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KENT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION
FLOOD UPDATE

KENT COUNTY - The impact of the flooding throughout Kent County will continue to be felt over the coming weeks. The local State of Emergency issued on Friday remains in effect for all Kent County cities, townships and villages, until further notice. This declaration is the first step towards applying for any available state and/or federal funding to cover costs incurred by the damage.

“The Kent County Emergency Operations Center continues to monitor operations throughout the area,” said Lt. Jack Stewart, Emergency Management Coordinator for Kent County. “Our top priority continues to be protecting the health and safety of our residents, our first responders, and our crews.”

While the flood waters are starting to recede, these concerns remain:

1. If you were evacuated from your home, **DO NOT RETURN** until authorities say it is safe to return. If your power is out and/or your gas shut down, do not attempt to turn these on yourself. Do not light matches in a house or business until it is deemed safe. Crews from your energy company will do this for you. More information at: <http://www.accesskent.com/Health/EmergencyPrep/pdfs/CleaningUpFactSheet.pdf>.
2. The no-contact advisory for the Grand River throughout ALL of Kent County will remain in effect until further notice. Concerns include a fast-moving current, debris, and contamination. Our first responders have had to save several people who ventured into the water (via kayak or raft) and ended up in trouble. **Stay out of the water - period.**
3. Wastewater treatment plants are still extremely taxed. We are continuing to ask people to **conserve water**:
 - Flush the toilet less;
 - Shower for a shorter time;
 - Avoid doing laundry, or do larger loads at once;
 - Avoid the dishwasher - hand-wash dishes instead.
4. If you have well water and the well head was submerged at any time, your water may be contaminated and should not be used for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, dish washing, or bathing. Water testing sample bottles are available from the Kent County Health Department, 700 Fuller NE in Grand Rapids, as well as most municipal offices throughout Kent County. The Health Department recommends testing well water **AFTER** floodwaters recede. Until testing results are complete, use bottled water, **DO NOT** use your well water.
5. Clean and disinfect businesses and homes where the flooding occurred within 24-48 hours of returning. Wear gloves when handling anything that may have been in flood

water or sewage. These areas could have organisms that cause illness to humans and pets. Again, more information can be found here:
<http://www.accesskent.com/Health/EmergencyPrep/pdfs/CleaningUpFactSheet.pdf>

6. Throw away any food that came in contact with floodwater or sewage, or, if in a freezer or refrigerator, throw out food with an unusual color, odor, or if the temperature is above 45° F internally.

7. Hazardous waste, such as gasoline, insect repellent, antifreeze or motor oil, can be taken to these drop-off sites:

Transfer station at North Kent Landfill
2908 10 Mile Rd NE
Rockford, MI 49341

The Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

The Wyoming Waste Water Treatment Plant
2350 Ivanrest Ave SW
Grandville, MI 49418

Kentwood Public Works
5068 Breton Rd SE
Kentwood, MI 49508

More information, including hours for Saturday drop-off, can be found at:
http://www.accesskent.com/Departments/DPW/sat_collections.htm.

The American Red Cross continues to operate three shelter locations in Kent County: First Baptist Church in Lowell, Kentwood Activities Center in Kentwood, and Alpine Baptist Church in Comstock Park. The locations also can provide residents with clean-up kits, which include a mop, gloves, broom, bucket, scrub brush and cleaning chemicals. For more information, contact the American Red Cross at 616.456.8661.

Updates and information on the flooding can be found at www.accessKent.com/News. If you require additional information (or an on-camera interview) please contact Lt. Jack Stewart, Kent County Emergency Management Coordinator, at 616.632.6255, Undersheriff Jon Hess at 616.632.6236, or PIO Lisa LaPlante at 616.632.7182.

