## **Disaster Recovery Center Opens in Dearborn**

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**CHICAGO** – A Disaster Recovery Center will open in Dearborn on Saturday, July 24, to help renters, homeowners and business owners affected by the June 25 – 26 severe storms and flooding.

The center will be in the following location:

Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, MI 48126

Hours will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET, Monday through Sunday.

A recovery center in Garden City is already open, and additional centers will be opening soon to support survivors in other areas. Individuals can find their nearest recovery center by visiting FEMA's DRC locator page at https://egateway.fema.gov/ESF6/DRCLocator.

At these centers, representatives from FEMA, U.S. Small Business Administration, Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, and other state agencies are available to explain disaster assistance programs, answer questions about written correspondence and provide literature about repairs and rebuilding to make homes more disaster resistant.

Individuals do not have to visit a recovery center to register or receive federal assistance. These centers provide a location for applicants to submit documentation or discuss their case in-person with a FEMA or SBA representative. Before visiting a recovery center, survivors should register for federal assistance one of the following ways:

- Online at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>;
- Using the <u>FEMA App</u>; or
- Calling 800-621-3362 (including 711 or Video Relay). TTY users can call 800-462-7585. The toll-free numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET, seven



days a week. Multilingual operators are available.

Anyone requiring a reasonable accommodation (ASL interpreting, Braille, Large print, etc.) may call 800-621-3362 to request assistance in advance or ask the recovery staff at the center for assistance.

Applicants and staff in the recovery centers will be required to follow CDC COVID-19 safety guidance.

For more information about Michigan's recovery, visit <a href="https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4607">www.fema.gov/disaster/4607</a>. FEMA assistance is currently available to residents in Washtenaw and Wayne counties. The deadline for individuals to apply for disaster assistance is Sept. 13, 2021.

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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status. Reasonable accommodations, including translation and American Sign Language interpreters via Video Relay Service will be available to ensure effective communication with applicants with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and access and functional needs. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (including 711 or Video Relay). If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY, call 800-462-7585.

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