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## **Carroll County Receives Major Disaster Declaration following January Winter Storm**

Westminster, Monday, March 7, 2016 – Carroll County has been informed that it is eligible for federal assistance following the January 2016 Winter Storm Jonas. This aid is available following a major disaster declaration being issued by President Barack Obama. On February 19, 2016, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan sent a formal letter requesting a federal declaration for the State of Maryland and the affected local jurisdictions, including Carroll County, as a result of that winter storm. By granting the declaration, federal assistance will be made available to communities in Maryland through state and local agencies and public safety partners that served them during the storm.

“We organized a very coordinated effort in Carroll County to deal with the cleanup and other effects of the storm,” said Commissioner Stephen Wantz. “I am pleased that Carroll County will be receiving this federal aid to help our community to recover from this historic storm.”

The decision for a disaster declaration comes after Carroll County Emergency Management conducted joint damage assessments with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) last month.

In addition to Carroll County and the state, the following local jurisdictions are included in the declaration and are eligible for aid: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George’s, Queen Anne’s, Washington, and Worcester Counties and the City of Baltimore.

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