

Hurricane Floyd ^[1]

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In September 1999, Hurricane Floyd brought unprecedented floods to eastern North Carolina. More than 19 inches of rain fell, and the Tar River crested 24 feet above flood stage, and much of Duplin and Greene counties were under water. Thirty-five people died. Seven thousand homes were destroyed, 17,000 more were made uninhabitable, and 56,000 were damaged. In this chapter, we'll examine the causes, impacts, and legacies — both scientific and personal — of this natural disaster.

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