

## NEWS RELEASE

### **PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR REPAIR OF FLOOD-DAMAGED STRUCTURES**

Unusually heavy rainfall in Dodge County and the surrounding region on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 resulted in damage to many homes and businesses. Dodge County urges owners of structures damaged by flooding to be aware of the following information.

All communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program have adopted locally enforced flood damage reduction codes. These codes contain standards for new and SUBSTANTIALLY DAMAGED or SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED structures in identified special flood hazard areas or in 100-year floodplains. The 100-year or regulatory flood has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year.

A substantially damaged structure is one that has damage equal to or exceeding 50 percent of the pre-damaged market value. Substantially improved structures include those with repairs, alterations or additions that are equal to or exceeding 50 percent of the market value of the structure before any improvements.

The local codes, which reflect minimum federal criteria for flood damage prevention, require that development (Zoning) permits be obtained before any activities occur in the special flood hazard area. If you are located outside of city limits and your residence or other structures have been affected by the recent flooding and you are going to make repairs, please contact the Dodge County Environmental Services Department at (507) 635-6272 for a Zoning Permit and information on any standards that apply. If you are located within the city limits, please contact your respective city offices for information on any permitting requirements.

To determine if your structure is in a special flood hazard area review a copy of the community Flood Insurance Rate Map located at the Dodge County Environmental Services Department at the Government Services Building in Mantorville.