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Peggy Van Mierlo-West
Chief Administrative Officer
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Dear Ms. Van Mierlo-West,

Thank you for your municipality's assistance to the Provincial Disaster Assessment Team. The ministry depends on information from municipalities to support the assessment process and ensure that we have a fair process for identifying areas where the Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians program should be activated.

The Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians (DRAO) program may be activated in the event of a sudden, unexpected natural disaster that causes costly and widespread damage to eligible private property. DRAO is intended to help get people back on their feet after a natural disaster by providing financial assistance for the basics. The program does not replace insurance and does not cover all costs. For example, the program does not offer assistance for costs associated with restoring landscaping or shoreline protection infrastructure such as break walls.

The ministry's assessment process is now complete. No areas were identified along Lake Erie where there was costly and widespread damage to eligible private property. As a result, the province is not activating the Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians program in any areas along the Lake Erie shoreline as a result of the wind storm occurring from April 14 to 16, 2018. However, if you have new information on damages to local properties, we are happy to work with you to re-evaluate the situation.

As always, information about the Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians program is available at <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page13722.aspx>.

I understand that during the assessment, local representatives and residents raised questions about support for flood mitigation for future events. Although this type of project would not be eligible under DRAO, your municipality may wish to consider applying to the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP).

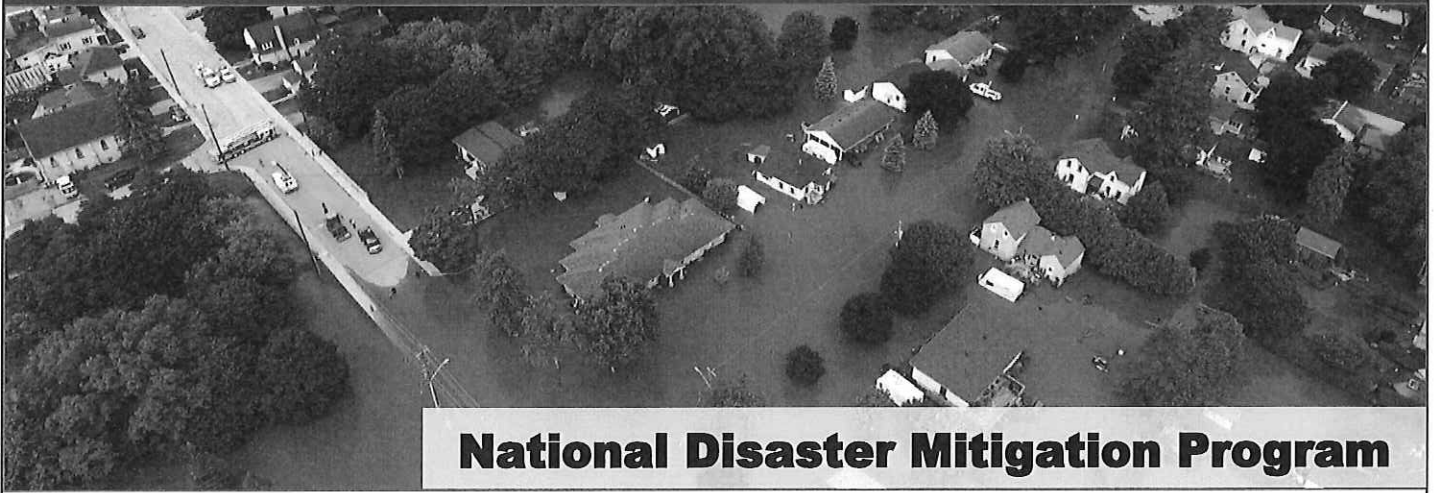
The NDMP is a federal program that provides funding for risk assessments, flood mapping, flood mitigation plans and flood mitigation projects. Eligible organizations, which include municipalities and conservation authorities, can submit proposals to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs by September 14, 2018. More information about this program is available at <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page14903.aspx>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ian Kerr', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ian Kerr
Regional Director
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Attachment



National Disaster Mitigation Program

The National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) is a five-year program with \$183 million in federal funding for projects that mitigate future flood events by addressing significant and recurring flood risks and costs.

Under the NDMP, the federal government funds up to 50 per cent of the costs of eligible flood mitigation projects, up to \$1.5 million in federal funding per project.

Projects can address riverine or urban flooding and proponents are responsible for the remainder of project costs.

Project proposals can be in one or more of the following streams:

- Flood risk assessment
- Flood mapping
- Flood mitigation planning
- Investments in non-structural and small scale structural flood mitigation

How to Apply?

In Ontario, NMDP project proposal forms must be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Who is eligible?

Ontario is accepting proposals from municipalities, conservation authorities, Indigenous communities and other organizations eligible under federal guidelines.

How are proposals evaluated?

Project proposals must meet program requirements from Canada and Ontario. Ontario assesses project proposals from eligible organizations and submits selected proposals to Public Safety Canada.

When is the application deadline?

The final opportunity to submit a proposal is **September 14, 2018**. Projects can begin no earlier than April 1, 2019 and must end by March 31, 2020

Where can I find more information?

Visit the [National Disaster Mitigation Program](http://Ontario.ca/daua) website (Ontario.ca/daua).

