

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Subject: Incident Summary Regarding Recent Damage Assessments Related to a Declaration Being Declared

Allegheny County has been and continues to be adversely impacted by extreme amounts of precipitation since February 15, 2018 to the current date. The impacts to the communities and the businesses within Allegheny County have been severe in many cases and include flood damages, river ice jams, continuous large-scale landslides, utility damages including exposed piping, wires and downed poles, major and frequent interruptions to transportation systems and routes and in the most severe cases, complete destruction of individual homes and properties. Lastly has been the extreme impact to Allegheny County public safety agencies, many of which are volunteer and have had their own member's homes and properties impacted from the constant string of severe weather. Several municipalities have current disaster declarations enacted. The national Weather Service – Pittsburgh has confirmed that February 2018 is recorded as receiving the highest level of precipitation on record for Allegheny County in the month of February. NWS Pittsburgh official records show from February 15th to April 4th, 9.68" of precipitation at Pittsburgh International Airport and 8.68" of precipitation at Allegheny County Airport.

The Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services (ACES) has and continues to communicate the watches and warnings to all 130 municipal emergency management coordinators and first responders. ACES prepared for and organized a formal damage assessment process with the assistance of the PEMA Western Area Office beginning after the first back to back weeks of severe rainfall in late February. All known damages related to public assistance (PA) and individual assistance (IA) have been documented and the list continues to grow daily. Currently the PA number just for Allegheny County exceeds \$12.2 million. The IA number includes over 55 residences impacted and dozens of structures in danger of being impacted.

Many cities and municipalities within Allegheny County are extremely stretched financially or have completely exhausted their available budgets related to storm, rain and flooding damages, as well as landslide response. And we are only into early April with many Spring weather events predicted. The continuous nature of these weather cycles has severely impacted every person and element of Allegheny County and continues to threaten the area with additional flooding and landslides as we speak. Resiliency is a cornerstone of Allegheny County in all aspects of government and with our residents. However, our combined capacity to recover from these extreme conditions continues to be in jeopardy and impactful to the residents of Allegheny County.

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