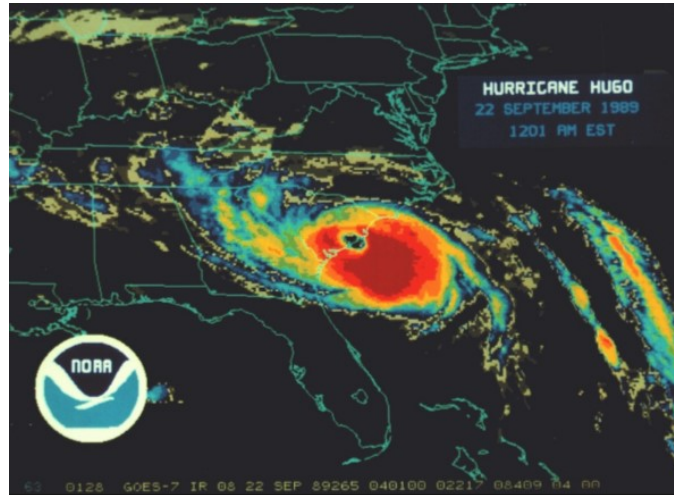


QUICK FACT FRIDAY



Hurricane Hugo and the Lowcountry

Although the *Quick Fact Friday* theme for this October was selected months in advance, it is amazing how relevant it is with the devastation that Harvey, Irma and Maria have caused our country over the past month. It may be difficult to remember, but our town has been rocked by numerous mega hurricanes over the years. Of course, the first storm that comes to mind is the infamous Hurricane Hugo which slammed into our coast as a category 4 hurricane in September of 1989.

Around midnight on September 21-22, 1989, the eye of Hurricane Hugo made landfall on the Lowcountry with 135 mph sustained winds and over 3000 tornadoes reported. Additionally, there were reports of substantial storm surge including an observation of 20.2 feet at the Seewee Bay near McClellanville. The resulting damage to the State of South Carolina was estimated at approximately \$4.2 billion and is still being repaired today.


Hurricane Hugo continues to be the costliest and most devastating hurricane in the history of the Palmetto State. However, this considerable damage did not break the backs of the Lowcountry. In the months and years following this catastrophic event, the outpouring of support was immense and the Lowcountry was able to rebuild and become a stronger community.

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