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FEMA Assistance Authorized for Merrimack County

Portsmouth, NH - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today announced it has expanded disaster assistance to one additional New Hampshire county to help pay for repair, restoration, reconstruction or replacement of public facilities, roads and bridges, water facilities and other infrastructure damaged or destroyed by severe storms and flooding that occurred September 6-7, 2008.

Merrimack County was added to the major disaster declaration originally declared by President Bush on October 3, which provided federal assistance to the Hillsborough County.

Under the Public Assistance program local governments in the designated counties are eligible to apply for federal funds to pay 75 percent of the approved cost of debris removal, emergency services related to the disaster, and repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, buildings and utilities.

Applicant briefings for local officials will be held where procedures for requesting the assistance will be explained by FEMA and state officials.

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