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Kane County begins disaster area reassessment

GENEVA—The Kane County Assessment Office has begun the process of reassessing properties damaged by the storms that hit the county in late August. On August 24, Kane County Board Chairman Karen McConnaughay and Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich both declared Kane County to be a major disaster area, which triggered the disaster area reassessment provisions of the Illinois Property Tax Code.

On September 20, 2007, the County Assessment Office mailed disaster area reassessment applications to the owners of 659 properties that were identified by the Kane County Office of Emergency Management having a high probability of sustaining storm damage. Filing this application, which is also available on the county's web site at <http://www.co.kane.il.us/soa/forms/PTAX-245.pdf>, will begin the process for property tax relief. Kane county taxpayers may be eligible if their homes, businesses, or other property suffered damage from these storms.

Persons who believe they may be eligible for reassessment should fill out the form and return it to the Kane County Assessment Office, which will then forward the application to the respective Township Assessors. The Township Assessors may contact applicants in order to evaluate the claims; persons filing for disaster area reassessment should be prepared to show their Township Assessor evidence of the loss in the form of receipts, insurance claims, photographs, or other evidence.

After the claims are processed, taxpayers will receive a notice from the Kane County Board of Review. Those properties qualifying for a revised assessment will have their assessments adjusted on a pro rata basis for the period from August 20 through the end of the year.

Questions on the disaster area reassessment process may be directed to the County Assessment Office at (630) 208-3818.

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