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**REPORT FLOODING: Public Service Department**  
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## **State of Emergency Declared in Lansing Area due to Flooding**

(LANSING) – Mayor Andy Schor and Lansing Township Supervisor Diontrae Hayes have declared a State of Emergency in Lansing and Lansing Township due to imminent flooding in various neighborhoods throughout the Lansing area. City officials have recommended that everyone who lives in the possible flood areas temporarily leave their home and stay out of the area by Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00PM. Though rainfall will have stopped, river water levels will continue to raise through Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

“While the rain has stopped, we are expecting significant flooding in certain areas of the city,” said Schor. “Declaring a State of Emergency allows us to have all hands-on deck to proactively provide the necessary information and resources to protect our residents. The City of Lansing is prepared for emergencies like this, thanks to the efforts of our Emergency Management Center, first responders, city employees and the support of the American Red Cross and volunteers.”

A State of Emergency allows the City to direct all traditional and non-traditional resources to respond to any needs that arise throughout the City. Additionally, it initiates formal contact with the State of Michigan if the event drives the need for additional resources beyond the City’s capabilities.

### **The impacted neighborhoods include, but may not be limited to:**

- Urbandale – South of Michigan Ave./East of Fairview Ave./North of 496/West of 127
- Sycamore Park – East of Pennsylvania Ave./North of Mt. Hope St./South and West of the River (Northern part of neighborhood affected most)
- Knollwood Willow – East of North Grand River Ave./North of Willow St./South and West of the River
- Baker – South of the River/West of Pennsylvania Ave./East of Cedar/North of Baker
- Cherry Hill – South of Kalamazoo/North of 496/East of Cherry/West of the River
- Riverside – All areas along the River should be mindful of rising water
- Riverpoint – South, West and East of the River/North of Elm Street (residential area Northeast of ReoTown)
- Tecumseh River – South of Tecumseh River Dr./North of the River/East of Waverley Rd./West of Tecumseh Park
- Ravenswood Neighborhood – North of Boynton Dr./South of the River/West of Snowglen Ln.

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The American Red Cross is assisting residents in providing shelter at Letts Community Center (1220 W Kalamazoo St, Lansing, MI 48915) beginning at 12:00 PM noon, on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pet Shelter information is available by calling 2-1-1.

To report flooding and other issues please call the Lansing Public Service Department at 517-483-4161. Reports of street flooding can also be submitted using Lansing's free smartphone application Lansing Connect at [www.lansingmi.gov/lansingconnect](http://www.lansingmi.gov/lansingconnect).

Updates will continue to be provided as available.

**Important Information:**

- Persons living along rivers and streams, pay very close attention to the water level
- Do not drive through standing or moving water across roads
- Pay close attention to City of Lansing Social Media ([www.lansingmi.gov/socialmedia](http://www.lansingmi.gov/socialmedia)) by using the hashtag #LansingAlert, City of Lansing website ([www.lansingmi.gov](http://www.lansingmi.gov)) and Lansing Alert notifications for important updates
- Updated Road Closures can be found at [www.lansingmi.gov/news](http://www.lansingmi.gov/news)
- Flooding information can be found at [www.lansingmi.gov/flooding](http://www.lansingmi.gov/flooding)
- Sign-up for #LansingAlert notification at [www.lansingmi.gov/LansingAlert](http://www.lansingmi.gov/LansingAlert)
- For additional resources and pet shelter information, call 2-1-1

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