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### **City of Grand Rapids Flood Update**

The City of Grand Rapids' damage assessment team has been working over the past two weeks to determine the amount of damage as a result of the recent flooding. The preliminary damage report submitted to the state indicated damage to public properties was projected at \$5 million and \$5.9 million for private properties.

Today Governor Snyder declared State of Disaster in 19 counties and two cities in Michigan, including the City of Grand Rapids. This is an essential step to assist state officials in determining whether a federal declaration should be requested.

The City of Grand Rapids will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as they conduct a comprehensive damage assessment and review our preliminary damage report. Mayor George Heartwell stated, "We welcome the Governor's declaration and will make ourselves available to work with federal and state authorities to complete this important part of the process."

Updates and information on the flooding can be found at [www.update.grcity.us](http://www.update.grcity.us).

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