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**DEKALB COUNTY**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**CEO BURRELL ELLIS AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR  
WILLIAM “WIZ” MILLER CONTINUE TOUR OF FLOOD  
DAMAGED AREAS IN DEKALB TODAY**

*CEO Holds Second Day of “On-The-Ground” Assessments*

**DECATUR** - DeKalb County CEO Burrell Ellis and Public Safety Director William “Wiz” Miller today continued their survey of areas hardest hit by devastating rain and flooding last week with a tour of the Casa Mia and Meadowglen Village apartments, as well as other communities in the county.

“The damage is widespread, and in a county the size of DeKalb, that means a lot of people have been and are still being affected by the flooding. There is much work that needs to be done, and we are working around the clock to ensure it is done as quickly and as efficiently as possible,” CEO Ellis said.

CEO Ellis and Director Miller began the tour at Marist High School in Atlanta, where parts of the campus were underwater last week and ended at Meadowglen Village apartments, where the road was washed away during the storm. CEO Ellis and Public Safety Director Miller encouraged residents to register with FEMA for assistance.

The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) for DeKalb County is now open at Browns Mill Recreation Center, 5101 Browns Mill Road, in Lithonia. The center, which is operated by the State of Georgia and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., until further notice.

Citizens are urged to first register online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by calling **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 800-462-7585** before visiting the centers. Once registered, staff at the recovery center can check an individual’s case, answer questions about their claim, or review information needed to process their claim. Recovery specialists also can supply contacts for other programs that may be able to assist citizens and businesses. Assistance will be available in all languages. The toll-free numbers are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week until further notice.



CEO Ellis, Public Safety Director Miller and Marist High School Facilities Director Art Diaz inspect water damage at ball field

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CEO Ellis inspecting flood damaged apartment at Casa Mia Heights

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CEO Ellis inspecting washed out road at Meadowglen Village Apartments



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