



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

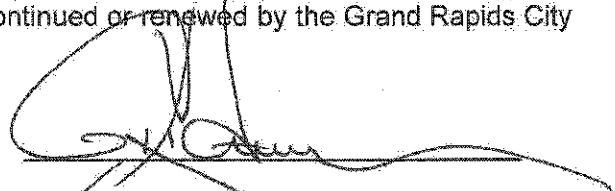
On Wednesday, April 17, 2013, and continuing thereafter, flooding has occurred on public and private property and within local streets and rights-of-way at a variety of locations within the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan. This flooding has occurred due to heavy rains and the hydrological pressures of the water flowing through the Grand River watershed, including the Grand River as it flows through the City of Grand Rapids. This has resulted in the accumulation of excess water on public and private property and within local streets and rights-of-way, and those areas and associated infrastructure have sustained or may sustain significant damage.

City officials remain confident in the height and structural integrity of the floodwalls within the City of Grand Rapids. The floodwalls are serving to protect property along the Grand River. However, waters from the Grand River appear to be migrating underground due to hydrological pressures, and may cause further damage to property and infrastructure, until the waters of the Grand River recede.

City of Grand Rapids officials are greatly concerned that significant property damage, injury and losses may be sustained through flooding on public and private property and within local streets and rights-of-way.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 10 of Act 390, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 30.410(2), as Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids and chief executive official as defined in MCL 30.402(a)(iii), I hereby declare a state of emergency for the City of Grand Rapids because the occurrence or threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property from a natural cause exists. As provided by state law, MCL 30.410(1)(b), the state of emergency shall continue for not more than 7 days, unless continued or renewed by the Grand Rapids City Commission.

April 20, 2013
1:00 p.m.


George K. Heartwell
Mayor, City of Grand Rapids

Attest:



Lauri S. Parks
Clerk, City of Grand Rapids



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN CONTINUATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

On Wednesday, April 17, 2013, and continuing thereafter, flooding occurred on public and private property and within local streets and rights-of-way at a variety of locations within the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan. This flooding occurred due to heavy rains and the hydrological pressures of the water flowing through the Grand River watershed. This resulted in the accumulation of excess water on public and private property and within local streets and rights-of-way, and those areas and associated infrastructure have sustained or may sustain significant damage.

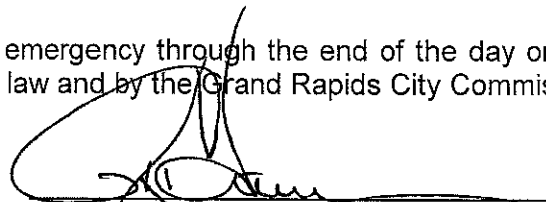
On April 20, 2013, as Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids, and in accordance with MCL 30.410(2), I declared a state of emergency for the City of Grand Rapids because the occurrence or threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property from a natural cause existed.


Emergency circumstances and conditions related to the flooding have not yet resolved. The Grand River and other flood waters have not completely receded. Emergency actions to protect life and property continue, and the total amount of damage is not yet known. Although City officials remain confident in the structural integrity of the floodwalls within the City, waters from the Grand River appear to be migrating underground due to hydrological pressures, and may cause further damage to property and infrastructure, until the waters of the Grand River recede.

State law provides that a state of emergency shall continue for not more than 7 days, unless continued or renewed with the consent of the city's legislative body. On April 23, 2013, the Grand Rapids City Commission duly enacted a resolution granting its consent, for the continuation or renewal of the state of emergency in the City of Grand Rapids through the end of the day on Tuesday, April 30, 2013. The resolution of the City Commission authorized the Mayor to declare the continuation or renewal of the state of emergency upon a determination that such was necessary and appropriate.

Therefore, I hereby continue the state of emergency through the end of the day on April 30, 2013, pursuant to the authority conferred by state law and by the Grand Rapids City Commission.

April 26, 2013
_____ p.m.


George K. Heartwell
Mayor, City of Grand Rapids

Attest:

Lauri S. Parks
City Clerk, City of Grand Rapids