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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **County Wide Disaster Declaration in Response to Flooding**

Viroqua, WI, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Vernon County has experienced yet another flood event that started with torrential rainfall on Saturday August 7th which impacted numerous roads, bridges, and property. Road crews quickly went to work barricading roads that had been impacted and fire departments rescued a few stranded citizens. Road crews continue to clean up debris and repair roadways.

In response to this flooding, County Administrator Cari Redington has signed a County Wide Disaster Declaration on Monday August 9th. This establishes some avenues for recovery and reimbursement for public infrastructure. Emergency Management staff are working closely with municipalities to document and submit damage cost estimates.

Property owners who may have incurred damages are encouraged to report these to their insurance company or call Vernon County Emergency Management's Damage Assessment line at 608-637-5294. Owners may also submit a form on the Emergency Management tab on the Vernon County website - a link is below:

[https://www.vernoncounty.org/departments/emergency\\_management/damage\\_reporting\\_form\\_for\\_primary\\_residences.php](https://www.vernoncounty.org/departments/emergency_management/damage_reporting_form_for_primary_residences.php) )

Farmers who have experienced flood damage, crop loss, or livestock loss should contact the Farm Service Agency at 608-637-2183 ext 2. The Farm Service Agency needs the following information:

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| -Name           | - # of acres (crops)  |
| -Address        | - # of animals affected   |
| -Phone          | - # of fences affected including number of rods and type of fence |
| -Township       |   |
| -Type of Damage |   |

Thank You,

Brandon Larson, Director