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Area Flooding on 6-27-2013

The City of Ashtabula has received numerous reports of flooded streets and basements throughout our area. City crews from Public Works, Police and Fire Departments and Sanitation have been out to view damage and secure areas of danger.

During the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. rainfall was measured in the Ashtabula Harbor at a peak rate (R/hHi) of 6.40 inches per hour. This is a rate of rainfall; not the total amount measured. Almost 3" of rain fell during this time. This peak rate occurred during the 9:00 a.m. hour. This is an astonishing amount of rain.

This amount of rain filled our systems to capacity, which has caused the flooding in the streets and basements of our residents. Our Waste Water Treatment plant peaked at a flow rate of over 23 million gallons a day. On average, the plant receives a flow rate of 5 million gallons a day.

While the system was working properly, it was over capacity because of the large amount of rain we received in a short period of time. Crews will continue to assess the damages to the roads and City infrastructure for reporting purposes and ask you, our residents, to do the same if you have damage from the rain. You should also call your home insurance company as soon as possible to discuss damages with your agent.

If you experienced flooding in your basement, please call the Manager's office at (440) 992-7103. We are collecting addresses and contact information in the event damage funding is made available to the City. Please take photos for your records and for documentation purposes for the City. You may be asked for this information at a later date to show damages. We cannot say for sure if funding will be available, but will work to clarify what, if any, could be available.

Please call the Manager's office at (440) 992-7103 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to report your address or for further information.