



MEMORANDUM

To: Douglas City Council

From: Lisa Nocerini, City Manager

Date: May 4, 2026

Subject: Resolution Requesting State Disaster Contingency Fund Assistance – Slope Stabilization Projects

Over the past several weeks, the City has experienced significant impacts from unusually heavy and sustained rainfall events throughout March and April. These conditions have resulted in substantial slope erosion and infrastructure damage at multiple locations within the City, most notably along Water Street, Union Street, and Wiley Road.

As outlined in the attached engineering memorandum from Prein & Newhof, these areas have experienced severe erosion, including roadway undermining, loss of shoulder support, and compromised slope stability, creating unsafe conditions that required immediate response and, in some cases, road closures.

The City has been working closely with our engineers to assess the damage and identify appropriate long-term stabilization solutions. The estimated total cost to address these failures is approximately \$605,000, broken down as follows:

- Water Street: \$140,000
- Union Street: \$165,000
- Wiley Road: \$300,000

Given the magnitude of these unplanned and emergency-related expenses, staff is recommending that the City pursue financial assistance through the State of Michigan's Disaster Contingency Fund. This program is intended to assist communities that experience severe financial burdens as a result of natural disasters.

The attached resolution formally requests that the Governor authorize funding assistance for these projects. Approval of this resolution allows the City to submit the necessary application and supporting documentation to the State.

Staff has implemented the City's emergency response protocols and continues to coordinate efforts to stabilize these areas while also identifying funding opportunities to offset costs.

I recommend approval of the resolution so that we may move forward with the application process in a timely manner.

**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS, MICHIGAN
REQUEST FOR STATE DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUND ASSISTANCE**

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2026

WHEREAS, the City of the Village of Douglas sustained severe losses of major proportions brought on by extreme weather events and abnormally heavy rainfall resulting in the following conditions:

Significant slope erosion and infrastructure failure at multiple locations within the City, including Water Street, Union Street, and Wiley Road, causing roadway undermining, loss of shoulder support, and unsafe travel conditions requiring emergency response and repair;

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of the Village of Douglas certifies that the City of the Village of Douglas Emergency Operations Plan was implemented at the onset of the disaster in March and April 2026, and all applicable disaster relief forces identified therein were exhausted;

WHEREAS, as a direct result of the disaster, public damage and expenditures were extraordinary and place an unreasonably great financial burden on the City of the Village of Douglas totaling approximately \$605,000 (Water Street: \$140,000; Union Street: \$165,000; Wiley Road: \$300,000);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of the Village of Douglas requests the Governor authorize a grant to the City of the Village of Douglas from the State Disaster Contingency Fund pursuant to Section 19, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

FURTHERMORE, the City Manager is authorized to execute for and on behalf of the City of the Village of Douglas the application for financial assistance and to provide to the State any information required for that purpose.

Action taken and incorporated in the minutes of a meeting of the City Council of the City of the Village of Douglas

on May 4, 2026

Attest:

Cathy North, Mayor

Laura Kasper City Clerk