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Muskegon County Declares Local State of Emergency as River Levels Continue to Rise

MUSKEGON COUNTY, MI – Muskegon County officials are continuing to monitor rising river levels as the Muskegon River is forecast to crest on Saturday, potentially above levels seen during the 2014 flood. In response to current conditions, a local state of emergency has been declared due to flooding.

Muskegon County Emergency Management and partner agencies are taking coordinated steps to support community safety. This includes outreach in areas most vulnerable to flooding, preparing to open a shelter if needed, and planning for debris cleanup as conditions change.

Residents in low-lying areas near the Muskegon River that are prone to flooding are encouraged to closely monitor conditions and consider making preparations to leave if necessary. If your home flooded in 2014, similar or greater flooding may be possible this time. Anyone who chooses to remain in place should understand that emergency responders may not be able to reach them until it is safe to do so.

If you choose to evacuate, please consider the following:

- Gather essentials, including medications, important documents, clothing, and basic supplies.
- Move valuables and important items to higher levels.
- Turn off electricity, gas, and water if it is safe and possible to do so.
- Bring pets with you or make arrangements for them to stay in a safe location outside the flood-prone area.

“We understand this situation is concerning for many residents,” said Renee Gavin, Muskegon County Emergency Manager. “Our responders and partner agencies are working around the clock to support the community, protect life and property, and provide updated information as conditions change. We encourage residents to stay off flooded roads, follow official guidance, and rely on verified sources for the latest information.”

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