

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2018 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 10__

RESOLUTION NO. 117 - 2018

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and
Cosponsored by Calvin Ball, Greg Fox, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa and Jon Weinstein

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Effective Tuesday, July 3, two-way traffic was permitted in the secure zone (lower Main Street) for authorized vehicles only.

Information Management

- The (410) 313-2900 line was converted to a recorded message full-time beginning on July 13th due to very limited demand, but the general government number will remain open at (410) 313-2022 to assist with any needs.
- Once the road re-opens, staff will convert the website page from a response to long-term recovery layout.
- We continue to solicit and receive photos and videos through the public portal.

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- Appointments continue to be scheduled by Constituent services involving, DILP, Constituent Services, EDA, HCPD, and DFRS were part of a multi-function group conducting an on-site walk through to evaluate which buildings could be reoccupied.
- DILP continues to work with DFRS and Constituent Services to inspect residential buildings upon tenant request. All buildings must have working water, and electric in order to pass inspection.
- The resident footprint for inspections is from Maryland Ave to Old Columbia Pike. However, residents outside that area who have requested inspections have been accommodated.
- DILP, along with Public Information, DPZ and the Health Department, has developed a one-page informational sheet detailing the process for scheduling plan review appointments to obtain permits to repair flood damage.

- DILP, along with Health, and DPZ, have met with a number of building owners and have issued permits to begin the reconstruction. At this time, we have met with 6 owners and have issued 5 permits on the same day.

Infrastructure Recovery Process

Public Works and Engineering

- **Environmental Services**
 - 15 roll-offs still on site
 - 178 roll-off loads have been emptied
 - Over 5,600 tons of debris received at Alpha Ridge Landfill
 - An additional 718.35 tons have been delivered to the Waste Management Annapolis Junction Transfer Station
 - Staff are monitoring the roll-offs and adjusting their location as a result of residents/business owners requests
 - Roll-offs are being emptied 6 days a week
- **Potable Water**
 - Approximately 100 feet of water main needs to be replaced at New Cut Road.. The contractor has visited the site and provided repair suggestions. There will a meeting on Tuesday, July 17th to discuss scheduling.
 - Repairs can begin once the contractor is able to come out. Repairs will take 3-4 weeks once the contractor begins.
- **Wastewater/Sewer**
 - All water service work had been completed for residential and commercial properties.
 - There are 5 sewer connections that need to have the roots removed that will be addressed on Thursday and Friday of this week.
 - On July 12th crew replaced the division valve at the intersection of Park Avenue and Court Place. As a result of this work, high water pressures are no longer occurring at Merryman, Main, Church and Hill. Many thanks go out to the staff that investigated this problem and replaced two division valves to resolve the issue.
- **Gas**
 - Of the 280 affected gas customers, gas is now available to all customers in Historic Ellicott City.
- **Electric**
 - As of Thursday, June 21, 2018, of the 454 outages in Historic Ellicott City, service has been restored to 405 customers (89%). Fifty-nine (49) customers are without electric service on Main Street.
- **Stormwater Management**
 - Continuing to respond to drainage complaints throughout the County.

- Currently addressing several previous project sites throughout the County that were damaged by the flood and require remedial work.
 - Continuing to monitor river levels and rain gauges when rain is forecasted.
 - Ellicott Mills Drive – Working with consultant and contractor to develop a design for the new culvert and then reconstruction of the road.
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- **Roads – Closed Roadways – Status as of June 29**
 - New Cut Rd From: Hillsborough To: St. Paul’s Street
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 - Hamilton Street From: Main Street To: Forrest Street

Economic Recovery

- First HOT Team Meeting was held June 15, 2018 and continues to occur every Friday.
- State resources for job opportunities and employment assistance were at the DAC and continue to be available virtually.
- Continuing to support micro-missions.
- Advising businesses to have personal evacuation plans in the event of flood watches and flood warnings.
- Staff continues to work very closely with businesses in the secure zone so that they have the resources they need to recover in an expeditious fashion.

Health, Housing, and Human Services

Volunteer Management

- ESF14 has been operating the same and accepting request for volunteers from residents and business owners. We were able to fill all requests for volunteers that have been submitted thus far.
- The last request for volunteers was submitted on July 4th and there are no outstanding requests for volunteers.
- ESF14 will start to shut down completely if there is no longer a need for volunteers.

MD VOAD

- MD VOAD are using CrisisCleanup.org (CC) to organize a database of survivor's properties that were damaged in the 2018 floods. The regions included in this database are Frederick Co, Washington Co, Howard Co, Baltimore, Co, and Baltimore City.
- On July 28, 2018, VOAD will undertake a region-wide canvassing effort stretching from W. Baltimore to Route 40 in Ellicott City to address properties not yet handled by volunteer efforts.
- Any groups interested in volunteering should be put in contact with Jessie at MDVOAD. His contact information is jessie.florida@gmail.com or (443) 494-9406. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE USED FOR THIS EVENT ONLY.

- If anyone has any information regarding neighborhoods or streets that have yet to be reached by volunteer efforts, please let Jessie know.

