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### Update on Area Flooding From 6-27-2013

The City of Ashtabula has received numerous reports of flooded streets and basements throughout our area. We have been working with the County and State of Ohio EMA to assess what funding, if any could be available.

The damage is not significant or widespread enough to seek a federal declaration, leaving only the State Disaster Assistance Programs to apply for. There are two; one for individuals and the other for governments.

The triggering threshold for the Individuals Assistance Program (IA) is 25+ structures with 40% or more major or destroyed levels of damage. The types of damage in these levels include substantial damage to the home requiring more than 30 days to repair, roof elements such as trusses, decking or framing to be damaged or missing and/or complete failure of two or more major structural components to name a few.

Though the Ohio EMA (OEMA) is sensitive to the inconvenience and potential financial burden of basement water back-up, it is not considered major damage. Therefore, based on the damage assessments done by the Ashtabula Fire Department on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> along with other information we've been able to collect, we do not have enough damage to homes to qualify.

The City is still assessing damage to our infrastructure and the cost of debris removal to determine if the City can qualify for the Public Assistance Program (PA). The triggering threshold is ½ of 1% of the City's operating budget; about \$135,000.00. **The City will continue to collect debris from the flooding at the Transfer Station until Thursday July 11, 2013.** Residents who still have damaged material must be weighted at the station before dumping. Your address will be collected and there is no charge for this if your home experienced flooding.

Please call the Manager's office at (440) 992-7103 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for further information or if you have any other questions.

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