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OHIO EMA WORKS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES AS RECOVERY CONTINUES AFTER STORMS

COLUMBUS—As residents across Ohio continue to recover from damage and flooding caused by last week's severe storms, field staff from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency are assisting county EMAs in assessing the damage.

County-level emergencies were declared in Lorain, Medina and Summit counties. At this point, no local officials have requested state assistance or resources that would require a governor's emergency declaration.

Residents and businesses with storm damage are urged to contact the State of Ohio Renew Rebuild Ohio Loan Program to assist homeowners with long-term, low-interest loans. Additional information is available <http://www.tos.ohio.gov/renewrebuild> or they can call 1-800-228-1102.

Residents can also dial 2-1-1 for storm recovery information and local lists of resources available. Local American Red Cross chapters and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) are also providing assistance to residents in need.

Heavy rainfall and severe thunderstorms moved across Ohio again last night into early morning bringing an additional round of severe thunderstorm and flash flood warnings. The State EOC assessment room has re-opened and field staff have been deployed to assist affected counties. Flash flooding hit the Miami Valley area last night, closing parts of I-70 and I-75 in Miami and Montgomery counties.

As recovery continues, residents are encouraged to contact their local emergency management agency to report damages.

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