



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

Ritchie Releases Flood Relief Funding Video To Help Answer Applicant Questions, Provide Recovery Information

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In an effort to help those impacted by recent, record flooding along the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario, State Senator Patty Ritchie has released a video of a recent Flood Relief Workshop she cohosted in an effort to connect people with resources and information they need to recover.

The video released by Senator Ritchie provides information on how to apply for part of \$45 million in funding available to impacted homeowners—including seasonal homeowners—farms, not-for-profits, small businesses and municipalities through the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence Seaway Flood Relief and Recovery Grant Program. This program, which was created through legislation cosponsored by Senator Ritchie, builds upon the \$22 million made available by New York State in May. The deadline to apply for funds is **September 29th.**

In addition to providing information on how to apply for funds, the video of the workshop—which is one of several she cohosted throughout Central and Northern New York—also provides details on emergency permitting, help for businesses and tips on how to avoid scams. The video is available on Senator Ritchie's website by clicking [here](#) and DVD copies can be requested by calling her office at (315) 782-3418.

“For the past several months, communities, homes and businesses have been battered by record water levels and so many people are still struggling to bounce back from the damage Mother Nature has caused,” said Senator Ritchie.

“I am reminding anyone who has not yet applied for relief funding to do so and also am encouraging anyone who is looking for full details on funding, emergency permitting, business assistance and more to view the video of my recent workshop.”

Property owners looking to apply for recovery funds are encouraged to contact Neighbors of Watertown by visiting www.neighborsofwatertown.com, or by calling (315) 782-8497. Small businesses interested in applying for funds to help offset losses are encouraged to contact Empire State Development by calling (518) 292-5348 or by visiting www.esd.ny.gov.