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Residents of Kosciusko County are reminded that with the recent flooding, many structures in the community may have experienced damage. Residents are strongly encouraged to report damages to the state of Indiana online at in.gov/dhs to assist in tracking the extent of these damages in the county. If additional funding is made available it will only be for those structures that have reported damage and have proper documentation.

Owners are also reminded that repairs and/or reconstruction activities to structures damaged due to the flooding that are located in the floodplain may require a local permit from the Kosciusko County Area Plan Commission as required by Kosciusko County floodplain ordinance. In addition to local permits, depending on a property's location, a permit may be required from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources prior to the start of any reconstruction activity. In some instances owners who sustained damage and carry flood insurance may be eligible for additional funding, through the increase cost of compliance program, to bring the structure into compliance with floodplain regulations.

For more information on the permitting process, contact the Kosciusko County Area Plan Commission at 574-372-2304 or by email at msandy@kcgov.com . In addition to permits other steps owners should take before commencing repairs include;

- Contacting your agent or insurance company to file a claim. Damaged homes with flood insurance may be eligible for Increased Cost of Compliance funding to assist in flood proofing or raising a home however valid claims must be made.
- Check for structural damage before re-entering your home to avoid being trapped in a building collapse and confirm that power has been shut off until confirming the electrical has not been impacted.
- Take photographs of all of the damaged property, including discarded objects, structural damage, and standing floodwater levels.