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## **BURLINGTON FLOOD EMERGENCY: UPDATE**

Racine – The City of Burlington has issued an update on the flooding situation that has effected most of the municipality and surrounding communities.

The Fox River has crested early this morning at its highest historical level of 16.5 feet, and has slowly beginning to recede. The level of the river is expected to dip below major flood stage of 14.0 feet by mid-morning on Saturday, July 15.

Over 4400 residents of the City of Burlington and Waterford area have been without power and telephone service. We Energies announced the Waterford area power should be restored by noon today. The company is working diligently to restore power to the Burlington area, and early estimates for restoration are by midday tomorrow, Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. However, in such emergencies, the public should anticipate and be prepared to have the outages continue longer.

Over 60 members of the National Guard have been deployed in the City of Burlington and are assisting in emergency efforts, including monitoring traffic at the several streets and all the bridges that remain closed. The Guard and Racine County Human Services staff will be conducting health and well visits to the elderly, homebound, and vulnerable adults in the Burlington area.

The Burlington Bypass is still the best and easiest way to move across the river and through the city.

“Many people and organizations have contacted the city to donate goods, food and services to the community. We are working on creating a process and plan for those requests,” mentioned Mayor Jeannie Hefty. “We will be letting the public know what they can do to help us as soon as we can.”

“We appreciate your patience during this emergency situation and future clean-up efforts,” added Hefty.

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