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GOVERNOR REQUESTS SBA DECLARATION FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY FLOODS

Racine – Governor Scott Walker announced today that he has requested that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) declare Racine County a disaster area due to damage caused by flooding this past July.

A preliminary damage assessment conducted by the SBA and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) found the State of Wisconsin would not meet the threshold for FEMA's Individual Assistance Program. However, the initial assessment indicated the State of Wisconsin would be eligible for SBA assistance. An SBA disaster declaration would provide low-interest loans to eligible individuals and businesses affected by the floods.

"While we are disappointed that we will not qualify for a FEMA Disaster Declaration, we realize that the SBA Declaration will help many who have been affected by recent flooding," commented County Executive Jonathan Delagrave. "Racine County will continue to work with those affected to identify programs that could possibly offer assistance and relief."

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