

Tom Marino



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SPECIAL EDITION: ROAD TO RECOVERY



As the property owner in Athens, Bradford County, cleared the debris from his damaged home, he still took the time to fly the American flag. This gesture exemplifies the optimism, goodwill and patriotic spirit that abounds throughout the district, even in the most troubled times.

We will come back

The 10th Congressional District was still stinging from the damage inflicted by Hurricane Irene when another natural disaster struck this month.

This time Tropical Storm Lee brought with it high winds and heavy rains which forced flooding of the Susquehanna River and numerous creeks.

Rep. Marino had just been back in Washington, D.C., for a few days when he learned that the communities in his district were experiencing severe flooding.

He immediately left Washington, headed back to the district and set in motion a plan that would help his constituents.

Within hours, he established a team of flood recovery coordinators, and put in motion a plan that would help his district bounce back from this devastating loss.

Ten of the 14 counties in the district were impacted by the flood. Thousands of residents were evacuated. Many are still living in shelters.

The storm knew no boundaries. It hit individuals and businesses, government offices and schools, farms and churches.

Within hours, the congressman and his staff had contacted all 14 county emergency management centers to offer his assistance.

He flew over the damaged communities several times to assess the damage from an aerial perspective.

Then he spent the next few weeks visiting flood victims in every affected county in the 10th District.

Members of Marino's congressional staff in Washington and at the three constituent service centers worked weekends.

Two of the centers, in Sunbury and Tunkhannock, are within flooded areas but were open within days.

The congressman was in constant contact with representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Pa. Gov. Tom Corbett, members of Congress in neighboring districts, state legislators and officials at the county and municipal levels.

Marino said he was impressed with the way officials on all levels worked so well together.

He realizes that the road to recovery may be a long one but believes that the spirit of the American people will lead the way.



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- 410 Cannon House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C., 20515

CONSTITUENT SERVICE CENTERS

WILLIAMSPORT

1020 Commerce Park Dr. Ste. 1A
Williamsport PA 17701

HOURS:
Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

PHONE: 570-322-3961
FAX: 570-322-3965

TUNKHANNOCK

181 W. Tioga St. Suite 2
Tunkhannock, PA 18657

HOURS:
Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

PHONE: 570-836-8020
FAX: 570-836-8026

SUNBURY

106 Arch Street
Sunbury, PA 17801

HOURS:
Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

PHONE: 570-988-7801
FAX: 570-988-7805

It's Important to Follow Steps Outlined by FEMA

If you have experienced any damage or loss of property due to flooding and extreme storms, it is not too late. The incident period for Tropical Storm Lee is still open, according to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

That means that people can still register in the declared counties for damages suffered during Tropical Storm Lee's incident period (which includes damage from this week's flooding).

It is important to follow the steps outlined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Before you do anything else, you should apply with FEMA.

You may apply on the phone by calling 1-800-621-3362.

People with speech or hearing disabilities should call TTY 800 462-7585.

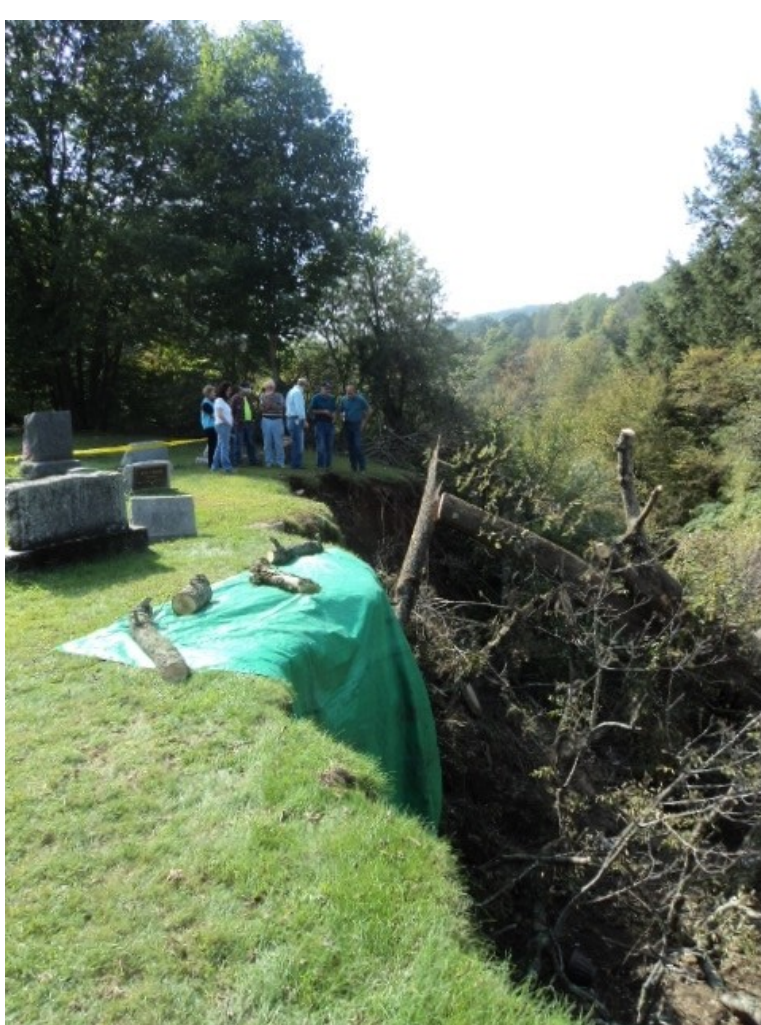
Those who need help with their applications or who do not have access to the Internet or a smartphone may seek help from members of Rep. Marino's staff. (See the phone numbers for the Washington, D.C., office and the three constituent service centers at right.)

Also, government entities should continue to collect and report their public infrastructure damages to their respective counties.

PEMA will be sending a letter to President Obama in the next day or two requesting public assistance damages during Tropical Storm Lee's incident period.

Businesses should also register for Small Business Administration (SBA) loans by the same method.

After registering with FEMA, encourage people to visit the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). DRC staff can answer specific questions and assess as to what assistance is available for a particular situation.



SCENES FROM THE RECENT FLOOD: Clockwise, from top left: A roadside cemetery collapses in Susquehanna County; a road buckles under in Union County; homeowner clears his property in Susquehanna County; boat rescues in Wyoming County; meeting with emergency responders in Bradford County; a shopping center is destroyed in Susquehanna; homeowners pick up the debris in Bradford County; and Red Cross volunteers man a food tent in Selinsgrove.



IMPORTANT LINKS

[Getting Started](#)

[FEMA Disaster Assistance](#)

[Help From Rep. Marino's Office](#)

[U.S. Department of Agriculture](#)

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