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Ascension Parish Government Provides Update on State of Emergency for Tropical Storm/Hurricane Francine

Gonzales, LA - Ascension Parish Government declared a state of emergency in advance of Tropical Storm/Hurricane Francine, effective September 9, 2024, at 4:00 PM. Since then, Governor Jeff Landry has formally requested additional federal assistance from President Joe Biden through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The request includes Public Assistance Categories A (Debris Removal) and B (Emergency Protective Measures), with a proposed 100% federal cost share for 30 days.

Louisiana's federal delegation has joined efforts by submitting written requests to President Biden, urging swift approval of Governor Landry's request. Debris removal continues to be a significant and costly task as Ascension Parish officials work to complete their damage assessments. The Parish is awaiting the President's decision regarding federal reimbursements to support the recovery process further.

In the meantime, Ascension Parish residents are encouraged to drop off unbagged vegetation debris at one of the two designated sites:

Lamar-Dixon Expo Center (Ashland Road entrance)

LaLa Regira Baseball Complex in Donaldsonville

These sites are available for debris drop-off as the Parish continues to facilitate recovery efforts.

"We are focused on protecting our community and ensuring a swift recovery," said Parish President Clint Cointment. "The federal assistance requested will greatly alleviate the burdens of debris removal and emergency protective measures as we move forward."

Residents are encouraged to stay informed through local news and official Ascension Parish Government communication channels for updates.