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Cherry Point breaks ground on Hurricane Florence recovery projects

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. (July 26, 2021) — Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point broke ground today on the first of five Hurricane Florence recovery projects — Package One \$149 million award.

The groundbreaking ceremony was held on the site for P-162, the project that will construct a facility to house Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 2 and Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron.

“This groundbreaking is a symbolic gesture to recognize the initiation of this important project,” said Col. Mikel Huber, Marine Corps Air Station, commanding officer. “These new facilities will allow the air station to support 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, and enable them to answer the nation’s call when needed.”

Hurricane Florence was responsible for \$450 million in damage to the air station and its outlying fields. The hurricane caused irreparable damage to multiple facilities to include, the stations fire department, security and emergency services, the base auditorium, and a range complex on Bombing Target Eleven on the outlying field of Piney Island.

Whiting-Turner Contracting Company was awarded the funding by Navy Facilities Command August 2020, as part of the Hurricane Florence recovery plan to rebuild facilities on the air station.

Aaron Glover, vice president of Whiting-Turner Contracting Company said, “We have been involved with construction on MCAS Cherry Point for the last 10 years, and it is an honor to build new and safe facilities for the Marines Corps.”

The Headquarters Facility is estimated to be completed by spring of 2023, and the subsequent projects are estimated to be complete in fall of 2024.

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