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PRESS RELEASE

On August 11, 2018 at approximately 5pm a severe storm event deposited almost five inches of rain in Little Falls in 50 minutes. Due to this event the Peckman River was immediately sent into flood stage. Mayor Damiano and all of our emergency services were on-scene to assist effected residents. Debris, in the form of trees and brush, came downriver and blocked the river flow at the Francisco and Main Street bridges, causing the Peckman River to overflow its banks, seriously compromising the adjacent residential areas. Further downriver these flood waters affected a new car dealership located adjacent to the Peckman River and caused 42 cars to be washed into the river blocking the Route 46 bridge. This caused highway flooding and made the flood situation worse upstream. This severe flooding caused structural damage to several homes along the Peckman River.

Our Police, Fire, DPW and Emergency Managers worked diligently to ensure that no lives were lost during the event. Property damage assessments are being conducted by our Construction Office to determine which structures are safe and which are not habitable.

We have requested assistance from Governor Murphy, who is expected to visit the site of the flooding later today. Assistance for residents and property owners should be coordinated through our Office of Emergency Management.

Currently, all of the Township resources are working to address the issues related to this flooding, and we will continue to do so until our town has returned to normal.

A joint press conference will be held at the Township of Little Falls municipal Building at 4:00pm today with Mayor James Damiano, Township of Little Falls and Mayor Keith Kazmark, Borough of Woodland Park.

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