



Update on Flood Recovery

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Timeline of events

- **Saturday, July 8:** National Weather Service issues flood watch warnings.
 - City issues a [press release](#) to warn residents and to communicate where updates will be provided
- **Sunday, July 9:** Crews clear trash racks, coordinates on clearing the trestle to make sure flood mitigation measures are ready for the storm.
- **Monday, July 10**
 - **Early morning to 3:30PM:** Staff monitoring river levels, trash racks, bridges, known flood prone areas.
 - Stevens Branch by Burnham was at 4 feet at 7:00AM, 6 feet by 10:00AM.
 - Throughout the afternoon, water levels were elevated, but banks were holding and the trash racks were working.
 - **3:30PM through rest of the night:** Water levels began to rise rapidly as the rain intensified.
 - Public Safety Building evacuated to Alumni Hall.
 - FD, PD, and DPW rescues occurring through the night – **54 calls for service in the first 24-hour period**
 - [Red Cross Shelter opened at the Auditorium](#) basement at approximately 3:00PM
 - Gym floor opened as additional shelter space that evening as busloads arrived from Berlin.

Damage assessments

- Public Works Garage, Wheelock, Public Safety, and City Hall all sustained flood damage (in that order of severity).
- Two loaders were significantly damaged as a result of rescue operations.
- Citywide, there has been significant damage to streets, sidewalks, and culverts.
- Commercial and residential property damage is extensive.
 - No estimates on extent of damage, but it is widespread.
 - North Main between Beckley and 6th are particularly hard hit, with pockets of areas also with significant damage.

Damage assessments



Brook Street



Capstone

Damage assessments



Main St and Fourth Street



North End

Damage assessments



Berlin St Bridge



Damage assessments



Granite Street/Labor Hall



Maple and Main St

Damage assessments



RT 302



Merchant St and Warren St

Damage assessments



Public Works Garage



Damage assessments



Railroad Street



Public Safety Building

Current/ongoing risks

- Landslides are an ongoing concern.
 - 14 identified landslides since the flood, 4 directly impacting structures, including 1 six-unit condo
 - 2 rescues from affected structures
 - 2 rescues from affected vehicles (VT-62)
- The muck contains potentially hazardous material – trained relief organizations are here to start assisting with the muck-out.
- Additional rain in the forecast. We have had to divert resources to ensure that trash racks and pinch points in the Stevens Branch remain clear of debris to prevent additional flooding.
- Boil water notice remains in effect at least through the weekend. Partners have made sure we have adequate water supply at the Auditorium.

Damage assessments



Oswald Street



Portland Street

Damage assessments



Burnham Street



Foster Street

Priorities in the next few weeks

- Clearing streets – focus on North End and fanning out from there
- Picking up debris and mud
 - 3 dumpsters are currently deployed, 2 more on their way
- Deploying relief organizations and volunteers
- Multi-Agency Resource Center set up in the BOR beginning Saturday, July 15 from 9:00 – 5:00PM
 - Operated by Red Cross, includes FEMA, food, cleaning supplies, water, and additional supports

Volunteer opportunities

- Call to volunteers went out today:
 - Meet at 9:30 at the Aldrich Library lawn
 - Volunteers will be deployed for light-moderate clean ups, provided contractor bags to do sweeping of loose silt/dust
- People who volunteered through the City will also be connected to the Red Cross via the MARC for additional deployment.
- We appreciate the outpouring of people ready to volunteer.
 - The muck has not been safe – the State and relief organizations are also urging patience.



Thank you
Questions?