

***ESSEX COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES***



***HURRICANE IRENE
RECOVERY***

ESSEX COUNTY EMERGENCY **SERVICES**

It is the Essex County Office of Emergency Service's mission to protect the lives and property of our citizens and that of the visitors to Essex County from the harmful effects of natural and man-made disasters through our experience, our training, our knowledge and our resources. This is accomplished through planning, response, recovery and mitigation efforts.

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POWER RESTORATION: :

INITIAL REPORTS FROM NATIONAL GRID.

NATIONAL GRID REPORTED APPROXIMATELY 60,000 WITHOUT POWER IN UPSTATE NEW YORK. SCHROON LAKE WAS THE HARDEST HIT IN THE NORTHERN REGION. AS OF AUGUST 30, 2011 THERE WERE STILL 3,300 CUSTOMERS IN ESSEX COUNTY WITHOUT POWER.



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POWER RESTORATION:

INITIAL REPORTS FROM NYSEG.

NYSEG REPORTED APPROXIMATELY 40,000 WITHOUT POWER IN UPSTATE NEW YORK.
AS OF AUGUST 30, 2011 THERE WERE STILL 3,800 CUSTOMERS IN ESSEX COUNTY.

POWER WAS FULLY RESTORED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2011.



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DEBRIS MANAGEMENT:

THE CLEAN UP OF DEBRIS FOLLOWING HURRICANE IRENE IS ON-GOING. THE DEC HAS SENT SPECIALISTS IN DEBRIS MANAGEMENT TO ASSIST WITH THE PROCESS. AS WELL AS ESSEX COUNTY US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL AND WATER. GRANT FUNDS ARE BEING UTILIZED FOR CLEAN UP EFFORTS AS THE REMAINING DEBRIS CLEAN UP WAS NOT COVERED BY FEMA.



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REBUILDING:



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FEMA BUY-OUTS:

FEMA INFORMED ESSEX COUNTY THAT 26 PROPERTIES DEEMED “SUBSTANTIALLY DAMAGED” BY IRENE RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE BUY-OUT PROGRAM. THE BUY-OUT PROGRAM, ONCE THE OFFER FROM THE COUNTY IS APPROVED BY THE HOMEOWNER, ESSEX COUNTY RETAINS THE PROPERTY, THEN DEMOLISHES THE HOME. SITE RESTORATION FOLLOWS FOR OPEN SPACE USE. ONCE THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THE COUNTY THEN TURNS THE PROPERTY BACK OVER



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MITIGATION:

SUSTAINED ACTIONS THAT ELIMINATE OR REDUCE LONG-TERM RISK TO PEOPLE AND IMPROVED PROPERTY FROM NATURAL DISASTERS.

MITIGATION CREATES SAFER COMMUNITIES, REDUCES LOSS OF LIFE, AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, ALLEVIATES FINANCIAL AND EMOTIONAL STRESS, ALLOWS FOR FASTER REBUILDS, AND SAVES MONEY IN THE EVENT OF FUTURE

