



## Center for Cultural Preservation prepares to release radio documentary on Helene

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Director David Weintraub interviews landslide expert Rick Wooten.

Hendersonville's Center for Cultural Preservation will premiere a new audio documentary commemorating the impact of Tropical Storm Helene on Western North Carolina.

"From Helene and Back – Nature's Wakeup Call" will look at the human cost of the storm, the community's response and takeaways on disaster response for future preparation and will air 9 p.m. Sept. 23 on WNCW 88.7 FM.

WNCW will also rebroadcast an earlier radio documentary on WNC's 1916 flood 9 p.m. Sept. 16.

The documentary can be streamed at [www.wncw.org](http://www.wncw.org).

The documentary includes in-

terviews with storm survivors, emergency management officials, resilience experts, geologists and relief workers and draws comparisons to Western North Carolina's 1916 flood. It's meant to help the community heal and understand the importance of collaboration for preparing for disasters, according to the release.

"Everyone living in Western North Carolina was traumatically impacted by the storm, whether we suffered actual losses ourselves or witnessed the devastation around us. It was heartening how neighbors arose from the rubble and stepped up to do what was needed, helping all of us slowly get back on our feet," David Weintraub, producer Center for Cultural Preservation director, said

in a Sept. 1 news release.

"With a year gone by, this is a good time to ask, what can we learn from Helene and how can we rebuild a more resilient community that can overcome any challenges we face," he said.

"The Center for Cultural Preservation is dedicated to preserving the living history of the mountains and its people through an oral history project, producing PBS documentary films and through public programs like this one," according to its release.