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COUNTY EXECUTIVE ALSOBROOKS ISSUES STATEMENT ABOUT RECENT FLOODING IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Announces Assessment Tool for Residents to Submit Damage Reports

LARGO, MD – Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks released the following statement today in response to recent flooding events in the County caused by heavy rainfall throughout the Washington Metropolitan region:

"This was an extraordinary event for our region. We received more than 4 inches of rainfall in an hour, which is a 100-year event, and 4.9 inches in two hours, which is a 50-year event. Hyattsville was the epicenter with 6.35 inches of rainfall. While it appears County systems were working properly, they were undoubtedly overwhelmed. We are currently assessing all County systems, including WSSC infrastructure and State Highway infrastructure to see if any system failures contributed to the flooding.

"Our Office of Emergency Management (OEM) led a call with other County agencies, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Red Cross to discuss the flooding with municipal leaders earlier this week. OEM continues to work closely with MEMA and State agencies to determine possible assistance available to County residents. OEM now has an Assessment Tool available for all residents to submit damage reports, which can be located at bit.ly/PGCFloodDamage. Staff from OEM and the Department of Permitting Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) have begun to visit impacted residents today. MEMA and OEM, along with municipal leaders, will begin damage assessments on Friday. Based on the assessments, eligibility will be determined through FEMA and the Small Business Association (SBA)."