Disaster Assistance Center

- The DAC demobilized as a physical location on June 8, 2018 at 1700. The DAC has reverted to a virtual DAC.
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Housing

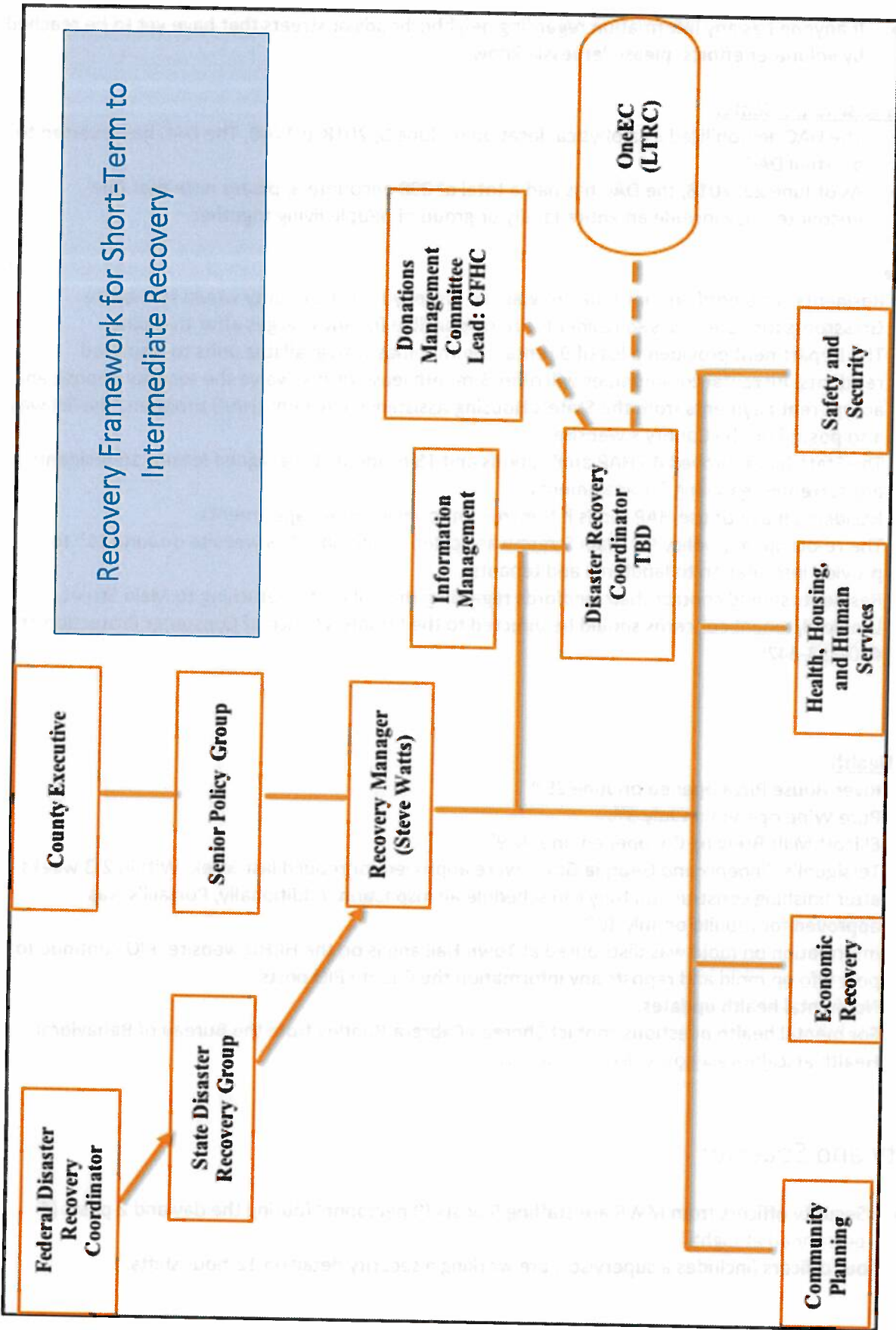
- Residents were notified that June 26th was the last day that the County would reimburse Grassroots for hotel stays so residents are responsible for any charges after that date.
- The Department provided a list of 9 rental communities with available units to displaced residents. All rental communities will offer 3-month lease terms, waive the security deposit and accept rent payments from the State's Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) program. The list was also posted on the County's website.
- The State has approved 40 HAP applications and 15 residents have signed leases. 16 residents are currently searching for apartments.
- Residents may not use HAP funds if they return to their former apartments.
- The re-occupancy policy for Main Street was posted to the County's website on June 21st to provide information to landlords and tenants.
- Residents should contact their landlords regarding their plans for returning to Main Street. Landlord/tenant concerns should be directed to the County's Office of Consumer Protection at 410-313-6420

Public Health

- River House Pizza opened on June 29th.
- Pure Wine opened on July 3rd.
- Ellicott Mills Brewing Co. opened on July 9th.
- Tersiguel's, Phoenix and Georgia Grace were approved for rebuild last week. Within 2-3 weeks after finishing construction they can schedule an inspection. Additionally, Portalli's was approved for rebuild on July 10th.
- Information on mold was distributed at Town Hall and is on the HCHD website. PIO continue to post info on mold and reposts any information the County PIO posts.
- No mental health updates.
- For mental health questions contact Shereen Cabrera-Bentley from the Bureau of Behavioral Health at scabrera@howardcountymd.gov.

