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Orange County Exec Diana Urges Additional Federal Assistance In Response to Continued Flooding in County

Goshen – As unrelenting rain continued to buffet Orange County in the days following Tropical Storm Irene flood waters that had only just begun to recede were once again rising throughout Orange County causing additional damage, road closures, and school cancellations.

“Continued flooding of this magnitude is unheard of in Orange County,” said County Executive Edward A. Diana. “Residents only recently recovered, or still in the midst of clean-up, following the devastating impact of Tropical Storm Irene are once again facing hardship from the unabated rain and flooding. For that reason, I am urging our State and Federal officials to consider additional Federal disaster relief for our area,” continued Diana.

County Executive Diana issued a letter today to New York State Governor Cuomo and President Obama imploring them to make the necessary declarations to extend Federal Emergency assistance for Orange County.

Having toured the County today to survey the additional flood damage, the County Executive wrote in the letter, “I have no doubt you understand the heartache this is causing to individual citizens and the crippling impact it is having on our local economy. Today I met with numerous business owners and residents, many of whom had just replaced carpets, water heaters, HVAC systems, floors, etc., only to have their hard work again destroyed by the ongoing rain.”

With more rain forecast over the next few days, the County Executive reminds residents to use extreme caution in dealing with flooded areas.

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