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Ramapo Town Board OK's Tax Relief Measure to Aid Flood Victims

Suffern, N.Y. – The Town of Ramapo officially adopted a measure to provide tax relief to owners of property “catastrophically impacted” by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee at a Special Town Board Meeting that took place today. The Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee Assessment Relief Act allows all local governments and school districts to reassess properties in federally declared disaster areas affected by flood damage, and retroactively date it to August 26th. The new assessment can only be made if property has lost 50% or more of its value as a result of flooding. Each taxing jurisdiction (County, Town, Village, School District, Special Districts), must pass a resolution opting into the program by January 23, 2012. The deadline for a property owner in Ramapo to apply for assessment relief is ***March 8, 2012***.

“The Town of Ramapo is the first municipality in the metropolitan area to adopt this flood relief measure, to aid those homeowners victimized by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee” stated Supervisor St. Lawrence.

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