Safety and Security

- Security officers from MWR are staffing 5 posts (9 personnel (during the day and 2 posts (4 personnel) at night.
- Four officers (includes a supervisor) are working a security detail on 12-hour shifts.





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 - All water and sewer service assessments have been completed.
 - The high-water pressures on Merryman, Hill, and Church still have not been resolved. A hydrant is open on Merryman to reduce system pressures.
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- Continue to work closely with businesses in the no-access zone so that they have the resources they need to continue to recover.
- First HOT Team (Multi-Agency Meeting that deconflicts information on an address by address basis) meeting was held June 15, 2018 and continues to occur every Friday.
- Disaster Assistance Center was open as a physical location from May 29, 2018 to June 8, 2018 as a physical location and is now virtual.
- Howard County is currently attached to the Frederick and Washington Counties' SBA Declaration as a contiguous County for the storm that occurred from May 10 – 20, 2018.
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- Virtual Volunteer Management Plan is still in place. All volunteer requests/requests for volunteers should be directed to www.howardcountymd.gov/disasterrecoveryvolunteer.
- Continuing to monitor volunteer registration through the Volunteer Center Serving Howard County web portal.
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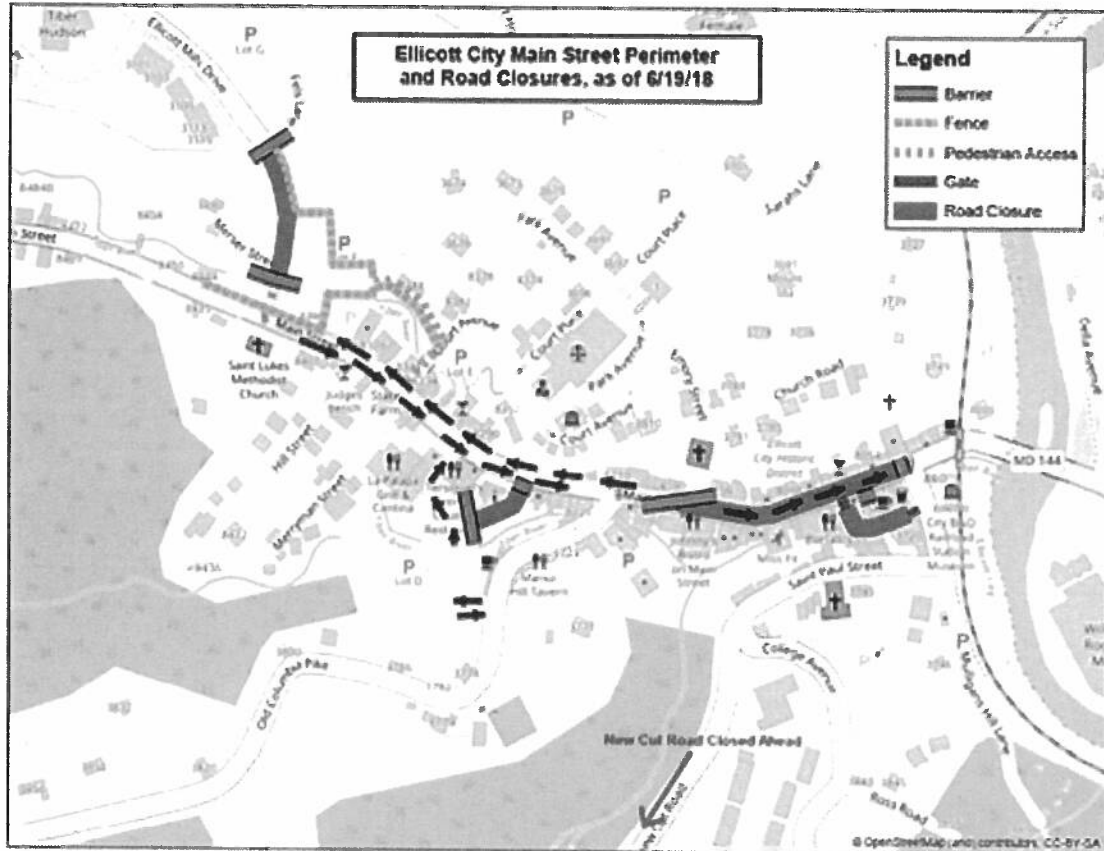
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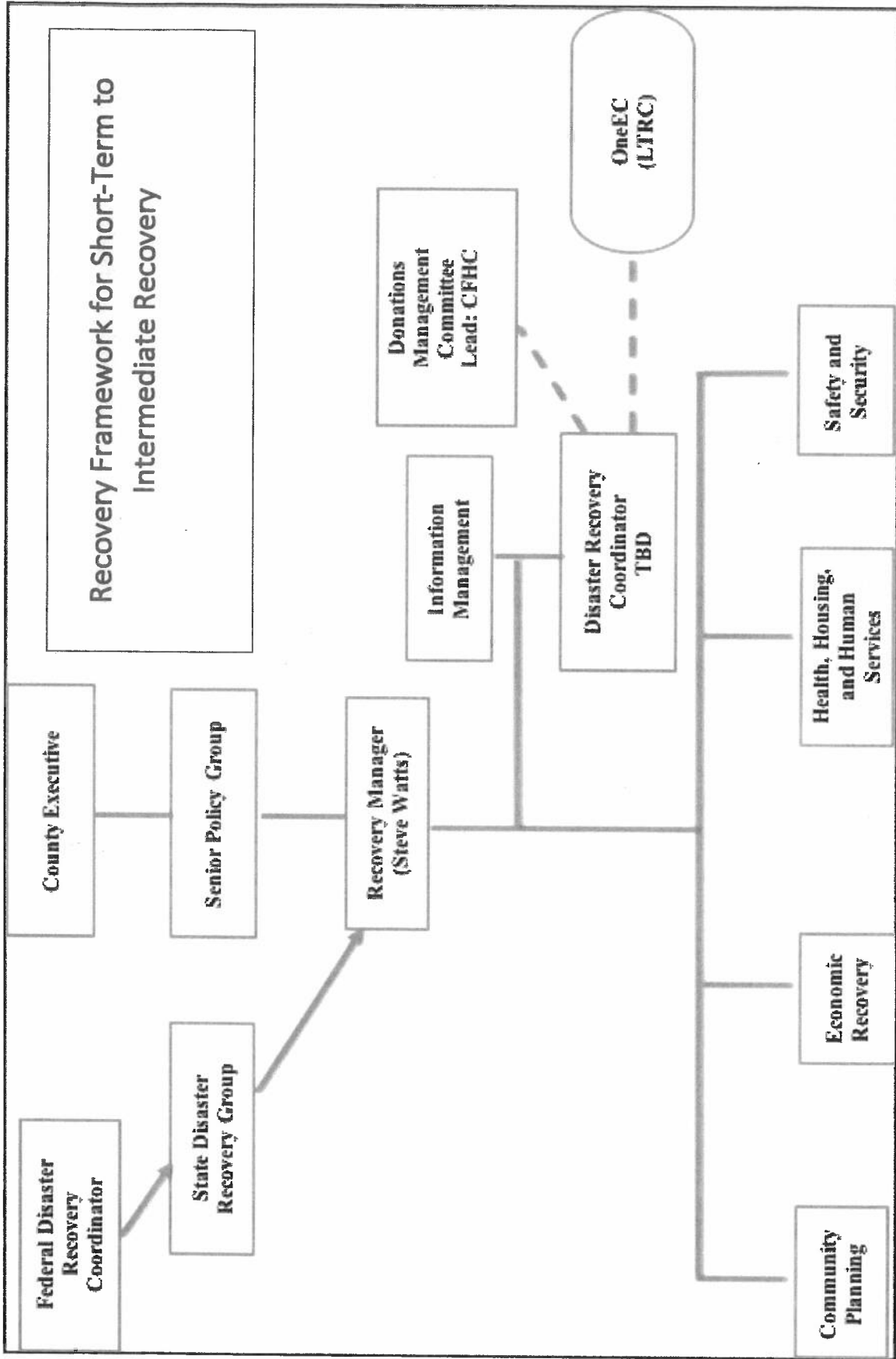
- Environmental Health will continue to be a presence downtown as efforts are made to assist food service establishments to reopen.

