lawmen to dedicate these bridges after them:

- On March 25 in Wayne County, the "[Patrolman Isaac T Moore Bridge](#)" where U.S. 117 crosses over the Neuse River north of Old Mount Olive Highway. He was killed in 1937 while questioning two suspects he had pulled over.
- On April 8 in Halifax County, the "[Patrolman Ralph W Arnold Bridge](#)" where N.C. 125 spans Interstate 95 in Roanoke Rapids. Arnold died in 1936 while on patrol in an motorcycle accident.

[Wilson License Plate Agency Closed Indefinitely](#)

WILSON — The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles closed the license plate agency in Wilson in March following the death of the contractor.

In North Carolina, NCDMV oversees LPAs, but the agencies are managed by private businesses or local governments.

The agency had been located at 4000 Ward Blvd., Suite D, at the Toisnot Village Shopping Center in Wilson.



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