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Diana Advises Residents to Prepare for Flooding

(Goshen, N.Y.) – Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana advises residents that the County may experience significant flooding as the National Weather Service has forecasted 2-4 inches of rain on Thursday, March 10 into Friday, March 11 for Orange County.

“Due to recent weather, the ground is already saturated, and many rivers, creeks, and streams are at high levels. Those who live in flood-prone areas should be prepared for flooding and take appropriate actions to secure their safety,” said County Executive Diana.

Currently, Orange County is in a **flood watch**, but this will likely be upgraded to a flood warning tonight or tomorrow morning.

As of 3:30 pm today, the following road closures remain in effect:

- Canning Road in Montgomery
- County Route 106 in Tuxedo
- Route 211 in Montgomery

County Executive Diana said, “As nearly half of all flash flood fatalities are vehicle related, I urge residents to use caution when driving. As little as six inches of water may cause a driver to lose control; do not drive through flowing water or flooded roads.”

The Orange County Division of Emergency Management is monitoring the situation and is coordinating with numerous agencies due to the potential for serious flooding.

March 14-18 is designated Flood Awareness Week in New York State and the NYS Office of Emergency Management has invaluable safety tips on what to do before, during and after a flood located on their website at: www.semo.state.ny.us.

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