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FEDERAL HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS AVAILABLE AFTER SEVERE AUGUST STORMS

President Joe Biden Declares Federal Emergency for Nine Michigan Counties

(MONROE, MI) - Home and business owners in nine Michigan counties are now eligible for federal assistance to help recover from damages caused by severe storms, tornadoes and flooding in August 2023.

On February 8, President Joe Biden approved Governor Gretchen Whitmer's request for a Major Disaster Declaration in Eaton, Ingham, Ionia, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland and Wayne counties. The declaration now opens the application process for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Individual Assistance (IA) for affected residents.

This FEMA assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

On August 23-24, 2023, residents of the City of Monroe and Monroe County experienced storms with excessive rainfall that caused surcharging of sanitary and storm sewers, as well as high winds leading to damage to buildings and contents.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can begin applying for assistance at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362), or by using the FEMA App. Anyone using a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, can give FEMA the number for that service.

Local Disaster Recovery Centers (LDRC) will also be set up 60 days for those who need help applying in person, accept documents for existing applications, appeal applications, and provide updates on an application's status. Location and hours for the LDRC for Monroe County residents will be forthcoming.

For up-to-date information, [please visit our website](#).

ABOUT THE CITY OF MONROE

Incorporated in 1817, the City of Monroe is a community that has a shared vision that seeks to balance the opportunities of economic development with the stewardship that is required for historic preservation. With a population of 20,733, Monroe is located about 17-miles north of Toledo, Ohio and about 35-miles south of Detroit. The City of Monroe is Michigan's third oldest community, and is also the county seat of Monroe County.

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