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Reboletti: DuPage County to Receive Federal Flood Assistance

DuPage County, IL...DuPage County is one of several counties that will receive federal assistance for communities that were hit hard by heavy floodwaters in September, said State Rep. Dennis Reboletti (R- Elmhurst).

The federal government approved the state's request for assistance to local municipalities in Cook, DuPage, Grundy and LaSalle counties for extraordinary expenses incurred from severe flooding.

"Many of our municipalities, including Wood Dale and Addison, have been depleting a large portion of their savings and reserves to fix flood-damaged buildings and roads," Reboletti said. "I am pleased to see they will receive some assistance from federal authorities so they can continue the clean-up efforts that resulted from that devastating weekend."

A storm system generated from the remnants of the Gulf's Hurricane Ike caused flooding in the Chicagoland area during the weekend of September 13. More than 7 inches of rain fell in many areas causing severe damage to infrastructure and residential homes and businesses.

Preliminary assessments conducted by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have listed government flood-related expenses at more than \$6.5 million in DuPage County. With the federal assistance, local and state government bodies can apply for reimbursement for 75 percent of flood-related expenses such as emergency work, debris removal from public roads and repair or replacement of infrastructure and public property.

"We will continue to work with our federal agencies to ensure we receive as much aid as we can to help these communities get back on their feet," Reboletti said.

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