Safety and Security

- HCPD, DFRS, and DPW continue to operate under Unified Command.
- Security officers from MWR continue to supplement HCPD.
- DFRS continues to monitor for safety related concerns.

Access Restored to Portions of Ellicott City's Main Street







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Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits

- DILP developed a one-pager on Howard County Code Requirements for Flood-proofing Structures within the Floodplain and has been distributed to property owners.
- Appointments continue to be scheduled by Constituent services involving DILP, Constituent Services, EDA, HCPD, and DFRS. They were all part of a multi-agency group conducting on-site walk throughs to evaluate which buildings can be reoccupied.
- DILP, along with Public Information, DPZ-Historic Preservation, and Health Department, has developed a one page informational sheet detailing the process for scheduling plan review appointments to obtain permits to repair flood damage.

Infrastructure Recovery Process

Public Works and Engineering

- **Environmental Services**
 - Continue to empty the 14 roll-offs on site 6 days a week. 5,550 tons of debris have been received at Alpha Ridge Landfill with an additional 641 tons delivered to the Waste Management Annapolis Junction Transfer Station. Roll-offs are constantly monitored and their location is adjusted as a result of resident and business owner requests.

- **Potable Water**
 - Approximately 100 feet of water main needs to be replaced at New Cut Road. Repairs can begin once the contractor is available. Repairs will take 3-4 weeks once the contractor begins.
- **Wastewater/Sewer**
 - All water and sewer service assessments have been completed.
 - The high-water pressures on Merryman, Hill, and Church still have not been resolved. A hydrant is open on Merryman to reduce system pressures.
 - Utility crews have been making minor repairs to meter vaults and ball valves. Minor repairs will be completed this week.
- **Gas**
 - Of the 280 affected gas customers, gas is now available to all customers in Historic Ellicott City.
- **Electric**
 - As of Thursday, June 21, 2018, of the 454 outages in Historic Ellicott City, service has been restored to 405 customers (89%). Fifty-nine (49) customers are without electric service on Main Street.
- **Stormwater Management**
 - Ellicott Mills Drive – Working with consultant and contractor to develop a design for the new culvert and then reconstruction of the road.
 - New Cut Road – Working with consultant to develop a design approach for the stabilization of the two major slope failures on the lower end of New Cut Branch, adjacent to New Cut Road.
- **Roads – Closed Roadways – Status as of June 29**
 - New Cut Rd **From:** Hillsborough **To:** St. Paul's Street
 - Main Street **From:** Old Columbia Pk **To:** Maryland Ave
 - Ellicott Mills Dr **From:** Fels Ln **To:** Main St
 - River Road (Sykesville) was reopened 6/29/18

