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County Employee Aids Ellicott City with Disaster Assistance

Wednesday, August 03, 2016– In response to a Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact request initiated on Sunday, July 31 by Howard County, Valerie Hawkins, Carroll County Emergency Management Assistant Coordinator, was deployed to the Howard County Emergency Operations Center. Ms. Hawkins assisted the Howard County Office of Emergency Management with planning activities in support of the response to the severe flooding that affected Ellicott City, MD on Saturday, July 30.

Specifically, Valerie assisted with planning for the opening of the Disaster Assistance Center, a single location where residents, business owners, and property owners impacted by Saturday's severe flooding on Main Street in Ellicott City can get information about agencies and organizations that can offer assistance with recovery. Valerie also assisted with planning for the transition from response operations into the recovery phase of the disaster. Ms. Hawkins worked long hours on site Monday, August 1 and Tuesday, August 2.

Additional background information about the Disaster Assistance Center and the Ellicott City response in general can be found on [Howard County's webpage](#). If you are interested in aiding in the relief for Ellicott City, donations for local businesses and residents can be made at www.HelpEllicottCity.com.

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