



Blue Ridge Recovery Project Update

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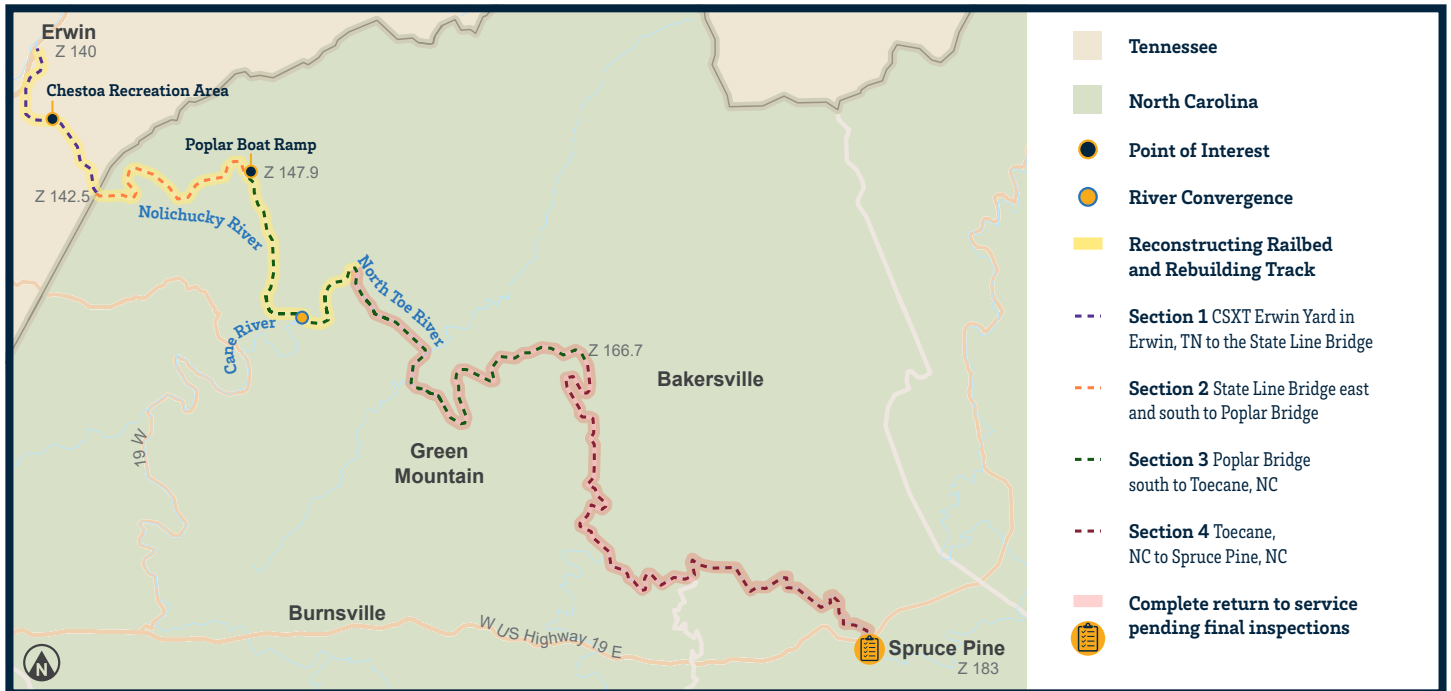
REBUILDING THE RAILROAD SAFELY & SUSTAINABLY



Hurricane Helene caused severe damage across the southeastern United States, impacting critical transportation infrastructure in Eastern Tennessee and Western North Carolina. Approximately 60 miles of CSX railroad experienced widespread washouts and destruction from the storm. CSX began emergency recovery and reconstruction efforts in October 2024 in partnership with state and federal agencies to restore this vital segment of the national freight rail network that handles about 14 million gross tons of freight each year.

The project involves retrieving displaced track materials from the Nolichucky River and rebuilding the rail bed, bridges, and culverts, with a focus on ensuring the rail infrastructure is restored in a safe and environmentally sustainable way.

CSX remains committed to working collaboratively and efficiently as it rebuilds to ensure the reliable delivery of critical goods to businesses and communities.



RESTORATION TIMELINE

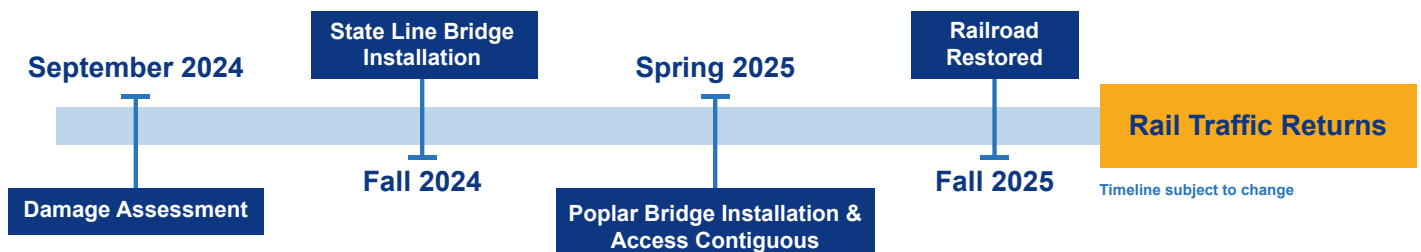


FIG. 1 | BEFORE RESTORATION



FIG. 2 | AFTER RESTORATION



AS OF JUNE 2025, CSX HAS...

Rebuilt the **State Line Bridge** (Fig. 1, Fig. 2).

Restored and rebuilt the **Poplar Bridge** (Fig. 3).

Used **work trains to transport rock and rail ties** into the project, maximizing on a train's fuel efficiency and reducing disruptions to the surrounding communities (Fig. 4).

Achieved contiguous access, which connects both sides of the project, creating efficiencies in the rebuilding process (Fig. 5).

FIG. 3



FIG. 4



FIG. 5



CSX'S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT

CSX is committed to the affected communities and will remain a trusted partner well beyond the completion of the Blue Ridge restoration efforts, ensuring its continued presence makes a lasting and meaningful difference.



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