Economic Recovery

- Continue to work closely with businesses in the no-access zone so that they have the resources they need to continue to recover.
- First HOT Team (Multi-Agency Meeting that deconflicts information on an address by address basis) meeting was held June 15, 2018 and continues to occur every Friday.
- Disaster Assistance Center was open as a physical location from May 29, 2018 to June 8, 2018 as a physical location and is now virtual.
- Howard County is currently attached to the Frederick and Washington Counties' SBA Declaration as a contiguous County for the storm that occurred from May 10 – 20, 2018.
- State resources for job opportunities and employment assistance were available at the DAC and continue to be available virtually.

Health, Housing, and Human Services

Volunteer Management

- Virtual Volunteer Management Plan is still in place. All volunteer requests/requests for volunteers should be directed to www.howardcountymd.gov/disasterrecoveryvolunteer.
- Continuing to monitor volunteer registration through the Volunteer Center Serving Howard County web portal.
- Continuing to match volunteers with residents and business owners to help with their cleanup efforts.

MD VOAD

- MD VOAD are using CrisisCleanup.org (CC) to organize a database of survivor's properties that were damaged in the 2018 floods.
- On July 28, 2018, MD VOAD will undertake a region-wide canvassing effort stretching from W. Baltimore to Route 40 in Ellicott City to address properties not yet handled by volunteer efforts.

Disaster Assistance Center

- The DAC demobilized as a physical location on June 8, 2018 at 1700. The DAC has reverted to a virtual DAC.
- As of June 25, 2018, the DAC has had a total of 288 encounters, please note that one encounter may include an entire family or group of people living together.

Housing

- As of 7/6/18, no residents remain at the Extended Stay hotels in Columbia.
- The Department provided a list of 9 rental communities with available units to displaced residents. All rental communities will offer 3-month lease terms, waive the security deposit and accept rent payments from the State's Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) program. The list was also posted on the County's website.
- The State has approved 40 HAP applications and 15 residents have signed leases. 16 residents are currently evaluating apartments.

