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OHIO EMA WORKS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES AS RECOVERY CONTINUES AFTER FLOODING

COLUMBUS—As residents in Stark county continue to recover from damage and flooding caused by last week’s heavy rains, field staff from the Department of Public Safety’s Ohio Emergency Management Agency are assisting county EMAs in assessing the damage.

Plain and Nimishillen Townships in Stark County have declared local states of emergency for flooding from the heavy rains that began on June 16. At this point, no local officials have requested state assistance or resources that would require a governor’s emergency declaration.

Residents and businesses with flood damage are urged to contact the State of Ohio Renew Rebuild Ohio Loan Program to assists 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.

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

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