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Governor Walker Announces Federal Disaster Declaration for September Flooding

Madison – Governor Scott Walker today announced a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) major disaster declaration for ten western Wisconsin counties impacted by flooding in September. The counties included in the declaration are Adams, Chippewa, Clark, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, and Vernon.

“We’re pleased these communities will receive federal assistance as they work to repair roads and other infrastructure that was damaged during the flash floods last month,” said Governor Walker. “The damage caused by these flash floods and mudslides have placed significant strains on many local budgets, so this federal assistance is a welcome relief.”

Last week, Governor Walker formally requested a federal disaster declaration. Although impacted by the floods, Eau Claire and Trempealeau counties did not sustain enough damage to qualify for the federal assistance.

Heavy rains hit western Wisconsin September 21 and 22, causing flash floods, mudslides, and washed out roads. Preliminary damage assessments conducted by FEMA determined the storms caused more than \$11 million in damage to public infrastructure, including over \$5.2 million in damage in Vernon County.

The major disaster declaration is for Public Assistance, which covers eligible projects submitted by counties, cities, townships, and certain private, not-for-profit organizations. The program is not for businesses or homeowners.

Communities in the affected counties are now eligible for federal assistance. They should contact their [county emergency management director](#) for further information. Under the program, FEMA provides 75 percent of eligible costs, while state and local agencies share the remaining 25 percent.

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