

## **Hunterdon Commissioners Assess Ida Effects In Hard Hit River Towns**

Hunterdon County's Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Department of Public Works (DPW) and Buildings and Maintenance Division have been cleaning up from the storm and assisting with recovery efforts due to Tropical Storm Ida, Hunterdon County Board Commissioner Shaun C. Van Doren announced during an assessment tour of hard hit areas over the weekend.

Commissioner Van Doren said, "The storm affected many parts of the county, but damage was significantly worse in towns that border the Delaware River. Flooding was sudden and caused damage for many miles across several communities.

It was devastating to see firsthand what flood waters can do and on Labor Day, the Commissioner Director and I observed those damages in Lambertville, Delaware Township, and Bloomsbury."

Commissioner Van Doren reported that Governor Phil Murphy, First Lady Tammy Murphy, Congressman Tom Malinowski, Senator Shirley Turner, Assemblyman Anthony Verrelli and Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson also visited Lambertville on Labor Day to witness the effects of the storm.

"Yesterday, President Joe Biden approved the New Jersey Disaster Declaration from Tropical Storm Ida to provide FEMA funding to those who were affected during the storm," Commissioner Van Doren noted.

For FEMA assistance, please [click here](#).

The county has also supplied resources to help residents and businesses at satellite sites throughout the county. Water, wheelbarrows, and various cleaning supplies are available at these sites and the county will continue to provide assistance to those in need.

County employees are also donating supplies to the community with drop-off locations at Rt. 12, building 1 and 71 Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Cleaning supplies, toiletry products and back-to-school items are being collected.

If you would like to donate, please [click here for United Way](#) or [click here for other donation opportunities](#).

Numerous Roads and bridges are currently being assessed by the county's Department of Engineering and Public Works. An updated map of road closures can be found [here](#).

“Our county’s dispatch team at the communications center should also be recognized for answering the thousands of calls that came in the night of the storm, inevitably saving lives and assisting with more than 300 water rescues,” Van Doren stated.

Resources to help with recovery are available:

Elizabethtown Gas – customer support center: 800-242-5830

FEMA Individual Assistance funding – register on the phone: 800-621-FEMA(3362) or 800-462-7585 (TTY) or online:

<https://www.disasterassistance.gov/> or

<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4614/designated-areas>

County road closures:

<https://hcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=22c203af5db34c6798bba4a86b22dfe8>

Hunterdon Helpline: 908-782-4357 for help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

United Way of Hunterdon: 908-237-1689 or <https://www.uwhunterdon.org/> - for direct storm resources, <https://www.uwhunterdon.org/ida>

County Department of Human Services: phone 908-788-1253 or email

[humansvc@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:humansvc@co.hunterdon.nj.us) or

<https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/humanservices.htm>

Hunterdon County Storm Damage Reporting Survey:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/c2a1380f932a4a3daabeae32591ae793>

Uber and Lyft rides are available for the next two weeks to anyone who lost a personal car to Ida, text *NJIDARIDE* to 898-211 to request a Lyft or Uber ride. Those without access to a smartphone can dial 2-1-1 from any phone line.