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Kent County Declaration for a Local State of Emergency

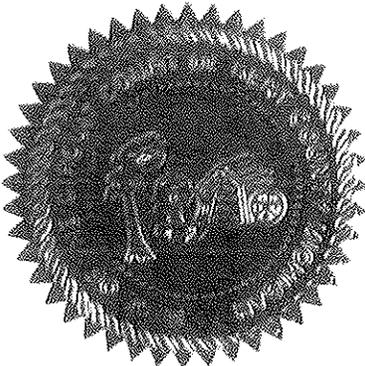
Whereas, the County of Kent on the 19th day of April, 2013 has suffered widespread severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property (or there is imminent threat of same) resulting from countywide flooding.

Whereas, the Chief Elected Official of the County of Kent has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property.

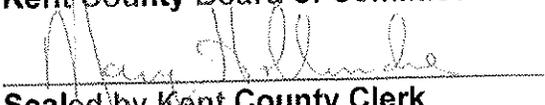
Now, therefore it is hereby proclaimed by the Chief Elected Official of the County of Kent in accordance with section 10(b) of Michigan Public Act 390, P.A. 1976 as amended:

- That a Local State of Emergency for Flooding is hereby declared for Kent County.
- The Local State of Emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Kent County Board of Commissioners.
- This declaration of a Local State of Emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division, Michigan State Police, Rockford Post, and the Kent County Clerk.
- This declaration of a Local State of Emergency activates the Kent County Emergency Operations Plan directing County response and recovery efforts so that local resources may be utilized to the fullest possible extent. This includes activation of the County's Emergency Operations Center for coordination, control and utilization of the National Incident Management System.
- That this Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

4/19/13
Date




Dan Koorndyk, Chair
Kent County Board of Commissioners


Sealed by Kent County Clerk
Mary Hollinrake

April 22, 2013 ROADS CLOSED

*****This list is subject to change as conditions change
throughout the day*****

North

15 Mile from Stout to Shaner (impassable) access address 6610 from west and 6645 from east
19 Mile between Penny and Force (impassable) access address 11385 from west and 11470 from east
Tisdell from 20 Mile Rd and 21 Mile Rd (impassable)
Mowry from Lehman to Tisdell (impassable)
12 Mile Rd from Friske to Algoma (impassable)
Summit from 13 Mile Rd to 12 Mile Rd
Ashley from 5 Mile Rd to 6 Mile Rd
Nugent from 9 Mile and 10 Mile Rd
Gavin Lake from 6 Mile Rd to Crooked Lake
Friske from 12 Mile Rd to 13 Mile Rd
Mowry from Lehman to Tisdell
12 Mile Rd from Northland to Summit

Central

Canright & Briggs
4 Mile & Briggs
Forest Ridge & Coit
West River Dr & Abridador Trail
West River Center & Abridador Trail
West River Dr & St Lawrence
West River Dr & Karcher Dr
Jupiter & Konkle
West River & Indian
Indian & River Point
Walnut Park & Northland Dr
Willow Dr & Bailey Park
Willow Dr & Canright
Shady Dr & Knapp St
Reeds Lake Blvd from Duchess to Manhattan
Reeds Lake Blvd from East Beltline to Hall
Michigan from Twin Lakes to Crahen

South

Vergennes between Parnell & Boynton
36th St between Quiggle & Cherry Lane
68th from Wingeier to Pratt Lake
64th from Pratt Lake to Montcalm
66th St from Whitneyville to McCords
108th St from Morse Lake to Moe St

2 Mile Rd from Alden Nash Ave to Murray Lake Ave
4 Mile Rd from McCabe to Boynton
Pratt Lake from 68th St to 64th St
68th St from Pratt Lake to Montcalm
Wingeier from 68th St to 64th St
Ada Dr from Headley to M-21
McPherson from Alden Nash Ave to Parnell
Jackson St from M-21 to Grand River
Grand River Dr from Jackson to Montcalm
Causeway Dr
Division north of Oberly
McCords from 68th St to 76th St
Thornapple River Dr from Fase St to Ada Dr

Southwest Complex

92nd St from Ivanrest to Byron Center