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DEKALB CEO HOLDS SUMMIT TO DISCUSS FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS

CEO, along with DEMA, FEMA and GEMA Present Plan to Move the County Forward

DECATUR – DeKalb County CEO Burrell Ellis held a community summit today with DeKalb Public Safety Director William Z. Miller, members of the Board of Commissioners, officials from Congressman Hank Johnson’s office, Mayors and City Council members from DeKalb municipalities, members of the Georgia Delegation, and neighborhood leaders, along with representatives from the federal, state, and local emergency management agencies.

“For several months, you and I have been engaging in face-to-face conversations about how we can make your county government more user-friendly. Never does the need for such a conversation become more critical than in the aftermath of a disaster impacting the lives of our citizens. We are here today to share vital information about our disaster and recovery efforts in DeKalb County, and to hear directly from you,” CEO Ellis said.

The summit recapped efforts by DeKalb Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) during the torrential rains and flooding, and highlighted resources and services available to citizens from GEMA and FEMA as they work to rebuild in the aftermath of the storms. Also participating in today’s summit were representatives from Governor Sonny Perdue’s office of Consumer Affairs, the American Red Cross, the Small Business Association, and the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association.

“We can and we must organize our resources; we must leverage those resources to provide the maximum relief to those affected; and we must bring forward critical information so that there is mutual effort between government and citizens on the path to recovery,” CEO Ellis implored.

Federal officials declared DeKalb County a disaster area last Friday. Citizens are now eligible to receive federal assistance, including help from FEMA and the SBA, which will aid citizens on the road to recovery. The location for the county’s Disaster Relief Center will be announced on Wednesday by FEMA. Citizens are encouraged to begin registering on-line now for assistance at www.disasterassistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA or TTY 800-462-7585.

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CEO Ellis during community summit held in DeKalb County



DeKalb County community summit participants

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