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DIANA URGES FEMA TO LIST ORANGE COUNTY ELIGIBLE FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AS A RESULT OF THE COUNTY'S DEVASTATION IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE IRENE

Residents suffering, deserve critical support from Federal Government

(Goshen, NY) – Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana urged the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to list Orange County eligible for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance through the Stafford Act in order to receive federal funding for residents and municipalities to help them recover from the disaster of Hurricane Irene.

"Orange County residents are suffering, and are perplexed as to why we were not included in the President's August 31 disaster declaration list. That's simply outrageous and unacceptable," said County Executive Diana. "We've had homes and businesses washed away. Our road network, bridges, dams and water systems have taken a significant hit as a result of Hurricane Irene. The federal government has these programs in place precisely for such a devastating event, and I urge FEMA to give our residents their full support during this critical time."

County Executive Diana has corresponded with New York State Governor Cuomo, a step necessary for the County to be considered for federal disaster funding, explaining the damage that Orange County has experienced as a result of the storm, and inviting him and the Federal Assessment Teams to Orange County to see first hand how this storm has impacted Orange County.

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