



# COUNTY OF HENRY

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### **For Immediate Release**

(Friday, May 07, 2010) Paris, TN- In the aftermath of severe thunderstorms and heavy rains that rolled through Henry County early last Friday through Sunday , it is being learned that some Henry County homes sustained some flood damage from the unofficial 6 ½ to 8 inches of rain Henry County received last weekend.

Local media is reporting some Tennessee counties have been declared “Disaster Areas” by President O’bama. Henry County is not one of those yet. Henry County Highway Dept has updated damage estimates from the \$60,000 original estimate to an estimated \$250,000 to repair damage to county roads. Additionally, the Kentucky-West Tennessee Railway has sustained an estimated \$100,000 in damage to track wash outs in Carroll and Henry Counties.

At present, 4 county roads remain closed due to wash outs. Those are Petty John Creek, Holly Fork Bottom, Barham, and Gilkey Roads. Emergency Management has learned that some homes in the county have sustained damage from flash flooding. Home owners are encouraged to contact the emergency management office to report damage so it can be logged into the county’s damage assessment report to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. This damage assessment report is important to obtain federal assistance for disaster damage.

According to Joan Williams, Paris Landing State Park Manager, the park is sustaining flood damage caused by the rise in levels of the Tennessee River/KY Lake. The marina access roads and picnic areas are under water at this time. The boat ramp is closed as is the marina store until levels subside.

Ron Watkins, County Emergency Management Director states, “Since Henry County is not an official designated disaster area; no assistance is available at this time. Two types of assistance are made available to communities, Public Assistance to local governments for road, utility, and parks; and Individual Assistance where grants and low interest loans are made available to get home owners and businesses back on their feet. I can tell you Henry County was on the list requested to be designated a “Disaster Area”, however no word has come from the governor’s office yet. Persons should not call the FEMA hotline until their county is designated a Disaster Area for Individual Assistance. If we only have a few home damaged, the county most likely will not get any assistance.”

For additional information or to report damage, please contact the Henry County Emergency Management at 644-2678 or visit the Henry County EMA web site at <http://www.henrycountyttn.org>.