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Greene County Flood Damage Estimate

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri- Greene County was impacted by a significant flooding event on April 28-May 3, when a widespread 7-9 inches of rain fell across the county. A total of 14 water rescues took place during the event. No fatalities occurred and no injuries were reported.

To date, the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has received 174 damage reports from Greene County citizens whose homes, properties or businesses were damaged by flooding. At this time there is no guarantee of federal assistance. Should an individual presidential disaster declaration be issued to assist Greene County citizens impacted by flooding, further information will be provided by FEMA on the application process.

A preliminary estimate for public infrastructure damage, which includes impact to roads and bridges, debris removal, protective measures (such as road barricades) and damage to parks and government buildings is **\$168,500**.

"This flooding event was certainly significant, however, I think the high quality and continued maintenance of roadways and bridges here in Greene County contributed in large part to the relatively minimal damage reported from this event." said Larry Woods, interim director of OEM. "In Greene County, we did not see the historic flooding that many counties throughout the state experienced. For that we are grateful."

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