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***The Federal Emergency Management Agency Declares
Hunterdon County Eligible for Individual and Public Federal Assistance After Hurricane Sandy***

The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management announced on Monday, November 05, 2012, that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has declared Hunterdon County to be eligible for Individual and Public Assistance. This will allow residents, government agencies and certain private non-profits the opportunity to recover their costs associated with Hurricane Sandy. Residents who sustained damage from Hurricane Sandy must first document their damages and then report it to their respective insurance companies.

Residents can apply for individual disaster assistance through the following avenues:

- Apply Online at DisasterAssistance.gov
- Apply via a smartphone at m.fema.gov
- Apply by Phone: Call (800) 621-3362.
- Call TTY (800) 462-7585 for people with speech or hearing disabilities.

We would like to advise our residents to give themselves approximately one hour to complete the application process.

Individual Assistance is comprised of many different programs. The main program is the Individuals and Households Program that provides assistance for disaster victims and their households. This program has two sides, Housing Assistance and Other Needs Assistance.

Housing Assistance provides for temporary housing, repair assistance, and replacement assistance and is 100% federally funded. Other Needs Assistance provides for other needs such as personal property, medical and funeral expenses and is a 75% federal and 25% state cost share.

The Small Business Administration may also be able to provide low-interest loans for individual and businesses. Often this may be the only type of assistance that a community or area is eligible for depending on the nature of the event. Other types of assistance are available including Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Emergency Food Stamps, Crisis Counseling, Legal Counseling, Tax Adjustments, and Veterans' Benefits.

The mission of FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program is to provide assistance to state, tribal and local governments, and certain types of private nonprofit organizations so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President.

Through the PA Program, FEMA provides supplemental federal disaster grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and the facilities of certain private non-profit (PNP) organizations. The PA Program also encourages

protection of these damaged facilities from future events by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process.