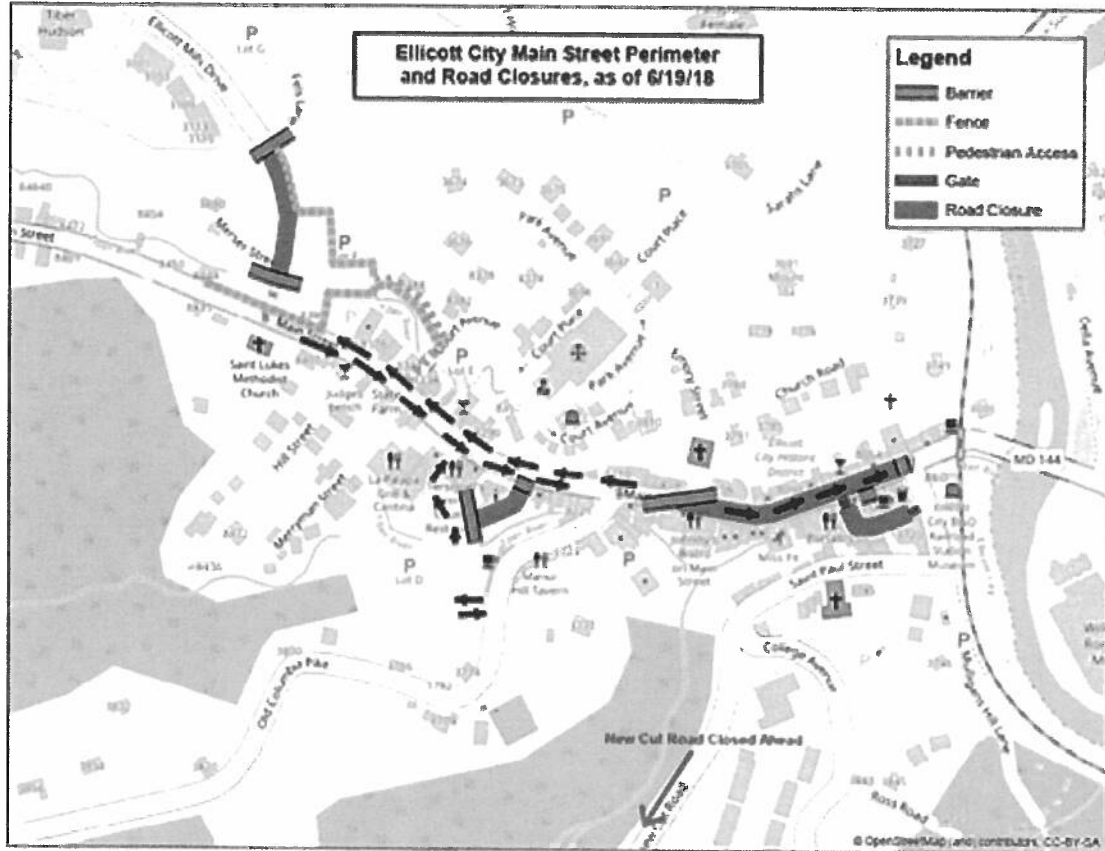
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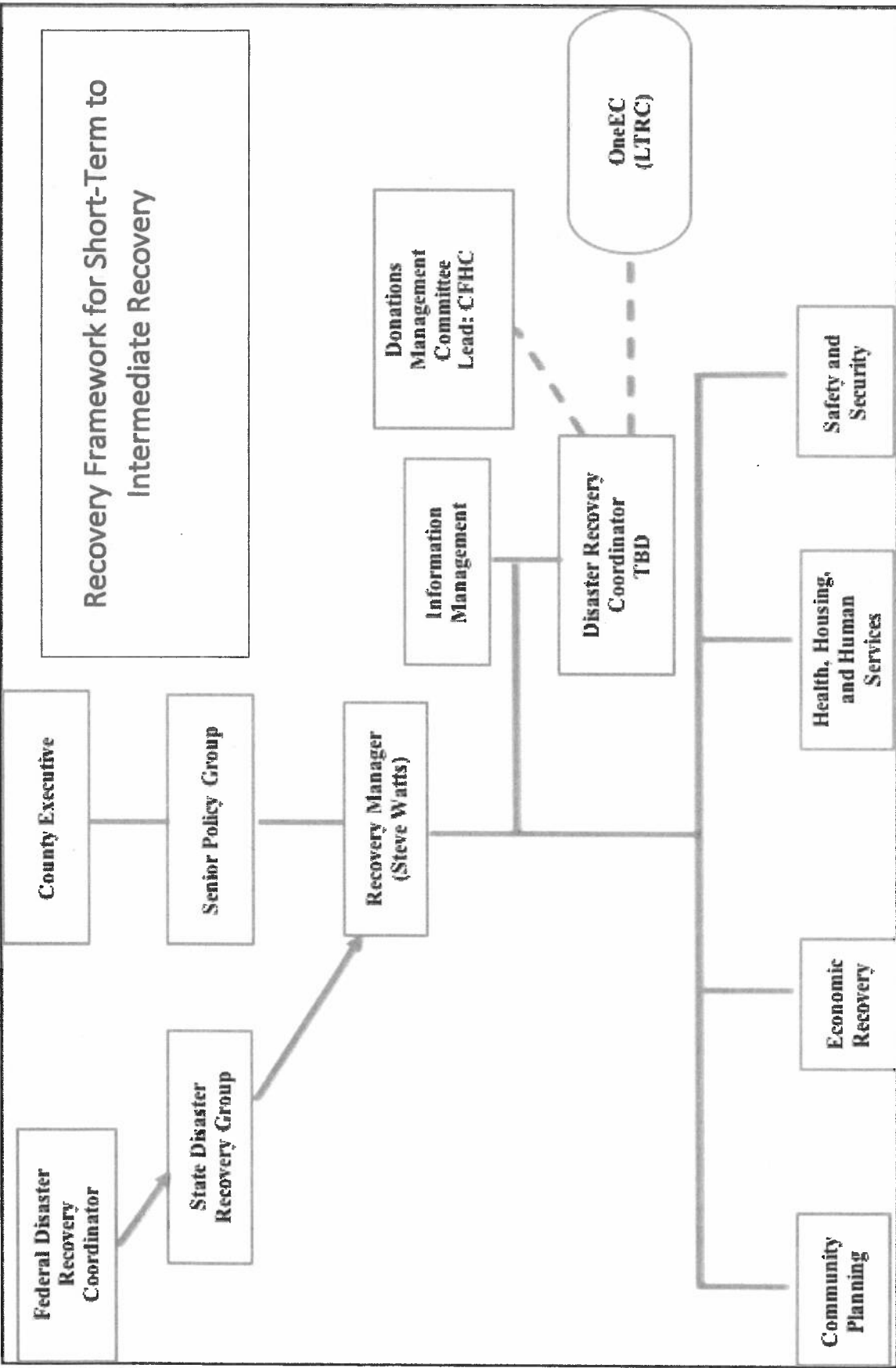
- Environmental Health will continue to be a presence downtown as efforts are made to assist food service establishments to reopen.

Safety and Security

- HCPD, DFRS, and DPW continue to operate under Unified Command.
- Security officers from MWR continue to supplement HCPD.
- DFRS continues to monitor for safety related concerns.

Access Restored to Portions of Ellicott City's Main Street





Sayers, Margery

From: ma954@aol.com
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 12:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Main Street road closure

Everyone,

I'm writing to you because I was taken aback by how the last five minutes of the Thursday night meeting played out. When no one mentioned the road opening/remaining closed in the first 2.5 hours of the meeting, I assumed most people felt it was time to open the road. As a resident and property owner in the Historic District I believe that, in the absence of a documented safety issue, the road should be open for through traffic. And, with all respect to Jon and Allan, I also feel that the vocal few shop owners who delayed this conversation until the very end should not be calling all the shots on an issue that affects a much larger group of residents, business owners, and commuters. Please open Main Street now!

Again, thank you for all you do for us.

