



# TOWN OF STRATFORD

## News Release

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### **Town of Stratford To Apply For Federal Disaster Assistance**

**Stratford**— Mayor John A. Harkins has announced that the Town of Stratford will seek reimbursement for \$184,547 worth of damage, personnel, equipment, and cleanup costs associated with the March 13, 2010 rain and flooding events. Stratford is eligible for federal aid as a result of Fairfield County's declaration as a disaster area by the President.

“Last month's storm came at a particularly inconvenient time given the magnitude of our budget challenges,” said Mayor Harkins. “Fortunately, taxpayers will be relieved of some of the bills associated with storm cleanup thanks to the federal government's designation of Fairfield County as a disaster area. This declaration, made by the President, qualifies Stratford for funding to defray the costs of damage, cleanup, and personnel costs associated with the storm. My thanks go out to Governor Rell for advocating for this declaration on behalf of our community that is still trying to pick up the pieces after the rain.”

Stratford will request the following reimbursement from the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS), which administers federal disaster aid:

- Protective Measures (personnel): \$66,020.54
- Public Buildings/Equipment: \$32,950.00
- Debris Clearance: \$68,020.54
- Water Control Facilities (WPCA): \$39,066.97

DEMHS will be conducting briefings for all municipalities applying for federal aid in the next several weeks. Fairfield County municipalities will receive their briefings on May 3, 2010, 10:00AM at the Bridgeport Emergency Operations Center.

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