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Curran Announces FEMA Major Disaster Declaration For County Impacted By Remains of Ida

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MINEOLA, NY (September 10, 2021) – Nassau County Executive Laura Curran today announced that FEMA has approved a Major Disaster Declaration in Nassau County. The declaration will allow homeowners and renters who suffered from the remnants of Hurricane Ida to register for federal disaster assistance relating to uninsured and underinsured damage at www.disasterassistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362.

“I fought hard to ensure Nassau was included in FEMA’s disaster declaration because too many families in our County continue to suffer,” **said Nassau County Executive Laura Curran.** I thank Governor Kathy Hochul for her extraordinary efforts and leadership during this time, along with all our partners on the state and federal level. I urge anyone in Nassau who was affected by the remnants of Ida to visit FEMA’S website and begin the application process as soon as possible.”

Eligible victims will be able to apply for direct assistance, which may include home repairs, temporary housing, low-cost loans, and other programs to help recover.

"Nassau County families and communities were hit particularly hard by the remnants of Ida, and I want to commend the hardworking damage assessment teams on the ground who provided information to secure this important federal disaster assistance," **Governor Hochul said.** "I thank President Biden and FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell for their continued support in helping New Yorkers recover from these devastating floods."

"I'm glad that FEMA has heeded my call and that Nassau County has been approved for both public and individual assistance following the destruction of Ida. Nassau residents and small businesses can now apply for federal grants, not just loans, to rebuild, and I'll continue to advocate for Suffolk County and all other impacted communities around New York get the aid they deserve," **said U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer.**

"Tropical storm Ida gravely impacted homes and working people across Nassau County and Long Island. Working with County Executive Laura Curran, together we urged the Biden Administration to provide FEMA support to the county. Today, those efforts were successful," **said Congressman Tom Suozzi.**

Senator Anna M. Kaplan said, "I'm extremely grateful that President Biden has approved a Major Disaster Declaration for Nassau County so that we can help get relief directly to our neighbors who have suffered so much in the wake of Hurricane Ida. Thank you to County Executive Laura Curran and our federal delegation for leading the charge to secure this declaration and for your partnership to help our community recover from this devastation."

"After a week of touring the 16th Assembly district, I have met with countless residents with severe and costly damage to their homes due to Hurricane Ida. I am grateful to all our partners in government who have stepped up and responded to come to the aide of our residents," **said Assemblywoman Gina L. Sillitti.** "Governor Hochul, Congressman Suozzi, and

County Executive Curran along with Town Supervisor Bosworth, Councilwomen Lurvey and Dalimonte all immediately joined together to tour the community and worked to get the much-needed federal assistance. I am thrilled Nassau County's FEMA application has been granted, and our residents will be able to get some relief and rebuild."

"Today's declaration ensures that any Nassau County resident who was impacted by Ida's wrath will have access to essential resources that will help them restore their homes," **Nassau County Legislator Ellen W. Birnbaum said.** "I am profoundly grateful to County Executive Curran, Governor Hochul and Congressman Suozzi for fighting to secure crucial federal assistance for the residents of our County, especially those in the Great Neck villages and unincorporated areas that sustained so much damage during this weather emergency."

"For every Nassau County resident who was impacted by Ida, today's announcement is a truly a godsend," **Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton said.** "Nowhere in Nassau County is equipped to withstand nine inches of rain in a four-hour span, which is why this storm was especially devastating for communities like Glen Cove, Port Washington and Sea Cliff. As the cleanup continues and we are unearthing just how widespread the damage truly is, it is clear that this federal aid will be absolutely vital for local families. I am truly thankful to County Executive Curran, Governor Hochul and Congressman Suozzi for fighting so tenaciously to secure the aid Nassau residents deserve."

Applicants applying for FEMA Disaster Assistance should be ready to provide the following information:

- A current phone number where you can be contacted;
- Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you are now staying;
- Your Social Security number, if available;

- A general list of damages and losses; and
- If insured, the insurance policy number, or the agent and company name.