Respectfully,
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Sayers, Margery

From: Teri Michel <teriamichel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 10:35 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Main Street access

Good morning,

I understand that the county council will be voting this week on the question of keeping Main Street closed between OCP and Maryland Avenue. If that portion of Main is deemed safe for travel, I would like to see a period of time reserved for unrestricted access and parking for residents and business owners before it reopens to the public. It would not be appropriate to jump from restricted access straight to open access. That would not be fair to the people who still have so much to do to clean and salvage what they can.

I know the businesses that are open on upper Main Street are eager for the connection to Baltimore County to reopen and I understand their concerns and inconvenience. I live off of OCP and commute each day to BWI. I'm eager for that route to be available too. These businesses can be accessed two ways by car and a third way on foot (from the Fels Lane parking lot). That's enough for now, while their neighbors try to catch up.

Thank you

Teri Michel
3909 Hunter Road, EC

Sayers, Margery

From: Christopher Schisler <metalmanc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 10:35 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fwd: Main Street Closure

Council Members:

I am writing you as a constituent and as a credentialed resident affected by the May flooding and closure of Main Street.

I live on Mulligans Hill Lane, a small road off of Main Street, with a total of three residences. Although we may have often been overlooked in the series of unfortunate events that have plagued Historic Ellicott City in the past 10 years: a wall collapse, a train derailment, 2 floods, etc, we are none the less directly impacted. The recent announcement at the very end of of an informational meeting with little discussion and input, to extend the closure of Main Street for another month does nothing but exacerbate the flood's damage and impact.

Many businesses and services on the west end of town have already re-opened, they are directly impacted by continued closure of this road. They've already been knocked down, why knock them out by continuing to negatively impact their ability to recover by a seemingly unnecessary closure?

Personally, this closure extends what was a 10 minute walk to my doctor's office every two weeks to a 20 - 25 minute drive around a road closure of a few hundred feet. This closure has forced me to call delivery services on a daily basis to argue about the accessibility of my property for packages and important business communications. The closure adds to an already long daily commute time. It impacts surrounding neighborhoods now inundated with detour traffic. The closed road prevents me and my family from experiencing our community fully, to take part in commerce and the social aspect of a community, to check on and help our neighbors that we would normally see many times a week. It puts a strain on our already severely dysfunctional Post Office. It puts a strain on county services, such as trash collection, public works, etc. It closes a major thoroughfare for fire and EMS services to access the east side of town, impacting response times and creating a potentially dangerous situation. Not to mention the added expense of police and security services.

I do understand the life changing impact of this flood on lower Main Street businesses. I do understand they would like more time to work without gawking. But gawking is not a major impact, it's an annoyance but overall people who stop to ask someone how they are doing are not being aggressively inconsiderate, they are often showing concern and trying to process this event in a shared community. Community does include people who value the Main Street experience and the time they have spent here, maybe they are not residents or property owners--these people were also impacted, they also are grieving a loss. I know a select few businesses in this lower Main Street area view these visitors as annoyance, but remember at one time they viewed them as customers. Businesses that have reopened would love these customers to come and annoy them.

I feel in considering to extend the road closure for another month the county is yielding to a small number of people/business owners who are aggressively vocal. While I do completely appreciate the impact repeated floods have had on their lives and livelihood, and I certainly advocate for the county support them in any manner that's appropriate, I think it is rather selfish and short-sighted to demand closure of a road that will affect an entire community for the benefit of a select few (many of which have announced they will not be returning to area).

Respectfully,
Christopher Schisler

Chairperson Sigaty, and fellow members of the County Council, as you know, I am Ryan Miller, Director of Emergency Management for Howard County. Thank you for recognizing this need *Chairperson Sigaty*, and other members for each co-sponsoring Council Resolution No. 117-2018, which will extend until July 30th, 2018 the Declaration of Emergency declared by Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman on May 27, 2018.

As you know, during a declared Emergency, Section 6.104 of the Howard County Code provides certain emergency powers to the County Executive, including the ability to close off streets, control vehicle and pedestrian traffic, and designate zones where use and occupancy of buildings can be restricted. Through the local Emergency Declaration and the associated emergency powers, the County Executive has created a protected area where recovery personnel, business owners, property owners and residents can focus on the tough work of restoring and recovering infrastructure and property. While we have made tremendous progress, the continuation of the Declaration of Emergency would allow the County Executive to continue to exercise his emergency powers. We believe the current situation on Main Street in Ellicott City warrants an extension to provide safety to both 1) those working in the area, as well as 2) the public, who would otherwise be permitted to re-enter the area.

Our first concern is the safety of those who continue to work in the area of lower Main Street; the area hardest hit by the flood. Currently, it is only open to those who are familiar with the conditions and are credentialed to be there. They are working hard every day with the appropriate situational awareness, necessary safety precautions, and with planning and coordination. Those working in the area are able to move about the street without the additional concern of roadway traffic. Without the Declaration of Emergency, roadway travel will return to pre-flood levels with all associated commuter and commercial vehicle traffic starting on July 4st.

I should also note that due to the ongoing closure of Ellicott Mills Drive, we will see even more traffic pressure on west Main Street where residents are still actively cleaning out and recovering. Unless the Declaration of Emergency is extended, we believe those currently working in the area will have an increased risk to their safety.

