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News Release

MORE DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS OPEN WEDNESDAY IN NEW JERSEY

SOMERSET, NJ – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will open Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) in Cape May and Mercer counties on Wednesday, April 14 to assist individuals, households and businesses affected by the storms and flooding of mid-March.

With the opening of these DRCs, FEMA will have DRCs operating in all 12 floodstricken, federally declared New Jersey counties.

The DRCs in Cape May and Mercer counties supplement the three DRCs that opened in Atlantic, Morris and Somerset counties on April 9, the three DRCs that opened in Middlesex, Essex and Passaic counties on April 12 and the four DCR's that opened in Bergen, Gloucester, Monmouth and Union counties on April 13.

The locations of the two new DRCs are as follows:

Cape May County

Library Basement (Children's Learning Center) 30 Mechanic Street Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Mercer County

Princeton Shopping Center 301 North Harrison Street, Suite C (between Camillo's Cafe and Ace Hardware) Princeton, NJ 08540

Each DRC is staffed with FEMA, U.S. Small Business Administration and state agency disaster recovery specialists who are ready to help survivors through the recovery process.

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Residents affected by the flooding are encouraged to register with FEMA before visiting a center.

To register for assistance, residents should call FEMA's toll-free number, **1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY/TDD 1-800-462-7585** for people with speech and hearing disabilities (for relay service, call 711 or 1-800-852-7897) between 7 a.m. and 1 a.m., seven days a week. Multi-lingual operators are available to answer calls during this time. Residents may also register online anytime at <u>www.disasterassistance.gov</u>.

At the Disaster Recovery Center, visitors can:

- Receive information about different types of state and federal disaster assistance.
- Get help completing low-interest loan applications from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for homeowners, renters and business owners.
- Inquire about the status of applications for federal assistance.
- May receive referrals to voluntary organizations to help with immediate unmet needs.
- Learn cost-effective mitigation measures to reduce the impact of future disaster losses.

HOURS AND LOCATIONS OF ALL DRCs

Until further notice, daily hours at each DRC are from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The DRCs are closed Sundays.

Atlantic County

Belcoville Firehouse 1201 Loretta Avenue Belcoville, NJ 08330 (in Weymouth Township, off Route 50)

Bergen County

Community Services Building 327 East Ridgewood Avenue Room 202-203 Paramus, NJ 07652

Cape May County

Library Basement (Children's Learning Center) 30 Mechanic Street Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Essex County

Senior Citizen Center 376 Hollywood Avenue Fairfield, NJ 07004

Gloucester County

Government Services Building 1200 North Delsea Drive Clayton, NJ 08312

Mercer County

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Middlesex County

Sayreville Senior Center 423 Main Street, 3rd Floor Sayreville, NJ 08872

Monmouth County Henry Hudson Trail Activity Center 945 Route 36 Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

Morris County Lincoln Park PAL Community Center 10 Boonton Turnpike Lincoln Park, NJ 07035 **Passaic County** Urban Enterprise Zone Office (Museum) 2 Market Street, 2nd Floor Paterson, NJ 07501

Union County Cranford Borough Hall 8 Springfield Avenue Cranford, NJ 07016

Somerset County Facilities & Services Building

80 East High Street, 2nd Floor Somerville, NJ 08876

Disaster registrants from any declared county may visit any of the DRC locations for assistance.

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