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## Houghton County Disaster Recovery Update

(Houghton, MI) – Following are the latest updates regarding the flood recovery efforts in Houghton County.

The Portage Health Foundation has released an application that homeowners can complete to apply for aid with repair work that is needed due to flood damage. Please call (906) 523-5920 to request an application.

The City of Houghton continues to work on the Sharon Avenue washout and has to date placed two of the four culverts that need to go in. If things go well, it is the City's hope to have Sharon Avenue reopened by Monday morning.

Michigan Technological University anticipates that it may take up to four months to reoccupy the ground floor of their Administration Building. They are working to reoccupy the other floors in the next week.

A reminder that a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event is planned for Friday, July 6th, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on MacDonald Street behind the Lake Linden Park. This event is for the exclusive use of residential flood victims only.

Work continues by Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) staff to clear the piles of household debris that have been accumulating throughout the County. These piles are not authorized but continue to grow. Residents must be aware that debris should only be brought to one of the transfer stations in the County and should not be dumped in these unauthorized piles. Once these piles are cleared by the MDOC, it will be the responsibility of the local governmental unit to clear any additional debris that is dumped.

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