

Disaster Recovery Funding Now Tops \$4 Billion

During the 2010 legislative session, Legislators approved almost \$65 million for state and community recovery programs. That funding, and increased federal funding, has now pushed 2008 disaster recovery past the \$4 billion mark.

To understand all the funding sources, the Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO) has created a “State of Iowa Disaster Recovery Funding Sources” booklet. It can be found at http://www.rio.iowa.gov/assets/funding_charts/funding_sources_booklet.pdf.

Flood Seminars Planned

To better understand the 2008 floods and better prepare for future floods, a series of five seminars will be held this summer. Called “Anatomy of Iowa Floods: Preparing for the Future,” the events take place from 4-6 p.m. in the following locations:

- Burlington: June 16, Burlington City Council Chambers
- Cedar Rapids: June 21, Kirkwood Community College Training & Outreach Services Bldg.
- Waverly: June 30, Waverly-Shell Rock High School Auditorium
- Mason City: July 14, North Iowa Community College Muse-Norris Conference Center
- Ames: July 19, Ames City Council Chambers

Topics to be covered include changing trends in Iowa precipitation, trends in water run-off, work of the Iowa Flood Center, floodplain management strategies, water quality, the Cedar Falls Floodplain Initiative, rural-urban watershed coalition building, and a review of state public policy issues. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer session.

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