

Long Term Recovery Group Formed to Assist Those Affected by West Lakes Flood

Community Organizations and Local Agencies Commit to Recovery Efforts

ROME CITY, Ind., July 18, 2017 – Noble County community organizations and governmental agencies have formed the Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) to assist those affected by flooding in the West Lakes area in Rome City. The Long Term Recovery Group will raise funds, coordinate volunteers and provide assistance to residents through a variety of resources.

On May 31, severe and historic flooding impacted more than 500 homes located on Jones Lake, Tamarack Lake, Steinbarger Lake and Waldron Lake in the West Lakes area. Since that time, the water has receded but residents are now faced with clean up, restoration, construction and returning to normal daily routines.

Any resident of West Lakes who has been affected by flooding is asked to complete a damage assessment form to begin the process of assistance. This form can be found on the West Lakes Association website at www.westlakesassociation.com. A form must be completed to receive assistance from the Long Term Recovery Group. Residents without access to email can call the Noble County EMA Office at 260-636-2938. Any uninsured damages must be reported no later than August 31, 2017.

To assist West Lakes residents, the Long Term Recovery Group is working with the Community Foundation of Noble County who will receive monetary donations. Anyone wanting to make a financial contribution can donate online at www.CFNoble.org or mail a check to the Community Foundation of Noble County at 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Indiana 46767. Please reference West Lakes LTRG in the memo of your check.

Donations of materials such as grass seed, straw, mulch, dumpsters, storage pods, cleaning supplies and more are also needed. If you or your business would like to donate materials, please contact the Long Term Recovery Group at LTRG@nobleco.us. The LTRG is in need of storage space for construction materials and other supplies as residents move forward with restoring their homes.

Many West Lakes residents are in need of help with cleaning, moving furniture, raking lawns and other activities. If you would like to volunteer or have a group that would like to volunteer, please contact LTRG volunteer coordinator Terri Hull at LTRG@nobleco.us. You can also call Noble County EMA at 260-636-2938.

These agencies are working in collaboration with the LTRG. Beginning July 18, representatives from Southern Baptist Disaster Relief will begin performing property damage assessments. Catholic Charities will soon begin providing case work for affected residents who have submitted damage assessment forms by August 31, connecting them with a variety of government agencies or non-profit resources in the area. The American Red Cross is also supporting the efforts of the Long Term Recovery Group.

About the Long Term Recovery Group:

The Long Term Recovery Group is part of the Noble County Community Organizations Active in Disaster. The purpose of the LTRG is to partner with faith-based organizations, volunteer and social agencies, governmental agencies, community-based organizations, businesses, and individual volunteers who seek to address the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the individuals and families affected by the May 31, 2017 West Lakes Flood event.

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