Our second area of concern is for the general public, who will be able to travel by vehicle through all of Main Street, and will also have pedestrian access to any public area not secured with a fence. This could potentially expose them to safety situations for which they are not aware, or prepared. Dumpsters are currently placed strategically along the street and are at times in the travel portion of the roadway as they are quite large and difficult to deploy. These dumpsters present a hazard for vehicles navigating the roadway and can obscure sightlines and the movement of pedestrians. Unless the Declaration of Emergency is extended, we believe those traveling by vehicle and on foot will have an increased risk to their safety.

As an example, this past Friday evening while escorting a FEMA official we stopped our ATV Gator to allow a property owner to step out on the street away from a fenced section of sidewalk to provide direction to a contractor; and on the way back we stopped a second time to allow a business owner to carry heavy buckets of debris across the street.

Council Members, we feel the current conditions on Main Street warrant an extension to the Declaration of Emergency so that the County Executive can continue to protect the health and safety of the public.

I would also now like to give you a high-level overview of what we have accomplished since June 1st. When the EOC technically demobilized on June 18th, we shifted fully into Recovery Operations to include the hiring of a Recovery Manager, Steve Watts. Mr. Watts will

continue to focus on four main areas of short and medium-term recovery through cross functional teams and meetings, namely:

- Community Planning;
- Safety and Security;
- Health, Housing and Human Services; and
- Economic Recovery

The Office of Emergency Management has also provided the Maryland Emergency Management Agency with all of the necessary information for a Presidential Disaster Declaration Request. The Governor submitted the request, which also includes Baltimore County and Baltimore City, to the President on Monday, June 25th. MEMA continues to work with us proactively in anticipation of a Presidential Disaster Declaration and has hosted a Recovery Workshop for us and other jurisdictions affected by major storms that occurred in May. They even brought a recovery-focused FEMA official to visit with us on Friday.

The amount of work done at this point by the Department of Public Works is too extensive to detail in this testimony, but they have now shifted their focus from critical infrastructure stabilization and repair to the larger and more complex projects, such as the replacement of the culvert and roadway at Ellicott Mills Drive and Main Street, the wall failure on Hamilton Street, and the major slope failure on New Cut Road.

Economic Development continues to work closely with businesses as does the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits and the Howard County Health Department, who have already inspected and authorized the reopening of several restaurants. We can't understate the value of the Department of Community Resource and Services and their Disaster

Assistance Center (DAC). While the DAC is now closed, DCRS and their team of county, community and state partners continue to provide timely and relevant resources. Between their DAC and now, "Virtual DAC"; they have had nearly 300 customer contacts.

Council Members, while an incredible amount of work has been done in just over a month, there is still a lot of recovery activity on lower Main Street. Respectfully, I'd like to ask that you support this resolution so the work can continue at its current pace and so that it can be done safely.

TESTIMONY CR 117-2017 July 2, 2018

JOSEPH RUTTER - OFFICE 8318 FORREST STREET, SUITE 200 ELLICOTT CITY

I am the property owner of 3 buildings on Main Street and Vice president of Linwood center.

I realize that Council action on this resolution is necessary if the road is not opened by midnight, so it is unlikely it will not be approved.

My request on behalf of myself as a property owner and as a representative of Linwood that has the boutique on Old Columbia Pike just above the closed portion of the road is that you continue to work with the administration to get Main Street open to traffic as soon as possible.

Another month of very limited traffic on Main Street would be devastating to merchants who have been able to open and are now able to keep employees working. This includes the Linwood boutique that needs the foot traffic generated by shops on Main Street.

My properties as well as many others are managed by Waverly Real Estate Group. We have been working with tenants to help them get back into their businesses or to help find an alternative location in Ellicott City. Like Taylor properties said last Thursday, if any tenants impacted by the flood damage to their building want out of their lease we will release them even if the lease was initiated after the 2016 flood.

Any assistance in working with the administration to get the section of Main Street open quickly will be appreciated. Perhaps a compromise is to prohibit parking except for owners, tenants and contractors who are working on repairs. Perhaps the road can be closed only on Monday when most businesses are not open or Monday and Tuesday. This could provide a time when the county can come back in and complete its repairs.

Finally, Great progress has been made in completing the emergency repairs. However, do not do like in 2016 when emergency patches like the macadam sidewalk was installed quickly and then 22 months later it was there for the next flood and much of it is again destroyed. Stop the brick and macadam that does not hold up and put back the concrete sidewalks that have held up much better.

I have included a picture of the latest flood that clearly shows why the culverts cannot contain the flood water. This picture shows both the cars and dumpsters in the stream channel along with the split rail fence boards. One of the repairs to parking lot D last week was to replace the split rail fences along the Tiber. Cars float through these fences. We saw that in the last 2 flood events as well as earlier floods of parking lot D. Please get guard rails along the lot D open channel section and get guard rails on lot F before it is ready to open. It is the little improvements like this that do not take two years of study and community meetings before they are put in place.



Flood Safety and Preparedness

Catastrophic Flooding Hits Ellicott City, Maryland (PHOTOS)

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Residents gather by a bridge to look at cars left crumpled in one of the tributaries of the Patapsco River that burst its banks as it channeled through historic Main Street in Ellicott City, Md., Monday, May 28, 2018. Sunday's destructive flooding left

Extreme flooding caused major damage Sunday in Ellicott City, Maryland, washing away vehicles and even some buildings less than 24 months after another catastrophic flood struck the town.