

NPR's "MAP: FEMA Is Buying Out Flood-Prone Homes, But Not Where You Might Expect," October 20, 2014

FEMA-funded property buyouts have topped \$417 million

Total amount paid to property owners, by county, since 2003

- (White) None
 (Yellow) Less than \$750,000
 (Orange) \$750,000-\$4,000,000
 (Red) Greater than \$4,000,000

Of the 10 biggest disaster buyout totals, only four are in coastal states

State	Incident	Year	Total Amount Paid
North Carolina	Hurricanes Floyd & Irene	1999	\$62,821,759
Iowa	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	2008	\$36,992,883
Pennsylvania	Tropical Depression Ivan	2004	\$9,938,600
New Jersey	Hurricane Floyd	1999	\$9,613,895
Oklahoma	Severe Winter Storm	2001	\$9,012,121
West Virginia	Severe Storms & Flooding	2001	\$8,069,938
Wisconsin	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	2008	\$7,388,676
Alabama	Hurricane Ivan	2004	\$6,824,555
New York	Severe Storms and Flooding	2006	\$6,390,868
Missouri	Ice Storm	2002	\$6,206,856

Notes

The map shows areas where property owners have been bought out with funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The program's grants go to state and local governments to compensate property owners whose properties have lost value in major disasters. The buyouts are 75 percent funded by FEMA. Under federal law, the future use of the bought-out land is restricted to open space, recreational, and wetlands management. NPR analyzed records of more than 7,000 property acquisitions, worth more than \$400 million, since 2003.

Source: NPR analysis of Federal Emergency Management Agency data, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

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