



New York VOAD Situation Report

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Monthly News

Public Assistance Disaster Declaration for March 2017 Winter Storms

A federal disaster declaration has been issued for March 2017 New York Winter Storms (DR-4322). Certain types of Public Assistance (PA) aid may be available to local governments. Please note that Individual Assistance is not included in this declaration. See details [here](#). The counties included in this declaration are: Albany, Broome, Chenango, Clinton, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Dutchess, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Orleans, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Suffolk, Sullivan, Tioga, Tompkins, and Ulster.

U.S Small Business Administration Potential Assistance

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has been active within NYS for the last month related to severe storms and flooding: 7/1-24/2017 in the following counties: Broome, Cayuga, Cortland, Herkimer, Oneida, Rensselaer, Wyoming.

In addition, SBA is accepting applications for low-interest disaster loans for physical property damage through August 11, 2017 and until March 12, 2018 for economic injury related to an apartment complex fire which occurred on April 11, 2017. This declaration covers Queens County and the adjacent counties of Bronx, Kings, Nassau and New York counties in New York. Further details are available at the NYS DHSES website under Disaster Recovery or by following this link: <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/recovery/individual/federal.cfm>

NYS Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) has made the EmPower program available to residents whose properties have been flooded in Oneida, Herkimer and Rensselaer counties from storms on July 1. The program is being administered out of the Mohawk Valley Community Action office and can offer replacement of flood damaged large appliances – heating systems, hot water heaters, primary refrigerators and freezers. The program is allowing flooded residents to receive priority for appliance replacement. The program also offers insulation replacement and weatherization assistance.

Some particulars of the EmPower program - Residents whose income is 60% below the state median income level (HEAP and SNAP eligible) can receive 100% appliance cost replacement; and residents 60%-80% below the area / county level median income level can receive 50% of appliance cost replacement. They do not reimbursement for appliance replacement, so if residents have already replaced, unfortunately, that is not eligible.

Hurricane Sandy Recovery

Sandy recovery and disaster case management operations are ongoing in New York City and Long Island.

New York State Responses

July 1st **Type: Flooding Caused by Severe Weather**

Impact Area(s): Central New York, Mohawk Valley & Capital Region

Narrative: 468 homes were impacted by this event across five counties in Central and Eastern New York (Salvation Army, 8/2). Two MARCs were set up by Herkimer Oneida Organizations Active in Disaster (HOOAD) and its members. As of 8/4, no unmet needs have been communicated to NYVOAD.

- Cayuga County
 - Three residents in Moravia in need of muck-out (Reeves, 8/4). Team Rubicon was made aware of the needs but has not committed resources.
- Oneida and Herkimer Counties
 - 2-1-1 received more than 450 flooding related calls.
 - Set up two MARCs in Whitesboro and Willowvale with twelve agencies (orgs. represented: HOOAD, American Red Cross in the Mohawk Valley, The Salvation Army Empire State Division, Catholic Charities, National Grid, Children’s Disaster Services).
 - American Red Cross in the Mohawk Valley– opened one shelter, which has since closed. Distributed 500 clean-up kits, 6,000 meals and snacks, 33 comfort kits, 2 ERVs, assisted 197 individuals, completed 82 Health and Mental Health contacts (Scheve, 7/14).
 - UMCOR (Upper New York Annual Conference) and Team Rubicon (Region II) collaborated to conduct muck-out operations. Team Rubicon completed 15 muck-out work orders. UMCOR completed at least nine work orders, with Team Rubicon making 16 additional referrals to UMCOR (Woodcock, 7/19).
 - Two minor tornadoes occurred in Frankfort, NY and Verona, NY (Woodcock, 7/19).
- Rensselaer County
 - Northeastern Baptist College President Mark Ballard was offering free Disaster Relief, as an extension of the Southern Baptist Convention- not sure if they are still active (Huaman).
 - American Red Cross Damage Assessment indicated 0 impacted homes. (Scheve, 7/7).
- Warren County
 - Not aware of any

July 14th **Type: Flooding Caused by Severe Weather**

Impact Area(s): Cortland & Tompkins Counties

Narrative:

- Cortland and Tompkins Counties
 - Impacted mainly rural areas, 27 homes affected (M. Schwartz, 8/2). The Salvation Army distributed clean-up kits to first responders.

July 20th **Type: Straight Line Winds**

Impact Area(s): Western New York & Southern Tier

Narrative:

- Erie, Genesee, and Allegany Counties
 - Red Cross did assessments and handed out water.
 - The Salvation Army noted that three tornadoes damaged 69 homes with power outages to 20,000 homes. The Salvation Army provided assistance (M. Schwartz, 8/2).

July 23rd **Type: Flash Flooding**
Impact Area(s): Finger Lakes

Narrative:

- Ontario and Seneca Counties
 - The Salvation Army indicated that some homes were impacted by flash flooding, with unspecified assistance provided (M. Schwartz, 8/2).

July 23-24th **Type: Flooding Caused by Severe Weather**
Impacted Area(s): Southern Tier

Narrative:

- Tioga County
 - The Salvation Army indicates that there was some impact (M. Schwartz, 8/2).
- Broome County
 - Vestal, NY declared a multi-day state of emergency due to flash flooding (Wood, 7/24).
 - BCCOAD has been asked to activate but has been unable to get volunteers for muck-outs (Huaman). Originally there were at least 38 homes affected (Ponticiello, 7/27), with about 6 houses with outstanding muck-out needs (Ponticiello, 7/28). No VOAD member response to this need is known to have occurred; New York VOAD notified Team Rubicon and UMCOR.
- St. Lawrence County
 - The Salvation Army indicates that there was some impact (M. Schwartz, 8/2).

Data sources: J. Huaman (FEMA); J. Marcella (DHSES); correspondence from M. Schwartz, M. Reeves, M. Scheve, A. Woodcock, C. Wood, M. Ponticiello, B. Beaudry, et al.