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## Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program

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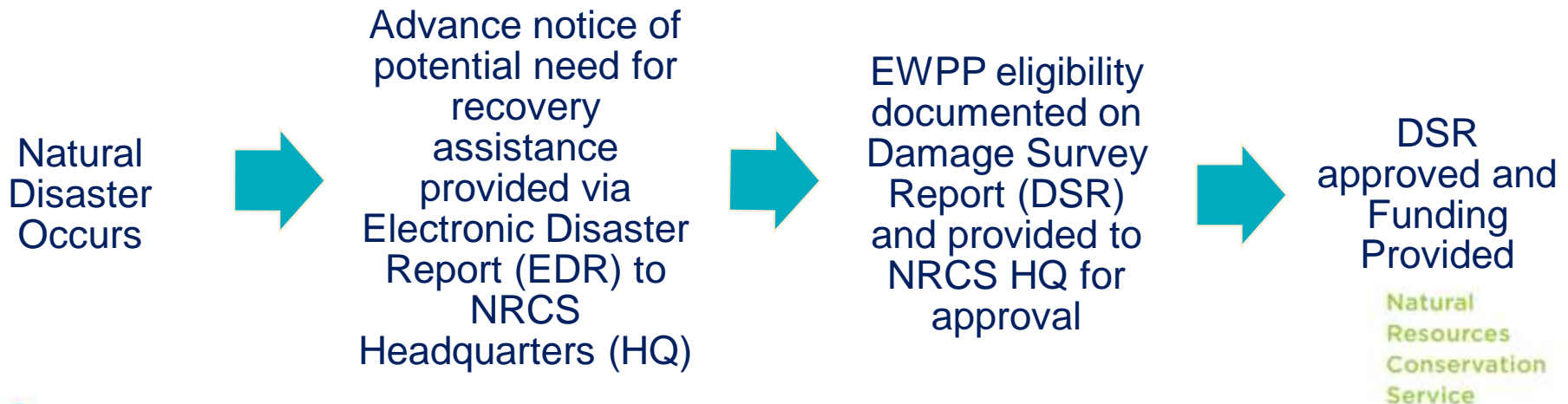
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# Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP)

The purpose of the EWPP is to assist sponsors implement recovery measures to relieve imminent hazards to life and property created by natural disasters that have caused a sudden impairment of a watershed.

## EWPP Process



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# Emergency Watershed Protection Program

## Overview

- Provide local communities assistance to recover from natural disasters such as:
  - Floods
  - Fire
  - Drought
  - Windstorms
  - Earthquakes
- Must reduce threats to life or property
- Must be economically, environmentally, and socially defensible
- Exigency vs Emergency
- Recovery and Flood Plain easements



# Emergency Watershed Protection Program

## Project Sponsor Eligibility

A project sponsor is any legal subdivision of a State government or a State agency.

- Private entities may only receive EWP recovery assistance through an eligible project sponsor such as:
  - State Governments
  - Cities
  - Towns
  - Counties/Parishes
  - Municipal Authorities
  - Native American Tribes and Tribal organizations
  - Soil and water conservation districts
  - And when chartered under State laws, entities such as—
    - levee districts - irrigation districts - drainage districts





## Eligible Lands

- Private land
- Non-Federal public land
- Federal lands on Non-Federal right-of-way



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# Emergency Watershed Protection Program

## Program Outline

- Natural Disaster occurs
- NRCS Preliminary assessment of damage (Submit EDR)
- Sponsor submits written application for assistance to State Conservationist
- Determine exigencies vs emergencies
- Damage Survey Report (DSR)
  - Completed/Approved
- NRCS provides financial and technical assistance



# Cost Sharing



Cost-share for eligible construction cost is **(75/25)**

Cost-share for eligible Limited Resource Areas construction cost is up to **(90/10)**





# Example EWP Projects







# Debris Removal

**Before**



**After**



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# Grade Stabilization

## Before



## After



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# Streambank Stabilization

## Before



## After



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# Streambank Stabilization

**Before**



**After**





# Post Forest Fire Treatment

**Before**



**After**



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# Questions

