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## **Senator Carlucci Calls for Major Disaster Relief for Rockland and Orange Counties**

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“This morning, President Obama announced counties in New York State that he has declared a federal disaster. While Rockland county is on the list for Public Assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities, they are not on the list for assistance to individuals and households. In addition, Orange county is not on the list at all except that they are eligible to apply for the hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

“I have been across the district and witnessed firsthand the devastation that Irene has caused to residents and businesses. While I am appreciative that Rockland county will be eligible for the Public Assistance, residents and small businesses are in dire need of help. Homeowners and farmers in Orange county must get relief as well.

“I am reaching out to the Governor’s office, FEMA, the USDA, local municipalities and other organizations to stress the importance of being declared eligible for all federal Assistance.”